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SUNDAY 21 APRIL (EASTER 4)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
4.00pm Messy Church

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in Church
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 28 APRIL (EASTER 5)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4: 5 to12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11 to 18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Lennox Hartman, David Bretherton,
Rosemary Absalom.

For those living in Parkhall Road

For St Philip Reigate

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Ruth Esdaile, Lesley Packington, Helen
Stanton, Neville Guille, Mabel Tyler,
Geoffrey Harford Kathleen Lawson.

"THE BRIDGE"

Copies of the April edition of our
diocesan newspaper are now
available from the back of the
Church.

PRAYER BOARD

We have reinstated the Prayer Board at the north-east door of the church for people to write their prayer requests. Just fill in the details on a slip of paper, write the date, and pin it to the board. The request can be named or anonymous and it can be for anyone. It **will** be prayed for by a dedicated team of people. We believe that God answers prayers.

Susannah Dyde

CONFIRMATION

We have a Deanery Confirmation Service in June. Classes will be starting soon for both adults and young people (who are already 11 years of age or above) who wish to be confirmed. If you are interested (and for adults there is no upper age limit!), please speak with me as soon as possible so that we can organise Classes.

Also, if any children who are already at least 7 years old wish to be Admitted to Holy Communion, to share in receiving the Bread and Wine, please also speak with me as I will be starting Preparation Classes after Easter.

Fr Martin

FOODBANK

St Matthew's Foodbank are 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. 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>

REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning today Sunday 7 April 2024 and ending on Sunday 21 April 2024. If your name is not on the Electoral Roll and you are at least 16 years old, resident in the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for six months and would like to become a full voting member of our church, please fill in the simple application form available at the back of the church and hand either to me, to the duty Warden or to the Parish Office **no later than Thursday 25 April 2024**. The Roll will be back in church for checking on Sunday 28 April 2024 and presentation at the APCM on Sunday 12 May 2024. Only those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Terrence Hancock
Electoral Roll Officer

ANNUAL MEETINGS

This is an advance notice that the Annual Vestry Meeting (for the election of Churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will both be held on Sunday 12 May during the 10.00am service.

Nomination forms are now in place adjacent to the door at the west end of the Church. These are for Churchwardens, Deputy Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members. When filling in names, please use **BLOCK CAPIYAL LETTERS**.

ROGATIONTIDE

The Rogation Sunday walk "Beating the Bounds" will be on Sunday 5 May starting from the Church at 2pm. Dogs also welcome. It does involve walking to the top of Reigate Hill so you do need to be able to manage this.



BBQ BRUNCH

We will be holding our ever-popular BBQ Brunch on Saturday 18 May in two sittings – 10am to 11.15am and 11.15am to 12.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 per person and will include a full English breakfast with bucks fizz or orange juice and tea/coffee (vegetarian options available). Tickets are available on TicketSource or email chair@SMOAT.org.uk. All proceeds will go to EdUKaid to provide resources for a volunteer-led community library in Southern Tanzania.

SOUTHWARK VISION 2024-2035

At the back of the church you will find copies of a brief summary about this together with a few "book-marks". More details are on the Diocesan website at: <https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Southwark-Vision-MASTER-Nov-2023.pdf> Copies of a letter jointly from the Bishop of Southwark and the Diocesan Secretary is being sent out with this News Sheet.

ANNUAL GIFT DAY

On Sunday 28 April, as we celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Mark, we will be launching our period of Annual giving with donations being welcomed until the end of May. This year we are aiming to raise £20,000 in total including Gift Aid claimed. Details are included in the April magazine and further information will follow next week.

Mel Crighton, Treasurer

HOME GROUP

These are the next few dates: 18 April, 9 and 23 May, 13 June, 4 and 18 July. Please contact Susannah Dyde for details.

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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