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SUNDAY 26 APRIL (ST MARK THE EVANGELIST)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
6.00pm Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

FRIDAY 1 MAY (ST PHILIP and ST JAMES)

SUNDAY 3 MAY (EASTER 5)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
4.00pm Family Service in Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; 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 SOUTHWAR



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Acts 15: 35 to 41

Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord. After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 13: 5 to 13

Jesus began to say to the disciples, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.'

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 Wray Lane

For Nightstop

RIP: Paul Markham

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Mabel Tyler, Kathleen Lawson,
Leonard Kitteringham, Muriel Cramp,
Jock Archer, Kathleen Thurlby,
Michelle Ewings, Florence Shirley,
Arthur Parkes, Michael Biggs.

ALZHEIMER'S KNITTING

CHALLENGE

The challenge to knit every day in March is now over and the money should have been collected. The total raised was about £175,000, though late donations might increase this amount.

In spite of my problem, I managed to complete the challenge by knitting every day. I added a bit myself, to make my final total £795, most of which came from St Mark's congregation. Thank you all so much for your amazing generosity.

Thanks and best wishes.

Cherith

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Notice is given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Sunday 26 April 2026 and ending on Saturday 2 May 2026. If your name is not on the Electoral Roll and you are at least 16 years old, resident in the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for six months and would like to become a full voting member of our church, please apply online via the church website at:

[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 from the box at the back of the church. Please give completed forms to me, to the duty Warden or to the Parish Office **no later than Thursday 23 April 2026**. The Roll will be back in church on Sunday 3 May 2026 for checking and presentation at the APCM on Sunday 10 May. Only those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

**IF YOUR NAME IS ALREADY
ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL
YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO
ANYTHING**

*Terrence Hancock
Electoral Roll Officer*

BEING THE BOUNDS

Sunday 10 May is Rogation Sunday which is traditionally the time when we walk the bounds of the parish in the afternoon starting from St Mark's at 2.00pm. All are welcome, but it does involve walking to the top of Reigate Hill so you need to be able to manage this. The boundary passes through the car park at the top of Wray Lane where ice creams and hot drinks are available. We usually take about 2½ hours. Dogs are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

This is an advance notice that the Annual Vestry Meeting (for the election of churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will both be on Sunday 10 May at the end of the 10.00am service.

ELECTIONS: The following will be required:

Churchwardens: two to be elected to serve for one year.

Deputy Wardens: up to four to be elected to serve for one year.

Deanery Synod representatives: four are to be elected each to serve for three years. Sarah Walker, Suzanne Baker-Hedge and Helen Baron are the current representatives, each of whom are eligible to stand for election.

Elected PCC members: Adam Baldry and Terrence Hancock each retire by rotation. Terrence Hancock is not eligible for re-election. Two people each to serve for three years are therefore required. In addition Patricia Bird is retiring after one year's service leaving a vacancy for a two year period. The remaining elected members of the PCC are Melanie Crighton, Theresa Hill-Smith and Obehighe King.

Please give prayerful thought in considering people to fill these vacancies. **Do not just assume someone will stand – action is required from everyone to either stand or nominate others.** Nomination forms are now at the back of the church adjacent to the north west door.

ANNUAL GIVING

Our Annual Giving campaign opens today Sunday, 26 April, our Patronal Festival, and will be open until Sunday 24 May, the Feast of Pentecost. In previous years, we have raised about £20,000 in this period of giving, and we hope to achieve this again. The PCC has committed to various projects over the next couple of years including replacement of all the windows and external doors in the Foyer and the refurbishment of the organ. We already have some money and grants allocated, but not the full amount. We also have our 5-yearly inspection of the church this year and we expect that this will identify costly repairs over the next 5 years. Thus it is important that we have sufficient funds to keep our buildings in good order and also to improve them where possible. More details will be available next week, but please do consider giving to this carefully and prayerfully.

Donations can be made at any service by card or cash (dedicated card machine for annual giving), by making a donation during the week in the Parish Office during normal opening hours, or via our website.

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.

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.