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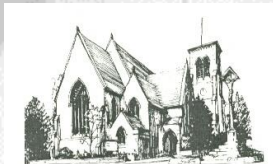
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SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 15)

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

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9.00am Prayer meeting in Church
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

No service today

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER (HOLY CROSS DAY)

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4 to 7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 7: 24 to 37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

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

For those living in The Way (part)

For St Mark's Overseas Aid Trust

RIP: Carol White

For anniversaries falling at this time:
John Hale, Kathleen Mungavin, Bill Ray,
Phyllis Miles, Valerie Fawcus,
Esther Barson, Nancy Jacomb-Hood,
Sue Bufton.

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 & 26 September; 17 October; 7 & 21 November and 5 & 19 December. For more information please contact Susannah Dyde.



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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28091

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. 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

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 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

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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