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SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY (3 BEFORE LENT)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist4.00pm Messy Church6.00pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY

9.15am Informal Prayer Meeting 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY (2 BEFORE LENT)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Evening Prayer

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.



THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:12 to 20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 6:17 to 26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (NEH)

Introit If Christ had not been raised Gradual Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory Alleluia, Alleluia hearts to heaven During Communion My God, and is thy table spread

Post Communion Lord Jesus Christ Setting John Rutter

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need: Sharon Willans

For those living in Beverley Heights

For Redhill & Reigate Community Church

RIP: Mary Rawlings, Lucy Langford For anniversaries falling at this time:

Bill Gee, Alicia Spriggs, Kate Dunphy, John Orton, Campbell Gordon, Andrew Wincott, Graham Berry, Oliver Newing, George Carter, Patricia Parr Richards, Duncan Ritchie

REVEREND ANNA

Reverend Anna's final service at St Mark's will be at 10.00am on **Sunday 3 March** as she leaves to take up her new position as Rector of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary's Buckland. We plan to send her off in true St Mark's style – with cake! To make the event extra special we invite everyone to bring a plate of 'picnic style food' to share, following the service.

Collection We are holding a collection to provide a gift from us all, contributions can be made via card, cheque or cash and should be dropped in at the Parish Office — marked 'Reverend Anna Collection'. All contributions must be made by **Monday 25 February** please.

Memories and Messages Book

A card with a difference. You are invited to fill one side of an A4 page with your photos, memories and messages. These pages will then be made into a book for Reverend Anna. Paper is available from the back of church and there will be an opportunity to sign the book on the day.

Parish Office

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Services will be held on 1 March at: St Theresa's RC, Merstham at 11.00am Redhill Baptist Church at 7.30pm.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

The St Mark's Easter Holiday Club will take place on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April** and as always we are looking for lots of adult and teenage volunteers to help to make the two days run smoothly. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church. The registration forms are also available there or by emailing stmarkseasterclub@gmail.com If you have any questions please ask.

Mel Crighton

NEW PARTITION DOORS BETWEEN THE HALL AND COMMITTEE ROOM

At a meeting last week the Parochial Church Council approved the installation of new folding doors between the main hall and the committee room. significant amount of money has been raised towards the cost but there is currently a shortfall of around £1,000. We are looking to raise this amount by the end of February and then plan for the doors to be installed at the start of April. If you would like to make a donation towards this final element of the kitchen project cheques should be made payable to St Mark's PCC or donations can be made online by using the following link: https://mvdonate.bt.com/events/newkit chnestmarks

Please gift aid any donations if you are able to as the project benefits by an additional £25 per £100 donated. Many thanks for all your support and donations.

Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd, Barbara Perkins



JAZZ EVENING – SATURDAY 2 MARCH

Come along and join us for a fabulous evening of music from the wonderful Angie Barton, our local jazz singer. Tickets, at £15.00 are now on sale from smoat.org.uk/jazz and will include your first drink and the most amazing cheeseboard you'll ever see! More details to follow shortly.

Barbara Perkins

KNITTING AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The next group meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 21 February at Cherith Baldry's house, 6 Cronks Hill Road, Redhill, RH 1 6LZ (tel: 01737 221955). New members are welcome.

CHURCHWARDENS

Paul Selvadurai and I are standing down as Churchwardens this year. Churchwardens represent the congregation and the parish in maintaining and developing the fabric of the church and the environment for services and worship.

Elections for Churchwardens and Deputy Wardens will take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28 April.

Last year Paul and I offered and arranged with Fr Martin to be available for the succession planning and induction of our successors and to offer help, advice or information wherever we can.

Perhaps you are interested in the role or just in knowing more about it. We would like to offer you the opportunity to shadow a service with a duty warden or to chat about the duties and responsibilities of the role; as well as the pleasure and opportunities it brings.

Please mention it to others; and thank you so much for being willing to consider this role. Call me on 07961 408066 or Paul on 07764 132266.

Ken Packer (Churchwarden)

LENT COURSE

We will be looking at faith through the life and works of C S Lewis, including video clips from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Shadowlands*. There will be no charge for materials! The dates of the three sessions are:

Wednesdays at 8pm: 13/20 March 3 Apr Thursdays at 9.45am: 14/21 March 4 Apr

VINTAGE TEA

We are urgently seeking a co-ordinator for 'Vintage Tea' once a month. The role requires setting up tables/chairs and overseeing the team of servers and bakers. It is a rewarding role which allows opportunity to meet and talk to new people whilst raising valuable funds for the church.

Vintage tea has run on the 1st Wednesday of the month 10.00am until 12noon, we are hoping to move this to the 3rd Wednesday. This event assists with the outreach of the church, offering a chance for people to socialise in a relaxed environment. Without coordinator to help with setting up and clearing away the vintage tea cannot run which will be a real shame to those who value this event.

If you feel you can offer a few hours a month to assist with this role please contact: Fr Martin Colton on 01737 24161 or by email to:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 10 Feb 10 00am St Mark's Buffers

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21 Feb	7.30pm	Knitting & Spirituality
23 Feb	8.00pm	Social Dance
1 Mar		World Day of Prayer
2 Mar	7.30pm	Jazz Evening
3 Mar	4.00pm	Family Service
6 Mar		Ash Wednesday
	11.00am	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	Sung Eucharist
13 Mar	8.00pm	Lent Course 1
14 Mar	9.45am	Lent Course 1