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SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS 1)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY (THE NAMING OF JESUS)

THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

11.30am Memorial Service for Hilary Hobbs



SUNDAY 5 JANUARY (THE EPIPHANY)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall

10.00am Sung Eucharist in the Hall and Online

4.00pm Family Service in the Hall

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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

Colossians 3: 12 to 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 41 to 52

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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 Alders Road

For St Mark, Reigate

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Bernard Willett, Evelyn Baker,
Doris Burns, Lorna Watson, Bill Coward,
C Carey Taylor (Priest), Bob Thomas,
Margaret Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sykes,
Hywel Spencer Ellis, Nancy Rogers,
Dorothy Monksfield, Kathleen Hieatt,
Barbara Dobbin, Alwyn Sheppard Fidler.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday 30/31 December and Wednesday 1 January. It will be open again on Thursday 2 January.

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 Reginald 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

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.

"THE BRIDGE"

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make our Christmas services so uplifting. So many people are involved but that includes our musicians and singers, servers, the Ministry Team, those who have decorated the Church, Welcomers, all who delivered the Parish Christmas Card and all those who work quietly behind the scenes as well as all who attended services. Thank you all.

Fr Martin



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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