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SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)

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

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER (ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist)

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 17)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
6.00pm Taizé Prayer

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 50: 4 to 9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 8: 27 to 38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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.
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For those living in Tree Way

For Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Margaret Bridgen, Phyllis Detterling,
May Dennis.

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



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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. 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

HOME GROUP

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

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 on to 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.

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday 20 October 6.30pm

**Concert with The St Mark's Singers,
Fr Martin, and others**

Saturday 9 November 2.00pm

Autumn Fair and Family Fun Day

More details about these events soon!

Fr Martin

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 SUPPER

Our annual harvest supper is being held on Sunday 6 October at 5.00pm following the family service at 4.00pm. Please join us for a meal of cottage pie and dessert with drinks. The price for adults is £8.00 and children £5.00 with a family ticket £22.00 (max 2 adults and 3 children). You can now book your place by signing up on the sheet at the back of church or contacting Alexia in the church office. Payment can be made by card machine, at any service or in the office, cash or cheque. Places must be booked and paid for in advance and please remember to let us know of any dietary requirements.

Mel Crighton

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

"THE BRIDGE"

The September edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available on-line at southwark.anglican.org/thebridge. There are some printed copies at the back of the church – please take one.

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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