

ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER (ADVENT 2)

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

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

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

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER (ADVENT 3)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3: 1 to 4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 1 to 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Michael Biggs, Yvonne Powell,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Lennox Hartman, David Bretherton,
Rosemary Absalom, Jane-Ann Paul,
Bishop Christopher, Sonia Pearson.

For those living in Yew Tree Lane

For Welcare

RIP: Ruston Biggs, Hilary Hobbs

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Margaret Burt, Tom Harley, Betty Longley, Joyce Molyneux, Beryl Forster, Lorna Stratford, Alice (Robbie) Robbins, Jack Budgen.

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>

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – TUESDAY **24 DECEMBER AT 4.00PM**

Volunteers needed to make Christingle oranges on **Monday 23 December at 11.00am** in the hall – this should only take a couple of hours. All welcome!

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:

5 January 2025

2 March



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 28091

We have launched the SMOAT Christmas Appeal. 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

ICHOOSFREEDOM

(previously Women's Refuge)

Donations welcome for children and adults. They have a Wish List:

Women: <https://amzn.eu/fjQ1H9g>

Children: <https://amzn.eu/irYP2Lx>

Please bring any donations on 15 December to the next Messy Church OR at the Christingle service on 24 December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We need to find an alternative source for conifer to cover the ropes for the swags. If anyone could spare some for 20 December please contact Caryl Baughan who is happy to go and cut it and take it away.

REVEREND REG

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Reg Grant, currently Assistant Curate of St Mark's Reigate, has been appointed Associate Priest of St Mark's Reigate. He will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Reigate, The Venerable Moira Astin, on Sunday 2 February during the 10.00am Service.

This recognises that Reg is no longer in training and that he will continue to minister at St Mark's and take on more responsibility.

PERSONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

As in previous years boxes are on the table in the tower lobby for members of the congregation to “post” personal cards. Any cards not collected by 31 December will be removed.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please take a card with details of our Christmas Services. In particular please note the following:

15 December at 4.00pm

Christmas Messy Church

22 December at 6.00pm

Carol Service

24 December at 4.00pm

Crib and Christingle Service

24 December at 9.00pm

First Communion of Christmas

25 December at 8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

25 December at 10.00am

Family Holy Communion

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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