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SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026 (LENT 1)

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

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

9.00am	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
3.25pm	T-TimeTales

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
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SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026 (LENT 2 / ST DAVID) *Green Sunday*

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

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.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Romans 5 : 12 to 19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4: 1 to 11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 those living in The Tudors

For St Matthew Redhill

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Graham Berry, Brian Rowbotham,
Oliver Newing, George Carter,

Patricia Parr Richards, Duncan Ritchie,
John Norman, Elizabeth (Pip) Turnbull,
Hazel Edwards, Isabel Hammond.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

For some considerable time Fr Martin has assumed responsibility for Health and Safety matters. Benjamin Read has now agreed to take over this role.

SMOATathon

A date for your diary – on 22 March 2026 we will be holding our SMOATathon, an afternoon of music, open to everyone (of all ages) to come and listen, or regale us with your music! If you play an instrument or love to sing, then please drop me an email chair@smoat.org.uk and we will find you a slot, whether it is two minutes, five minutes or twenty minutes! It will start at around 11.30am and finish sometime between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. If you are simply coming to listen, you can come and go as you please and there will be drinks and homemade cake available all afternoon. We will be supporting a Child Health Programme in Cambodia.

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

On Friday 20 March and Saturday 21 March between 9.00am and 1.00pm we are having a working party to clean the church, especially those areas which 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.

DEANERY QUIET DAY

Saturday 28 March 2026

You are invited to step aside at the Reigate Deanery Quiet Day, A Snowfall in the Soul: Poetry and the adventure of the Soul led by Very Reverend Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark Cathedral, on Saturday 28 March from 9.30am until 3.00pm at The Orchard, St Margaret's Church, Chipstead, CR5 3RD £15.00 including lunch. To book: Email reigate@reigate-deanery.org

DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

As part of our church mission we choose every year to donate our collections from the Remembrance Service and over the Christmas period. I am delighted to let you know that over £2,000 has now been donated to our chosen charities from those services in 2025. Combat Stress received £378.50 from the Remembrance Day Service collections, The Children's Society received £919.40 from the Christingle service and Sparkfish and Renewed Hope each received £362.55 from the collections at the Carol Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously.

*Mel Crighton
Treasurer*

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 8 March. We would like them to be delivered by Tuesday 24 March so that people have the card before the first service listed. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

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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