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SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER (REMEMRANCE SUNDAY; 3 BEORE ADVENT)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church 9.45am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

11.00am Act of Remembrance at Reigate War Memorial

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

9.00am Prayer meeting in Church

3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY14 NOVEMBER

12.45pm Holy Communiom (Iona)

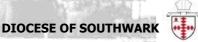
SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER (2 BEORE ADVENT)

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

4.00pm Messy Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING Hebrews 9: 24 to 28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 14 to 20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 Wray Lane

For Reigate & Redhill YMCA

RIP: Noel Craig

For anniversaries falling at this time: Francis Spear, Marjorie Slade, Anne Waterman, Nora Frame.

AIMING FOR NET ZERO

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to our Give to Go Green Campaign.

We are delighted to have now reached our target of £19,676 within 5 weeks.

Any excess raised over the cost of replacing our church lighting will be reserved for future carbon reducing projects.

Many thanks to all.

Fr Martin Louise Wallis and Ben Read (Churchwardens)

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/shopping-list

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:

1 December 5 January 2025 2 February 2 March



We will be launching the SMOAT Christmas Appeal on Sunday 24 November at the 8.00am and 10.00am services. This year we are supporting Team Kenya who have asked us to support a sweet potato self-sustainability project in Kenya and a project from Doctors for Nepal, giving funding towards a health camp in one of the remotest and deprived areas of Nepal.

Both these projects will help many hundreds of people by giving them a chance of a future. We would love to see you there and we will be available to chat about the projects and about the work of SMOAT if you are new to St Mark's.

Barbara Perkins, Chairman

TRAVELLING CRIB

The travelling crib provides an enjoyable way for many of our families who would like to celebrate the Advent period up to Christmas Eve. The story originates from a legend of St Francis who brought an ox, an ass and a young couple dressed as Mary and Joseph to teach the villagers about the Christmas Story. The modern custom is to use child-friendly woollen crib figures which are passed on from one home to another each day in Advent so that, by Christmas Eve, Mary, Joseph and the donkey will have visited many families in the parish.

The first family collect the figures at the 10.00am service on 1 December and the last family return them to the Crib Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

<u>CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE</u>

We are looking for volunteers to kindly help with the delivery of our annual Christmas Service cards.

We have 60 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, has the master list so you can either phone or email the office if you wish to volunteer to deliver a batch of cards, letting her know which street(s) you would like. Your allocation will then be confirmed.

Cards can be collected from the front of the church from Sunday 24 November 2024. We ask that the cards are delivered from Sunday 1 December and by Tuesday 10 December so that people have the card before the first service listed. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

GARDEN TIDY

A huge thank you to everyone who turned up last week to get the church garden tidy for Remembrance Sunday. Altogether eight people came, plus two children, which meant we were able to make great strides in getting our gardens looking good.

Patricia Bird, Elizabeth Davis

COLLECTION ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Collection at all services today (and giving online) will be donated to Combat Stress. Please give generously to this worthy cause.



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.parishqiving.org.uk/donors/find-vour-parish/reigate-st-mark-reigate/

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

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Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock 201737 761178 or email terrence.hancock1976@qmail.com at the latest by 8.00am on a Thursday