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SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER (ADVENT SUNDAY)

Common Worship Lectionary Year B begins



Following the restrictions imposed by H M Government, services of public worship are suspended until the end of the current lockdown.

The church building will, however, be open each day for private prayer and quiet meditation.

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER (SAINT ANDREW)

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER (ADVENT 2)

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64: 1 to 9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 13: 24 to 37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons,
Yvonne Powell, Janet Burns,
Jackie Whymms

For those living in Fort Lane

For St Andrew, Gatton

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Jocelyn (Wendy) Pooley,
Evelyn Sheldon, Bertie Hill, Roy Barnes

ADVENT

We are now in the Season of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. Our preparations for a very different celebration of Christmas are underway and detailed in our Parish Christmas Card. If you would like to do something practical during Advent, please start a **Reverse Advent Calendar**. This is where on the first 24 days of December you put an item for Food Bank into a box which you can deliver to the Vicarage after Christmas. This will then be passed on to St Mathew's Food bank. Ideas of what to be put in the box can be found here:

www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list

RESUMPTION OF SERVICES

It is anticipated that from Sunday 6 December we shall once again be able to resume 10.00am said services. Full details are not yet confirmed, so please look at our website to keep up to date. I will send out an email during the week confirming the arrangements as we are in Tier 2.

COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday, 2 December, we will again have a Coffee Morning on Zoom from 10.00am to 11.00am. Please join me if you can for some general chat and

to meet up virtually with friends from St Mark's. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday so please look out for it.

Fr Martin



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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 20091

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Last Sunday SMOAT launched it's 2020 Christmas Appeal at the 10.00am service. For those people who didn't manage to see it, below you will find links to the presentation, to our website and to a Virgin Money Giving page.

This year we are supporting two projects. The first, a Chase Africa project will fund mobile outreach health clinics in Kakamega County in the west of Kenya where there is limited access to formal health facilities. In one day a clinic can reach around 2,000 people at a cost of £1,200. We would very much like to fund at least two of these clinics. The second project is from Afrinspire and is based on Lunga Island in Zambia, where only 30% of the population has access to safe water and less than 47% has access to basic sanitation. This project will support the building of shallow wells which will provide basic sanitation systems and clean water to a community which has already been ravaged by flooding. The cost of two wells is approximately £2,700 and we hope to be able to provide enough money to cover this cost, with any extra money raised going towards other sanitation improvements. Each well will provide clean water for up to 1.500 people.

We would very much like you to support these projects. The people in these two communities not only have to live without basic medical care or clean water and basic sanitation, but they are also facing the further anguish of COVID-19. By supporting us, you will enable us to provide thousands of people with a

healthy future and some fundamental care, which we take for granted. The links are as follows and please feel free to share them with friends and family as the more people you can reach, the more people we can help:

Full details are now on our website:
<http://www.smoat.org.uk/appeal.html>

The YouTube Video of the presentation can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2oOng8imk0>

The Appeal is on VirginMoneyGiving at:
<https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/SMOAT2020>

Thank you in advance

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

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. 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.

COMBAT STRESS

Thank you to all those who have donated to our Remembrance Sunday Appeal for Combat Stress, the national charity, based locally, that helps veterans suffering from mental illness following their service for their country. Cash and cheques (payable to St Mark's) can be left at the Vicarage, or you can give online via our dedicated Golden Giving Page: www.goldengiving.com/appeal/st-marks-reigate

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE (1)

Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray, longing for the Day of Glory, 'Come, Lord, soon,' we say. Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness changed for gladness on that Day.

Please send any items 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