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SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025 (LENT 4 – Mothering Sunday)

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

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

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

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025 (LENT 5 – Passion Sunday)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

I Samuel 1: 20 to 28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 6And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 19: 25 to 27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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 Croydon Road

For Reigate Methodist Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Ann (Angela) Whitwell, Phyllis Prance,
Lorna Bennell.

LENT COURSE

We are using a new course on The Sacraments by Jane Williams on **Thursdays at 11.00am** during Lent. All welcome.

LENT LUNCHESS

If you would like to attend the Lent Lunch on **Thursday 10 April** following the Iona Communion Service. This is to raise funds for the Bishop's appeal for projects in this diocese and in our link dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem.

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>

EASTER CARD DISTRIBUTION

If you have signed up to deliver the Easter Cards detailing our Easter Services, they can now be collected from the front of the church. We would like them to be delivered by Tuesday 8 April so that people have them before the first service listed. If you would like a card for yourself, please take one.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is given that a **new** Church Electoral Roll will be created. Anyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll **MUST complete a new application** even if they are on the current Electoral Roll. No names will be automatically entered onto the new Roll. A completely new Roll is drawn up every 6 years.

To be eligible to be on the Roll, you must be at least 16 years old (or reach this age in the next 12 months), be baptised, be resident in the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for the past 6 months, and identify as a member of the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England.

Please complete the online form on the church website, or if this is not possible, paper forms are available. **The last date for forms to be accepted is**

Thursday 24 April 2025. The list of names will be available in Church from Sunday 27 April until the APCM on Sunday 11 May but no additions will be allowed at this time. The Roll will reopen for new applications after the APCM on 11 May.

Only those on the Roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 11 May 2025.

*Terrence Hancock
Electoral Roll Officer*

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the AGM for the Church, will be on **Sunday 11 May** at the 10am Service. At this meeting, we will be electing:

2 Churchwardens

4 Deputy Wardens

2 Members of the PCC

Only those on the **NEW** Electoral Roll can stand, nominate others or vote in any election. Nomination Forms will be available in due course.



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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28001

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

If you still wish to donate, please note that we will be closing our Christmas Appeal on 31 March. Many thanks to those people who have already made donations.

Barbara Perkins, Chairman

EASTER GARDEN TIDY

We will be working in the church gardens on Saturday 12 April. If you can join us, even for an hour or so, it would be much appreciated. Please meet us any time from 10.00am.

Coffee or tea and cake will be supplied.

Patricia Bird, Elisabeth Davis

SMART THURSDAY 3 APRIL

"My Favourite Film or Book". Please come with a short recap of the plot and why you enjoyed it so much without giving away the ending. Was the book better than the film or vice versa? Why do you think that was? Feel free to choose just a film **or** book if you prefer. Then in June we hope to have another "Getting to know you".

An idea of numbers in an RSVP would really help Frances with her baking please.

Sarah Cousins
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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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