

# ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

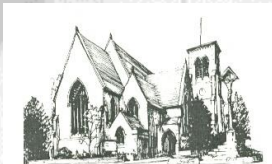
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## **SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 14)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
- 4.00pm Family Service

## **WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in Church

## **THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 15)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

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*These are the readings appointed for today*

**THE FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 4: 1, 2, 6 to 9**

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 7: 1 to 8: 14, 15, 21, 22, 23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for those in particular need:

Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell,  
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,  
Lennox Hartman, David Bretherton,  
Rosemary Absalom, David Lear,  
Jane-Ann Paul.

For those living in The Tudors

For Reigate Christian Bookshop

For anniversaries falling at this time:

John Stammers, Michael Smith,  
Tom Shucksmith, Sheila Castle,  
Margaret Dowse, Gwen Thomas,  
Kay Porter, Frederick Shepherd,  
Janet Wickham, Kay Drury,  
David Barrell.

## **PRAYER BOARD**

It is encouraging to see how many people are making use of the Prayer Board, some church members and some not. The pieces of paper are taken down every week and prayed for. Could I ask, please, that if you have put up a request on the board, you renew it every now and then, to let us know if you still need prayer and whether the situation has changed. This helps the team to pray more effectively. Many thanks.

*Susannah Dyde*

## **HOME GROUP**

The dates of Home Group meetings are: 12 and 26 September; 17 October; 7 & 21 November and 5 & 19 December. For more information please contact Susannah Dyde.

## **ST BEDE'S SCHOOL**

St Bede's is looking for Sessional Exam Invigilators from January 2025 at a rate of £13.15 per hour. Open Morning for those interested on Tuesday 17 September. More details on the Church website.

## **AIMING FOR NET ZERO**

Here at St Mark's we are committed to aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and we have made good progress so far:

- Installing solar panels and batteries to reduce electricity drawn from the grid
- Converting more lighting to LED in both the hall and church
- Holding services in the hall on "Green Sundays" to reduce gas consumption
- Installing remotely operated thermostats to monitor heating more closely
- Using the hall rather than the church whenever possible

The next step is to replace all the church lighting which currently uses expensive halogen bulbs with fittings which will use LED bulbs. The cost of this project will be almost £20,000 but we have been accepted onto a matched grant scheme being run by the Church of England so only have to raise £10,000 of that ourselves.

More information about this exciting project and how to give will be available soon – no donations are needed yet. We will also be holding various events this autumn, so please watch this space!

## **FOODBANK**

Saint Matthew's Foodbank is still desperately short of donations. More and more people are turning to the Foodbanks for the first time, and yet the amount of donations has fallen.

If you are able to give anything at all, please leave your donation at the Vicarage. Please remember that no fresh food can be accepted and all tins and packets must be in date.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shop/ping-list>

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

For our celebration of harvest this year, I am hoping that the St. Mark's family will be able to gather an abundance of tins! Tinned vegetables, potatoes, fruits, meat or vegetarian casseroles and tinned meats are always needed by the Foodbank.

I envisage putting up our window shelves and inviting everyone to bring and arrange their contribution of tinned items on the shelves on Friday 4 or Saturday 5 October. It would be wonderful to see the shelves piled high for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 6 October.

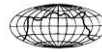
I hope you will be happy to rise to this challenge. Everything will be given to the St Matthew's Foodbank. Tins, tins and more tins! Please do not bring any perishable foods or out of date items. Thank you

*Valerie Jones*

## **HARVEST SUPPER**

Our harvest supper this year is being held on **Sunday 6 October at 5.00pm** following the 4.00pm Family service. As always this is a great opportunity for our whole church community to get together and enjoy a harvest meal. Please save the date and more information on how to get tickets will be available soon.

*Mel Crighton*



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## **HELIER DREUX QUIZ**

We will be welcoming back Helier Dreux on Saturday 12 October to host our SMOAT Quiz. If you haven't been before, this is a Quiz with a difference and will awaken many under-exercised brain cells! If you would like tickets, please contact Barbara at [chair@SMOAT.org.uk](mailto:chair@SMOAT.org.uk). They will also shortly be available to buy on TicketSource. Tickets are priced at £15.00 and include a chilli supper (dietary requirements can be catered for – please let us know when booking). There will be a pay bar on the night, and we would prefer it if you don't bring your own drinks but feel free to bring along snacks. Teams should be at a maximum of **eight** people. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Proceeds will be going to a project in Malawi which supports children orphaned by AIDS. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Barbara Perkins*

## **REGULAR GIVING TO ST MARK'S**

If you are able to, please consider making a regular donation to St Mark's through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most effective way to donate as we receive 100% of your donation and Gift Aid is automatically claimed. Please follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/reigate-st-mark-reigate/>

Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

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