ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2025 (TRINITY 8)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Holy Communon with hymns in Church and Online

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 14 AUGUST

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025 (TRINITY 9)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Holy Communon with hymns in Church and Online

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Genesis 15: 1 to 6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lotd; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 12: 32 to 40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' .'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need: Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook, Lennox Hartman, Rosemary Absalom, Jane-Ann Paul, Sonia Pearson.

For those living in London Road

For Reigate Christian Bookshop

For anniversaries falling at this time: Irene Gilchrist, Noel Waddilove, Rose Cauvain, Hilary Clegg.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Rosemarie will be coming to St Mark's on Sunday 19 October for a Confirmation Service. Any adults or young people (currently in Year 6 or above in school) who wish to be confirmed or to find out more about what this means, please speak to me as soon as possible as we will be starting preparation classes soon.

Fr Martin

REIGATE HILL CLOSURE

Reigate Hill A217 is still closed southbound (towards Reigate Town Centre) between Raglan Road and Birkheads Road for the next few weeks. Surrounding roads will be more congested during this time and so it may take more time to drive to church. Traffic is still able to travel up the hill northwards.

THANK YOU HALL HELPERS

A big thank you to everyone who came on Friday 1 August to help sort out the hall, shed and kitchen. Many hands make light work and in just a few hours we managed to do everything we planned. Thanks to all.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 August.

HARVEST SUPPER

Advance notice that our Harvest Supper will be taking place on Sunday 5 October. Nearer the time we will be looking for helpers on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday to prepare food and set up/clear away. Please save the date and more details will follow. Thanks.

Mel Crighton

CHURCH CLEANING

On **Saturday 13 September between 9.00am and 1.00pm** we are having a working party to clean the Church, especially the areas that rarely get attended to. There is a list of jobs and a plan at the back of the Church. If you are able to help, please let Alexia in the Parish Office know or sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church.

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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