

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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## **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

## **THURSDAY 20 JANUARY**

12.45pm      Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 23 JANUARY (EPIPHANY 3)**

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

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 62: 1 to 5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **John 2: 1 to 11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.'

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### **INTERCESSIONS**

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

For those living in Alders Road

For Redhill & Reigate Community  
Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:  
Vivien Gordon-Jones, Doris Himsworth,  
Dorothy Devereux.

### **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.



## **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.

The appeal will remain open until the end of March for those who would still like to make a donation.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Our Messy Church today (16 January) at 4pm will be Covid secure and last only until 5pm. Advance booking is required. If you have not booked please enquire of the Office before attending.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **AREA DEAN**

Bishop Christopher has appointed The Reverend Martin Colton to be also Area Dean of Reigate. He will be commissioned in this role by Bishop Jonathan at the Deanery Synod Meeting in February. Fr Martin will, of course, remain Vicar of St Mark's.

Please send any items for the News Sheet to Terrence Hancock 📞 01737 761178 or by email to [t.f.hancock@btinternet.com](mailto:t.f.hancock@btinternet.com) at the latest by **8.00am** on Thursday