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SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER (BIBLE SUNDAY)

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

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER (SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES)

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| 9.00am | Prayer Meeting |
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THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

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| 12.45pm | Holy Communion (<i>IONA</i>) in Church |
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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER (ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY)

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) in Church |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist in Church and online |
| 4.00pm | Café Church in the Hall |
| 6.00pm | All Souls' Memorial Service in Church |

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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

Nehemiah 8: 1 to 4a and 8 to 12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24: 30 to 35

Jesus said to his disciples: "The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough,
Lennox Hartman, Rosemary Absalom,
Jane-Ann Paul, Sonia Pearson,
Christopher and Sylvia Loring,
Terrence Hancock, Clive Toye.

For those living in Fox Lane

For Welcare

For anniversaries falling at this time:

William Payne, Joy Thomas, Phyllis
Hannaford, Michael John, Patricia
Saunders, Andrew Lawson, Geoffrey
Chapman, Maurice le Blanc-Smith.

CAFÉ CHURCH

The next Café Church is on **Sunday 1 November at 4.00pm**. This is a relaxed service for all ages in the Hall with coffee/tea etc and cake! Please come along or even volunteer to help.

FOODBANK

St Matthew's Food bank 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/s hopping-list>

CONCERT - SUNDAY 22 NOV

Please join us for an evening of Music and Song at St Mark's on **Sunday 22 November at 6pm**. Featuring the St Mark's Singers together with the Junior Choir plus other soloists and musicians. Tickets are £10 for adults, £3 for children and £25 for a family ticket up to 2 adults and 3 children. All proceeds go to the Organ Restoration fund for our Henry Willis Organ.

Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTc0LTU3/t>

or by using the card machine (in the office or at services), by cash or cheque or by bank transfer: Name of Account - SAINT MARK, REIGATE (please select 'paying a business') Sort Code 40 18 22 Account Number 72393263

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

Our Annual Memorial Service at which we remember loved ones departed is on **Sunday 1 November at 6.00pm**. If you would like your loved one to be remembered by name in the prayers, please write their name CLEARLY on the sheet at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office. Also, please come along to the service to join in the prayers for your loved ones.

AIMING FOR NET ZERO

Here at St Mark's we are committed to aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and we have made good progress so far:

- Installing solar panels and batteries to reduce electricity drawn from the grid
- Converting all lighting to LED in both the hall and church
- Holding services in the hall on "Green Sundays" to reduce gas consumption
- Installing thermostats which are remotely operated to monitor heating more closely
- Using the hall rather than the church whenever possible
- Installing hand dryers in the toilets to reduce paper waste (in progress)

The next step is to replace the wooden single glazed foyer doors and windows with aluminium double-glazed units. As we are in a conservation area we have had to obtain planning permission so plans were drawn up, quotes obtained and a planning application submitted. This was approved recently and we are hoping to get the doors fitted in the next few months. The total cost will be in the region of £25,000. We have though been able to obtain a grant of £10,000 from the Net Zero Carbon Quick Wins Grant fund and have applied for another smaller grant. We have also received some donations and legacies this year which we will be able to put towards this project and the balance is to be paid out of reserves.

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.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A reminder that the 10am Service on **Sunday 8 November** will start at **9.45am** so that we will be at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 10.55am.

The collection will be given to Combat Stress.

GARDEN TIDY SESSION

Please join us on **Saturday 7 November** as we want to tidy the church gardens for Remembrance Sunday. We will meet from 10am and if you could spare an hour to help us it would be appreciated. Tea/coffee and cake provided. Many thanks in anticipation.

Patricia Bird and Elisabeth Davis

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