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SUNDAY 12 JULY (TRINITY 6)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 16 JULY

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SUNDAY 19 JULY (TRINITY 7)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
4.00pm Messy Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 55: 10 to 13**

Thus says the Lord: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

THE GOSPEL READING **Matthew 13: 1 to 9, 18 to 23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough,
George Hook, Lennox Hartman,
Rosemary Absalom, Jane-Ann Paul,
Sonia Pearson, Sylvia Loring.

For those living in Birkheads Road

For Redhill Christian Fellowship

RIP: Angels Perkins,
Richard (Dick) Cotterell

For anniversaries falling at this time:
David Whitmarsh Knight, John Price,
Dan Clarke (Priest), Stan Oakley,
Winifred Knowles, Edward Sykes,
Heather Hancock, Peter Doddson.

FOODBANK

Saint Matthew's Foodbank is still desperately short of donations. More and more people are turning to the Foodbanks for the first time, and yet the amount of donations has fallen.

If you are able to give anything at all, please leave your donation at the Vicarage or at the back of the Church. Please remember that no fresh food can be accepted and all tins and packets must be in date. More information can be found at:

<https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list>

LENDING LIBRARY

Feel free to borrow any book you like from the lending library in the Bell Tower, and return it when you have finished. If you want to add any of your own books to the lending library, please do so.

THE WORD FOR TODAY

FREE copies of 'The Word for Today' for the next three months are at the back of church. These contain a short meditation based on a single Bible verse for each day, and can be incredibly helpful.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FLOWER POLICY 2026

A motion has been passed by the General Synod, encouraging churches to be more environmentally responsible with regard to floral displays.

In response to this, we at St. Marks will be trying to minimise environmental damage and are re-thinking our methods of decorating the church. We are hoping to collect some useful items - non-breakable, watertight containers and pin holders or other 'supports' to use in containers.

Please search your nooks and crannies and if you are able to donate any items, please speak either to Valerie Jones at vjgingamum@hotmail.com or to Caryl Baughen at caryl@baughen.co.uk.

Additionally if anyone would like to be involved with the church flowers, we would love to hear from you.

REGULAR GIVING TO ST MARK'S

If you are able to, please consider making a regular donation to St Mark's through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most effective way to donate as we receive 100% of your donation and Gift Aid is automatically claimed. Please follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/reigate-st-mark-reigate/>

Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

Mel Crighton Treasurer,

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