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SUNDAY 19 JULY (TRINITY 7)

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

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY (ST MARY MAGDALENE)

9.00am Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 23 JULY

12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SATURDAY 25 JULY (ST JAMES THE GREAT)

SUNDAY 26 JULY (TRINITY 8)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
6.00pm Taizé Prayer

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING Issaiah 44: 6 to 8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 24 to 30, 36 to 43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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 Reigate Methodist Church

RIP: Richard (Dick) Cotterell

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Margaret Clifford, Helen Norman,
Phyllis Jeffries, Melville Lewis (Priest).

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.

SPARKFISH

This charity which we support has organised a concert with Adrian and Emma-Jean Galliard on 27th August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church. More information and how to get tickets at: <https://sparkfish.org.uk>

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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