ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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SUNDAY 19 JANUARY (EPIPHANY 2)

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

4.00pm Messy Church

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

12.45am Holy Communion (Ioma)

SATURDAY 25 JANUARY (CONVERSION OF ST PAUL)

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY (EPIPHANY 3)

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

4.00pm Taizé Prayer

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 62: 1 to 5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

THE GOSPEL READING John 2: 1 to 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 Beverley Heights

For Week of prayer for Christian Unity

RIP: Dan Bruty

For anniversaries falling at this time: Dorothy Devereux, Doris Himsworth, John Shaw, Hilda Elizabeth Barker, Frieda Willson, Leonard Paxton, Kaye Farrington, Alan Davison.

"THE BRIDGE"

The December/January edition of our diocesan newspaper is now downloadable at <u>southwark.anglican.org/thebridge</u> and a few printed copies are available at the back of the church.

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 next date will be **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.

PRAYER BOARD

We are pleased that the Prayer Board has been so well used in the past year, and every person on it has been prayed for every week. However, some of the prayer requests are several months old and we have no way of knowing whether their situation has changed. So we are starting from scratch again, and if you are someone who had written a request, we would love you to put an update, either thanking God for a great improvement or requesting further prayer.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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 of these projects will help many hundreds of people by giving them a chance of a future. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so through our website http://www.smoat.org.uk/

SMOAT QUIZ - BACK ON - 1 MARCH

We are pleased to announce that the SMOAT Quiz, featuring the legendary quiz master, Helier Dreux, is now taking place on Saturday 1 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15.00 and include a sharing cheese and charcuterie board per table. We will NOT be running a bar so please bring your own drinks of choice. Teams can be up to eight people. Tickets are available to buy on TicketSource, which can be accessed through website our http://www.smoat.org.uk/ or you can let know by email chair@SMOAT.org.uk. We will also be selling tickets in the foyer at St Mark's a little nearer the time. Please join us for what will be a fun and brain-teasing evening!

Barbara Perkins, Chairman

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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