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SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026 (CHRISTMAS 2) "GREEN SUNDAY"

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall
10.00am	Sung Eucharist in the Hall
4.00pm	Family Service in the Hall

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY (EPIPHANY)

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

9.00am	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
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THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
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SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026 (THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall
10.00am	Sung Eucharist in the Hall

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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ARCHDEACONY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 1: 3 to 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 1: 10 to 18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.'

INTERCESSIONS

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

For Emmanuel, Sidlow Bridge

For those living in St David's Close

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Frank Sykes, Bill Coward,
Alwyn Sheppard Fidler, Nancy Rogers,
Carole Wilson, Charles Reed,
Joy Stammers, Margaret Dixon,
Clarice Cripps.

GREEN SUNDAYS

On the **1st Sundays of the month from December to March inclusive** all services will be in the Hall as we attempt to use less energy. Dates are:
Sunday 1 February 2026
Sunday 1 March 2026

"THE BRIDGE"

Print copies of the December/January edition of our diocesan newspaper are available at the back of the church.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We launched our Christmas Appeal, last Sunday 23 November. This year we are supporting one project in Tanzania with our partner Action in Africa. We are hoping to raise at least £6,300 to buy seven motorbikes to enable medical teams to get to far flung patients in the community of Nyaishozi, where the terrain makes it almost impossible to reach people. Watch the Appeal video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1eximWEEQs>. Any donations would be very gratefully received.

BINGO – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are holding a Bingo afternoon on Sunday 25 January 2026! To avoid disappointment, pop the date in your diary now. More details will follow but, rest assured, there will be lots of homemade cakes for everyone and a tombola for the children.

Barbara Perkins

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Malcolm Toye who will reach his 90th birthday on Tuesday.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

St Mark's is hosting Winter Night Shelter each Friday night until 23 January. If you have attended a volunteer training session since the Shelter resumed in 2023, please sign up for shifts on Dutyman. There will be a further training session at 3.00pm on Sunday 11 January at Shrewsbury Chapel, Shrewsbury Road, Redhill RH1 6BH.

Nigel Perkins

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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