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SUNDAY 9 JANUARY (THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST)

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

THURSDAY 13 JANUARY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY (EPIPHANY 2)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line
4.00pm Messy Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

The readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 1 to 7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 15 to 17, 21, 22

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Alec Parish,
Yvonne Powell, Jackie Whymms,
Ruston Biggs, Margaret Steward.

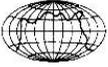
For in Albany Close

For St Peter & St Paul Nutfield

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Margaret Dixon, Clarice Cripps,
Alice England, Lilian King,
Florence (Flossie) Tucker, Peter Violet.

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.



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 280091

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Christmas Appeal this year is supporting two projects from organisations very familiar to us. The first is a Village Water project in three villages in the Manica Province, Mozambique. We will be supporting a Water, Sanitisation and Hygiene project, reaching approximately 1,200 people. They will receive WASH sessions and will also be provided with life-saving materials such as soap and disinfectant. Each village will have a functioning protected borehole from where they can obtain clean water.

The second project is from Advantage Africa and is aimed at improving incomes for disadvantaged families in rural Kenya by providing them with goats. Our aim is to help twelve families, who will receive training in goat rearing and also in the principles of local marketing and simple record keeping. After the training each family will receive two goats and a water storage tank for watering the livestock and family water storage.

GREEN SUNDAYS

The PCC has agreed to trial holding some Sunday services in the Hall during January, February and March to reduce our carbon footprint. **This will be on the 1st Sunday of the month in January, February and March and will be the 8.00am, 10.00am and 4.00pm services.** The Church will be open as usual for private prayer, but the heating will not be on. The services in the Hall will follow the same format, etc, and will be live streamed. Later in 2022 the PCC will review this trial and decide whether to run it again next winter. The dates of the next Green Sundays are: 6 February and 6 March 2022.

COVID-19 UPDATE

With the recent increase in infections locally and the appearance of the Omicron variant, the Diocese has advised us that those attending worship should wear face coverings whilst in the building. All published services and activities will continue – any changes will be published on the website.

