THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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SUNDAY 25 JULY (ST JAMES THE APOSTLE)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church 10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line

THURSDAY 29 JULY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST (TRINITY 9)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church 10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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.



The readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING Acts 11: 27 to 12: 2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 20: 20 to 28

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

<u>INTERCESSIONS</u>

For St Joseph (RC) Redhill

Please pray for those in particular need: Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Alec Parish, Yvonne Powell, Jackie Whymms, Ruston Biggs, Bishop Christopher, Margaret Steward, Shirley Silcock. For those living in St Albans Road RIP: Gwendoline Read, Beryl Sign For anniversaries falling at this time: Ethel Carter, Emmie Saunders, Jessie Gilbert, John Marsh, Kathleen Davies, George Phillips, Eva Mann, Anthony Moore, Ivy Stevens, Jean Love.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

The Online Coffee Morning will be taking a break over the summer. We hope that in the Autumn we will be able to hold a regular in-person Coffee Morning if safe to do so.

FOOD BANK

There is still a huge demand on the Food Bank at St Matthew's Church in Redhill. Any donations you can make are very gratefully received. They can be left on the Vicarage doorstep at St Mark's, and these will be taken to the Food Bank. Thank you for your generous support of those in need in our community.

CHURCH GARDENS

We are planning working parties to get the garden areas cleared of weeds. Gardening skills are not required as some parts just need tidying. If you can spare even an hour, we could make the gardens, car park and War Memorial looking as they should – well cared-for. Saturdays 31 July and 14 August are the dates (with more to follow if necessary) starting at 9.00am until 12 noon. Refreshments will be provided. Please telephone either of us if you can help.

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WORSHIP UPDATE

Although all legal restrictions from the Government have been removed, the Church wardens and I, with the support of the PCC, have decided to keep the current restrictions in place for the time being. This is to provide a safe space for all, especially in light of the rising numbers of COVID-19 locally. restrictions include social distancing, the face coverings. wearing of continuing with recorded music with no congregational singing. We will keep this under review and make appropriate adjustments when safe to do so in the future.

Fr Martin

"THE BRIDGE"

The July/August edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available to download from southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

