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## **SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025 (4 BEFORE LENT)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

3.25pm T-Time Tales

## **THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

12.45am Holy Communion (Iona)

## **SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY (3 BEFORE LENT)**

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

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

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***These are the readings appointed for today***

**THE FIRST READING**

**1 Corinthians 15: 1 to 11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 5: 1 to 11**

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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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 Brokes Crescent

For Furnistore

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Emily Boniface, Reginald Coker, Richard Hampton, Allen Porter, Edith Mary Cleaver, Marjorie Harford, Violet Lyon.

### **WELCOMERS' ROTA**

We have a loyal group of volunteers who welcome people into church every Sunday at the 10am service, but we could do with some more volunteers. You sign up for the Sundays that you can manage, and you will be put on a rota, and you may only be needed once every 6 or 8 weeks.

If you are interested, please contact me.  
*Susannah Dyde*

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### **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**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent will start on **Wednesday 5 March, Ash Wednesday**. On this Holy Day of Obligation when all should endeavour to attend worship, there will be celebrations of Holy Communion with Ashing in Church at 11.00am and at 8.00pm to allow as many to attend as possible.

### **LENT COURSE**

We will be using a new course on The Sacraments by Jane Williams. This will be on **Thursdays at 11.00am** during Lent, starting on **Thursday 13 March**. All welcome.

### **LENT LUNCHESES**

If you would like to host a Lent Lunch this year, please contact the Parish Office to register your interest and possible dates you can offer. These are to raise funds for the Bishop's appeal for projects in this diocese and in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. A list of lunches will be published soon.

### **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>



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### **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The SMOAT Christmas Appeal is still open. 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 our website <http://www.smoat.org.uk/> or you can let me know by email at [chair@SMOAT.org.uk](mailto: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.*

### **CALLING ALL KNITTERS**

Christ the King are hosting another Knit-a-Thon where blankets and baby clothes are knitted for distribution to charities across Africa. The meeting will take place on Saturday 1 March from 10.00am until 1.00pm at Christ the King Church, RH1 5DF (on the corner of the A23 and Honeycrock Lane). Refreshments will be available. This get together was most successful last time so do join in and support such a worthwhile event.

### **MARGARET WINNEY RIP**

The funeral of the late Margaret Winney will take place on Tuesday 4 March at 11.30am in the Memorial Chapel at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium.

### **"THE BRIDGE"**

The February edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available on-line at <http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge> Paper copies will be at the back of the church when they arrive.

### **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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