

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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**Until further notice there will be no Public Worship on
Sundays held in church. All Sunday services will be on Zoom**

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY (LENT 1)

10.00am Worship on Zoom
4.00pm Family Service on Zoom

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY (LENT 2)

10.00am Worship on Zoom

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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



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ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

The readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9: 8 to 17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 9 to 15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons,
Yvonne Powell, Jackie Whymms,
Ruston Biggs, Alex Parish, Anne Cramp.

For those living in Kilmarnock Park

For Christ the King, Salfords

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Andrew Wincott, Graham Berry,
Oliver Newing, George Carter,
Patricia Parr Richards, Duncan Ritchie,
John Norman, Elizabeth (Pip) Turnbull,
Hazel Edwards, Isabel Hammond.

COFFEE MORNING

This Wednesday, 24 February, there will be another 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

PARISH OFFICE

Until further notice Alexia will only be in the office on Thursdays from 9.00am until 4.00pm.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

The church is open for Private Prayer every day from 9.00am until 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.

Fr Martin

LENT

During Lent we will have various activities. On our **Church Facebook page** I will post a daily Bible verse and a question to ponder during the day. We will have a **weekly Lent Course** on Zoom on Wednesdays at 8.00pm and a **weekly Book Club**, also on Zoom on Thursdays at 8.00pm where we will look at Rowan Williams' new book, *Candles in the Dark*. You may wish to purchase this book which is available from all good booksellers. Please join in with as much, or as little, as you wish. The Home Group will also continue.

Fr Martin

"LENT LUNCHES"

Usually during Lent, we hold a series of Lent Lunches to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Call. Obviously, this year this cannot happen.

However, the Bishop's Lent Call has been launched, hoping to raise much needed funds for projects in this country (including St Matthew's Food Bank in Redhill) and in our partner dioceses in Zimbabwe and in Jerusalem.

In order to raise funds, we are looking for "hosts" for virtual coffee mornings or lunches via Zoom. We would set it all up, but if you would like to be a host, please contact Alexia, our Parish Administrator. Once we have a list of hosts and dates, we will publicise these so people can join. We will also accept direct donations.

Fr Martin

LETTER

Last week I sent out a (lengthy) letter by email with some important information in it. If you did not receive it, or you need a printed copy to pass on to someone, please contact Alexia in the Parish Office.

Fr Martin

KNITTING AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

During the lockdown, as we are unable to meet as a group, we are keeping in touch with each other by telephone. Every other Thursday we hold a 'round robin' where each person phones the next person on the list. If you are a lonely crafter and would like to take part, please phone either Cherith Baldry on (01737 221955) or Sarah Cousins on (01737 789943). You will be very welcome.

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