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SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER (BIBLE SUNDAY)

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

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER (STS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES)

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in Church

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER (ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall
10.00am Sung Eucharist in the Hall and online
4.00pm Family Service in the Hall
6.00pm All Souls' Memorial Service in Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

2 Timothy 3: 14 to 4: 5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 5: 36 to 47

Jesus said to the Jews: 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

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,
Bishop Christopher.

For those living in Wilmots Close

For St Mary the Virgin Buckland

RIP: Noel Craig

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Andrew Lawson, Geoffrey Chapman,
Michael John, Maurice le Blanc-Smith,
Julia Piggott, Ann Stillito.

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.

Donations can be made by debit/credit cards on the dedicated card machines in Church at Services or in the Parish Office during the week, or via the dedicated giving page on the Church website:

www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/parish-news/give-to-go-green.php

Donations by cash or cheque do not count for match funding so please give by card or via the church website. And if possible GiftAid your donation.

If you have any questions, please ask the Churchwardens, Mel Crighton or the clergy.

Thank you to all who have donated so far. We have raised £18,190 already – over 90% towards our target. This amount includes the Match Funding but excludes GiftAid. If you have not made a donation yet, there is still time either by card at services or in the Parish Office or via the Parish website.

AUTUMN FAIR

The Autumn Fair on **Saturday 9 November at 2.00pm**, is part of the Give to Go Green Project. We are asking for volunteers to run stalls (in total we are hoping for 12 stalls). Please contact Alexia to find out which stalls still need someone as several are already being looked after.

We also need donations of:

Soft toys - 'Adopt' a Soft-Toy Stall

Bottles - alcohol, soft drinks, toiletries – for the Bottle Tombola

Bric-a-brac - both adults and children

Books / dvds - both adults and children

Plants

Cakes

We are also running an **Eco Art Competition 'Autumn Theme' for children** – two categories, under 8s and 8 and over. More details on the Church website.

If you can help at all, please contact Alexia in the Parish Office.

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE

The annual Memorial Service where we remember our loved ones departed will be **next Sunday evening (3 November) at 6.00pm in Church** and online.

If you would like your loved one to be remembered by name in the prayers, please write their name CLEARLY on the sheet at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office. Also, please come along to the service to join in the prayers for your loved ones.

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>

ST MARK'S CAROL SERVICE

St Mark's Singers would welcome additional singers for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 22 December at 6.00pm with a final rehearsal during the afternoon. We rehearse on Mondays 7.30 - 8.45pm. Any queries or offers to Mel Crighton: 07889 669819.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On **Sunday 10 November**, the 10.00am service will begin **15 minutes early at 9.45am** so that the Act of Remembrance can be held at 11.00am at the Reigate War Memorial outside the Church.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday 30/31 October.

GARDEN TIDY SESSION

Please come and help us on **Saturday 2 November** to get the church gardens looking tidy for Remembrance Sunday. We meet from 10.00am and if you can spare some time it would be appreciated. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

Patricia Bird, Elisabeth Davis

GREEN SUNDAYS

The PCC has agreed to run the "Green Sundays" again on the First Sundays of the month from November until March. Services on these dates will be in the Hall as we use less energy, and therefore less carbon, to heat and light the Hall. The dates will be:

3 November
(except the All Souls' Day Service)
1 December
5 January 2025
2 February
2 March

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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