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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

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 7 MAY

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

SUNDAY 10 MAY (EASTER 6 ROGATION)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
followed by the Annual Parochial
Church Meetings
2.00pm Beating the Bounds

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Acts 7: 55 to 60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1 to 14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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 Park Road

For St Joseph (RC) Redhill

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Marjorie West, Hugh Thompson, Anne Garton, Barbara Boag,
Doris James, William Lott, Sydney George Baker, Jack Cripps,
Charles Hughes.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Following the revision of the Roll an updated copy is now on the table at the west end of the church. No additional names can be added until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting next Sunday.

*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 Obehiaghe 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 tower door.

ANNUAL GIVING

Our Annual Giving campaign opened on 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 are available on the attached leaflet, 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.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will NOT be open on Thursday 7 May.

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.

Mel Crighton Treasurer,

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