


ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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SUNDAY 18 AUGUST (TRINITY 9)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
12.30pm Holy Baptism
6.00pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

8.30am Informal Morning Prayer
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST (ST BARTHOLOMEW)

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST (TRINITY 10)

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

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Son our Lord, 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

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23: 23 to 29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 49 to 56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (MP)

Introit	467
Gradual	31
Offertory	882
Post Communion	456
Setting	John Rutter

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Sharon Willans, Geraldine Wright,
Sheila Reed

For those living in Howard Place

For All clergy in the Deanery

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Zoe Sheldon, George Sandell,
Geoffrey Musgrove, David Wager,
Donald Bracey, Elizabeth Hever,
David Waterlow

WELCOME

We welcome Jacob Percy Geoffrey Mackmin who has come to church today for baptism at 10.00am, and Flora Joan Drakeford at 12.30pm. We also welcome their parents, relatives and friends who have come to support them as they start their Christian journey.

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 **Saturday 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

NEW GOVERNOR NEEDED AT ST BEDE'S SCHOOL

St Bede's School is judged as Outstanding by Ofsted and also as Outstanding by the independent Diocesan Anglican school inspectors – for the excellent Christian education it provides for young people within our Deanery.

The school has a wonderful mission statement – that it “tries to appreciate the skills and talents of each child, to realise their full potential, and help them to face the future with confidence by taking up the challenge of the gospel.”

The Deanery is now seeking an Anglican to join St Bede's friendly and effective team of governors. The governors approve the strategy of the school, hold staff to account and encourage them.

They are looking for an open-minded team player, who can make two short meetings a term and values a Christian school for our young people.

If you would be interested in taking on this role, or finding out more, please get in touch with Victoria Clifford (Chair of Governors):gov.clifford@saintbedes.net.

REFRESHING CHURCH

On **Saturday 14 September** from 10.00am to 4.00pm, the Croydon Area Lay Conference will be taking place at St Bede's School. The principal speaker is Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral (the first woman and first lay person to hold this role). There will also be a choice of 20 workshops on aspects of lay involvement in church and society, designed to give a refreshed spring in the step of everyone, young or old, who goes to church. This conference is open to everyone and the cost is £10 per person (including lunch!). Please see the leaflet for more details. Please book your place online at: <https://refreshing-church.eventbrite.co.uk> or with Alexia in the parish office.



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CALLING ALL MUSIC-LOVERS!

Another SMOATathon is approaching fast. SMOATathon 2019 will take place in St Mark's Church on **Sunday 29 September**, when the aim will be to provide live continuous music between 11.30am and 5.00pm and, through sponsorship and donations, to raise much-needed funds for a project to help relieve poverty in a developing country.

If you can sing or play a musical instrument and would like to take part the SMOAT committee would love to hear from you! Time-slots of varying length are available, from a few minutes upwards. If you don't see yourself as a performer, then come along anyway and enjoy the music (and refreshments!) for as long as you wish.

David Lear (david@smoat.org.uk) will be pleased to provide further details.

CHURCH HALL TABLES

We will be replacing the square blue tables in the Hall with new tables of a similar design and size. The new tables cost £48 each. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing the tables, please pass on your donation to the churchwardens or the Parish Office marked as "Donation towards tables". If you are a tax-payer this donation can be gift aided. Donations can be made by cash, cheque, or in person by card. More information is available from the churchwardens and the Parish Office. This is a continued part of our upgrading of the hall facilities.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week (19 and 20 August).

PARISH MAGAZINE

We are looking for reader recipes for the September magazine (and beyond). Please submit your recipe and ideally an accompanying photograph to magazine@stmarksreigate.co.uk

*Helen Starmer
Editor*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 Aug 8.00pm Social Dance
1 Sep 4.00pm Family Service
14 Sep 10.00am Lay Conference
15 Sep 4.00pm Messy Church
29 Sep 11.30am SMOATathon

Please send any notices for the News Sheet to Terrence Hancock 📞 01737 761178 or by email to t.f.hancock@btinternet.com at the latest by **8.00am** on Thursday