

# **ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE**

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## **SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026 (LENT 3)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH**

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

## **THURSDAY 12 MARCH**

12.45pm      Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026 (LENT 4 Mothering Sunday)**

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 most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 5 : 1 to 11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **John 4: 5 to 42**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever

done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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### **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 Tree Way

For Reigate Methodist Church

RIP: Harry Ingram

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Eileen Day, John Rattue, Hilda Hacking,  
Peter Ford, Miles Prance, Gill Collar,  
Barbara Carey Taylor, Michael Emery,  
Chris Martin, Frank Parkhouse,  
Arthur Bird.

### **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 [reigatedeanery@gmail.com](mailto:reigatedeanery@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?**

As a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research, I have committed to knitting every day in March. (Not very difficult for me!) If you would like to sponsor me, please do speak to me or telephone 01737 221955.

Alternatively, if you have access to Facebook, you could donate directly through my fundraising page. Please consider contributing to this valuable research.

Cherith Baldry

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## **THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

In order to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Churchwardens, Deputy Wardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and Parochial Church Council Members you must have your name on the Church Electoral Roll. If you wish to consider standing for any of these positions you must have your name on the Electoral Roll.

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 wherever possible complete the online form which can be found on the church website, and click on Contact Us. Click on Electoral Roll. Or use the following link:**

[Electoral Roll - St Mark's Reigate \(https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/contact-us/electoral-roll/\)](https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/contact-us/electoral-roll/)

If this is not possible, paper forms are available. **The last date for forms to be accepted is Thursday 23 April 2026.** The up-dating of the roll will take place during the period Friday 24 April until Sunday 26 April The new list of names will be available for checking in Church from Sunday 26 April until the APCM on Sunday 10 May but no additions will be allowed during this time. The Roll will reopen for new applications after the APCM on 10 May.

**Only those on the Roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 10 May 2026.**

**If your name is already on the roll you do not need to do anything.**

*Terrence Hancock  
Electoral Roll Officer*

Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock 📞 01737 761178 or email [terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com](mailto:terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com) at the latest by 8.00am on a Thursday.