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SUNDAY 9 AUGUST (TRINITY 10)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

9.00am Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

12.45p m Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST (THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST (TRINITY 11)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19: 9 to 18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14: 22 to 33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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 Cliftons Lane

For Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Peter Baldry, Irene Gilchrist, Noel
Waddilove, Rose Cauvain.

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.

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.

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 vigingamum@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.

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/crowdfund/ing/reginaldgrant-ziplineforagoodcause>

Thank you for helping.

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,

Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or email terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com at the latest by 8.00am on a Thursday