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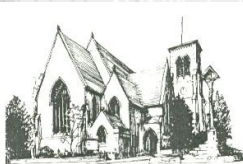
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SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025 (LENT 1)

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

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel
3.25pm T Time Tales

THURSDAY 13 MARCH

- 11.00am Lent Course in Church
12.45am Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025 (LENT 2)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Romans 10: 8b to 13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 4: 1 to 13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Michael Biggs, Yvonne Powell,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Lennox Hartman, Rosemary Absalom,
Jane-Ann Paul, Sonia Pearson,
Susan Hill-Smith.

For those living in Colley Way

For St Theresa (RC), Merstham

RIP: Roger Mintey, Christopher Willis

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Peter Ford, Miles Prance, Arthur Bird,
Barbara Carey Taylor, Michael Emery,
Chris Martin, Gill Collar, Alice Coward,
Frank Parkhouse, Andrew Cutler,
Jonathan Pinder.

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 LUNCHES

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.

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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Text message: 07775 735384

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

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The SMOAT Christmas Appeal remains 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/>

Barbara Perkins, Chairman.

PRAYER

Prayer enables us to present our petitions to God and to hear what He wants of us. If you are concerned about the state of the world, or you have particular people you want us to pray for, or you just want to hear from God, then try joining us in the Lady Chapel every Wednesday morning at 9.00am for just half an hour. It could be the one quiet half hour in your busy day. If this time does not suit you, then please continue to write your prayer requests on the Prayer Board in church.

Susannah Dyde

EASTER CARD DISTRIBUTION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of our annual Easter Service cards. We have 60 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, has the master list so please phone or email the office if you wish to volunteer to deliver a batch of cards, letting her know which street(s) you would like. Your allocation will then be confirmed. Cards are expected to be available for collection from the front of the church from Sunday 23 March. We would like them to be delivered by Tuesday 8 April so that people have the card before the first service listed. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

QUIET DAY

The Reigate Deanery is holding a Quiet Day on **Saturday 12 April from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Wychcroft Retreat House near Bletchingly**. This will be led by the Archdeacon of Croydon, Ven. Greg Pryor. The cost (including lunch) is a minimum of £25 per person. (The cost to the deanery is £43 per person so you may wish to make an additional donation.) To book your place, please contact the Parish Office BEFORE Monday 24 March and Alexia will give you the payment details. Places are already filling up fast, so early booking is advised.

THE BRIDGE

The March issue of our diocesan newspaper is now live [here](#). Paper copies will be at the back of the church when they arrive.

CHRISTOPHER WILLIS RIP

Christopher Willis was for many years St Mark's treasurer. Sadly he died last month on 12 February. His funeral will be held on Wednesday 12 March in Basildon and if you would like to know more, please ring Sylvia Weatherald (07733 803997).

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.

[here](#)

Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

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