

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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## **SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)**

10.00am      Holy Communion

## **TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER (SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS)**

### **THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER**

12.45pm      Holy Communion (Iona)

### **SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER (HARVEST)**

10.00am      Holy Communion

4.00pm      Family Service (Zoom)

### **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

## These are the readings appointed for today

### **THE FIRST READING**

### **Philippians 2: 1 to 13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 21: 23 to 32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for those in particular need:  
Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons,  
Yvonne Powell, Jenny Archer,  
Janet Burns, Maria Hancock

For those living in Colley Lane

For The Heath Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:

John Stone, Tom Mintey, Iris Sheppard,  
Gwen Hanby, Lorna Whitmarsh Knight,  
Michael Bridge, Violet Davis,  
Margaret Bayes, Raymond Barnes.

## **CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER**

The church is open for Private Prayer every day from 9.00am to 5.00pm. There are some simple guidelines to follow to prevent coronavirus contamination, and to maintain as clean and safe an environment as possible.

- Entry will only be via the North East entrance (the glass door near to the War Memorial). If you are coming by car, you may wish to park on the street rather than the car park, but please take notice of parking restrictions.
- As you enter the building, please clean your hands with the sanitiser provided and use the paper towels if required, disposing of them in the bin.
- We suggest you also clean your hands on leaving.
- Please do not enter the areas of the Church which are taped off: these areas are not sanitised daily and will only be sanitised for Sunday worship. This includes all access to the Hall and Toilets.
- Notices saying, "I sat here" will be available. If you have sat down on a chair or a pew, please leave this flier/sign in your place. This will help people avoid sitting in the same place before cleaning takes place.

- There will be no facility for writing prayer requests. You can make prayer requests by contacting me on 01737 241161 or [vicar@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarksreigate.co.uk).
- You are welcome to light a candle on the stand in the Lady Chapel. There will be no matches available but a candle will be kept alight from which individual candles can be lit. Please feel free to sit and pray.

By following these guidelines as well as frequent cleansing of the open parts of the church, we can all use the building for prayer. At all times please keep a minimum of 2 metres from anyone not in your household.

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.00am** every Sunday. Over the coming weeks and months we hope to include the 8.00am and 6.00pm services, but this will require a thorough clean of the Church between services, and this is not in place as yet. The 10.00am service will also be streamed live online on our website and will also be available to view later.

In addition, there will be a recorded service of Evening Prayer on the website each week available from Sunday afternoons. This service will include hymns, which the morning service does not. Please do take a look.

There are also links on our website to other Church of England worship materials including the Daily Prayer App which I use every day. Perhaps you might like to use this with me every morning?

*Fr Martin*

## **PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Roll is now closed for the Annual Revision. The revised Roll will be displayed in Church on the noticeboard near the north-west door on Sundays 4 and 11 October. Should you have any questions, however trivial, do please ask me.

*Terrence Hancock  
Acting Electoral Roll Officer  
01737 761178*

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Our APCM and Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday 11 October at the 10.00am Service**. This is the Meeting postponed from April. You will also be able to attend the meeting online – more details will be issued in due course. We will need to elect 2 Churchwardens, up to 4 Deputy Wardens, 4 Deanery Synod Members and 3 PCC members (2 for a 3-year term and 1 for 1 year). Nomination Forms and the Annual Report can be downloaded from the website.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

From tomorrow, Alexia, our Parish Administrator, will be back in the Office which will be open from 9.00am until 1.00pm Monday to Thursday. Alexia is a vital part of the help we are giving to members of our community. The normal telephone number is 01737 217805.

Alexia can also be called on **07979 788601** for anything connected with the office. The email address remains the same. Alternatively, Fr Martin can be contacted on 01737 241161.

## **FAMILY SERVICE**

Next Sunday (4 October) we will have a Family Service via Zoom at 4.00pm. The link will be sent out this week.

## **THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION**

From next Thursday (1 October) we will resume the Thursday Iona Holy Communion Service. This short said service is ideal for those who want to worship in a very small group. Initially this service will be held monthly on the **First Thursday of the Month**.

## **HARVEST**

Next Sunday (4 October) we will be celebrating Harvest, albeit in a very different way than before. **Donations to Food Bank will be very welcome** especially as St Matthew's Food Bank is continuing to see an increase in demand and expect demand to continue to increase over the coming months. Donations can be left in Church or outside the Vicarage.

Our **Harvest Services** will be at 10am (in Church and live streamed), a **Family Service via Zoom at 4.00pm** and a special **recorded Harvest service with hymns on YouTube** – this service will help us consider what harvest means in 2020 and I do encourage you all to watch this recorded service.