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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

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

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

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026 (LENT 5)

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

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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ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 2 : 1 to 10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

THE GOSPELREADING

Luke 2 : 33 to 35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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 Underhill Park Road

For St Philip Reigate

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Andrew Cutler, Alice Coward,
Jonathan Pinder, Eileen Scanlan,
Leonard Edwards, Anneke Cooke,
Royston Hanby, Redvers Garton,
Clifford Stagg, Jay Rattenbury,
Godfrey Wallace-Williams.

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.



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SMOATathon

Our SMOATathon will be taking place next Sunday, 22 March. It will be a lovely afternoon of music of all varieties, from Scott Joplin to South Pacific, from organ to flute! Our SMOATathon will be taking place next Sunday, 22 March. It will be a lovely afternoon of music of all varieties, from Scott Joplin to South Pacific, from organ to flute!

We are supporting an IMPACT Foundation Child Health Programme in Cambodia, specifically two schools on the Tonlé Sap, the largest freshwater lake in South East

Asia, by establishing vegetable gardens, providing school health monitoring for around 100 children, and delivering health checks for children in the vicinity of the schools. Malnutrition remains a critical life-threatening issue in remote parts of Cambodia and the money we raise will make a real difference.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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 24 March so that people have them before the first service listed. If you would like a card for yourself, please take one.

EASTER GARDEN TIDY

We will be working in the church gardens on Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 March. If you can join us, even for an hour or so, it would be very helpful. Meet us from 10am - coffee/tea and cake provided. Many thanks.

Patricia Bird and Elisabeth Davis

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

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer is an extremely important part of the ministry of St Mark's and the spiritual development of individuals. A Group meet to pray in the lady chapel every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 9:30 am and anybody is welcome to join. If you can only manage it occasionally, that is alright. We pray for the church and it's ministry in the area, for each other's needs, and particularly for the prayer requests that have been put up on the noticeboard at the east entrance of the church. Many unknown people come in and write prayer requests, and some of them come back to update their prayer request and to write a thank you for praying for them, so we know that it is valued by the local community. Please feel free to come and join us.

HOME GROUP

A group of people of all ages from St Mark's meet fortnightly on Thursday evenings in someone's house to study the Bible together. There is much lively discussion and friendly chat before and after with a cup of coffee and, of course, biscuits. Anyone is welcome to join. Why not give it a try?

Please contact me for more information.

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THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – ARE YOU ON IT?

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*

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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Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or email terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com at the latest by 8.00am on a Thursday.