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## **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER (ADVENT 4)**

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| 8.00am  | Holy Communion (BCP) in Church                         |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion with hymns<br>in Church and online      |
| 6.00pm  | Service of Readings and Carols<br>In Church and Online |

## **TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

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| 4.00pm | Crib and Christingle Service |
| 9.00pm | First Communion of Christmas |



## **WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

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

## **SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS 1)**

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

### **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

*These are the readings appointed for today*

**THE FIRST READING**

**Micah 5: 2 to 5a**

The Lord says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 1: 39 to 55**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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**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,  
Sonia Pearson.

For those living in Albany Close

For Christchurch, South Nutfield

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Emily Cramp, Barbara Fowles,  
Beryl Kent, Mary Jones, Doris Richman,

Peter Leeming (Priest), Barbara Baker,  
Christopher Martin (Priest), Marion Bird.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Please note the office is now closed over the Christmas period. It will next be open again on Thursday 2 January.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

There will be a memorial service in church for Hilary Hobbs on Thursday 2 January at 11.30am followed by the Wake in the Church Hall.

## **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>

## **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 and 2 March**

On 2 February all the services will be in Church so as to accommodate the licensing service for Reverend Reg as our Associate Priest.

## **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.



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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*

## **"THE BRIDGE"**

The December/January edition of our diocesan newspaper is now downloadable at [southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge) and a few printed copies will be put at the back of the church shortly.

## **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.



### **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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