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SUNDAY 26 JULY (TRINITY 8)

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

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 30 JULY

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

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST (TRINITY 9)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING 1 Kings 3: 5 to 12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 31 to 33, 44 to 52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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 Brokes Crescent

For Reigate Christian Bookshop

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Ethel Carter, Emmie Saunders,
Jessie Gilbert, Sheila Biggs,
John Marsh, Kathleen Davies,
George Phillips, Eva Mann,
Anthony Moore, Ivy Stevens,
Jean Love, Patricia Fowler,
Patricia Heykoop.

PLATINUM WEDDING



We are celebrating seventy years of marriage. Do please join us in the hall after the 10:00 service. Adam will have made a special cake (not to be missed).

Sylvia & Keith Weatherald

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>

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 vjinghamum@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.

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.

SPARKFISH

This charity which we support has organised a concert with Adrian and Emma-Jean Galliard on 27 August at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church. More information and how to get tickets at:

<https://sparkfish.org.uk>

REVEREND REG

Reg is taking on an incredidable challenge to mark his 50th birthday – flying down the highest zipline in the UK, reaching speeds of up to 100 miles per hour! This thrilling adventure is about raising money for two charities that are making a real difference in people's lives:

Renewed Hope (who run the Winter Night Shelter and help homeless people throughout the year);

SMOAT (supporting community-level development projects in some of the world's poorest countries.

Every donation will help these charities continue their life-changing work.

Donate via this JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfundimg/reginaldgrant-ziplineforgoodcause?>

Thank you for helping.

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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