

ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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SUNDAY 26 MAY (EASTER 6)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

8.00pm Study Course Session 3

THURSDAY 30 MAY (ASCENSION DAY)

8.30am Informal Morning Prayer
9.30am Study Course Session 3
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
7.30pm Ecumenical Service at the top
 of Wray Lane

SUNDAY 2 JUNE (EASTER 7)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
4.00pm Family Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT FOR TODAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 EPISTLE READING

Acts 16: 9 to 15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 5: 1 to 9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (NEH)

Introit	364
Gradual	366
Offertory	415
Post Communion	353
Setting	Richard Shephard

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Sharon Willans, Geraldine Wright

For those living in Fairford Close

For Sandcross Lane Church Reigate

RIP: Claire Parr

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Bert Emsley, Gwynne Hancock,

Betty Dove, Doon Campbell,

Shirley Powell, Ann Cason, May Webb,

Naomi Sykes, Margaret Holford,

Jennifer Blake, Antony Waterlow

'BEATING THE BOUNDS'

The annual Rogation walk around the edge of the Parish is this afternoon at **2.00pm**. All are welcome (including dogs!). We will arrive back at the church at about 5.00pm for tea. If you would like to walk only part of the route, please speak to me and I will give you approximate timings at different points.

Fr Martin

PARISH MAGAZINE

The May Parish Magazine is out now and this month we have included a reader survey. It is really important that the magazine is relevant, interesting and entertaining so we'd really like to understand who is reading it and what you'd find useful. Please let us have your feedback by Sunday 2 June, we would like to get as many responses as possible. If you have any thoughts and ideas to add to the magazine then please get in touch via email to magazine@stmarksreigate.co.uk.

Helen Starmer, Editor

THY KINGDOM COME

This initiative, started by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2015, is now a global movement. Churches are invited to participate in prayer and worship together from Ascension Day (30 May) to the Day of Pentecost (9 June). Locally there is a programme of events beginning with a service on Reigate Hill at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 May. Please see the separate leaflet for all the events.

GIFT DAY

We have now reached our target of exceeding last year's appeal – by a few pounds - £23,685. Many thanks to all the donors. The books are still open for your gifts.

*Brian Rowbotham
PCC Treasurer*

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual fund-raising and box-holders coffee morning will take place on Saturday 29 June in the church hall from 10.00am until 12noon.

Stalls: Cakes, plants, paperback books, stationery, Flamingo Cards, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

Entrance: £1.00.

Contributions would be greatly appreciated and there is a list at the back of church for you to sign up if you can help in any way. If you are unable to attend on the day please let us have your box on any Sunday before-hand.

Tony and Patricia Bird

STUDY COURSE

This term we will be following a Course based upon the film "The Way" starring Martin Sheen. This film is about four "pilgrims" on the way to Compostella and the course discusses the issues raised by the pilgrims and how their lives are changed by the experience. The sessions will be on **Wednesdays 29 May and 12, 19 June at 800pm, repeated on Thursdays 30 May and 13, 20 June at 9.30am.**

CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION

If you are interested in being Confirmed (adults or young people already at High School) please speak to me so that we can arrange classes. The Confirmation Service will be held at St Mark's on 16 November.

Children aged 7 or older can receive Holy Communion provided they have followed a Preparation Course and been formally admitted. Please speak to me if your children wish to be admitted so that we can arrange some classes.

Fr Martin

PARISH SUPPORT FUND

The PSF (which used to be called the Diocesan Quota) is a sum of money pledged by each parish in the diocese to support the mission and ministry of the Southwark Diocese. At its meeting last Tuesday, the Parochial Church Council considered various different proposals and agreed that we would pledge an amount of £108,948 in 2020. This represents an increase of 2% on our current pledge of £106,812. There are some information leaflets at the back of the church – please take a copy.

*Terrence Hancock
PCC Secretary*

KNITTING & SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We meet at Marion Wall's home at 7.30pm on Thursday 20 June. Please phone her to let her know you are coming.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 May	8.00pm	Course Session 3
30 May	9.30am	Course Session 3
30 May	7.30pm	Ascension Day Ecumenical Service at the top of Wray Lane
2 Jun	4.00pm	Family Service
6 Jun	2.00pm	SMART
20 Jun	7.30pm	Knitting & Spirituality