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SUNDAY 16 AUGUST (TRINITY 11)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

9.00am Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST (TRINITY 12)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Isaiah 50: 1 and 6 to 8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15: 21 to 28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. '

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 Colley Lane

For Mothers' Union in the Deanery

RIP: Claire Monk

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Hilary Clegg, Edith Fitzgerald Hill,
Zoe Sheldon, George Sandell,
Angela Alabaster, Donald Bracey,
Geoffrey Musgrove, Elizabeth Hever,
David Waterlow, David Wager.

FOODBANK

Saint Matthew's Foodbank is still desperately short of donations. More and more people are turning to the Foodbanks for the first time, and yet the amount of donations has fallen.

If you are able to give anything at all, please leave your donation at the Vicarage or at the back of the Church. Please remember that no fresh food can be accepted and all tins and packets must be in date. More information can be found at:

<https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list>

THE WORD FOR TODAY

FREE copies of 'The Word for Today' for the next three months are at the back of church. These contain a short meditation based on a single Bible verse for each day, and can be incredibly helpful.

LENDING LIBRARY

Feel free to borrow any book you like from the lending library in the Bell Tower, and return it when you have finished. If you want to add any of your own books to the lending library, please do so.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FLOWER POLICY 2026

A motion has been passed by the General Synod, encouraging churches to be more environmentally responsible with regard to floral displays. In response to this, we at St. Marks will be trying to minimise environmental damage and are re-thinking our methods of decorating the church. We are hoping to collect some useful items - non-breakable, watertight containers and pin holders or other 'supports' to use in containers.

Please search your nooks and crannies and if you are able to donate any items, please speak either to Valerie Jones at vjinghamum@hotmail.com or to Caryl Baughen at caryl@baughen.co.uk.

Additionally if anyone would like to be involved with the church flowers, we would love to hear from you.

SPARKFISH

This charity which we support has organised a concert with Adrian and Emma-Jean Galliard on 27th August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church. More information and how to get tickets at: <https://sparkfish.org.uk>

REVEREND REG

Reg is taking on an incredible challenge to mark his 50th birthday – flying down the highest zipline in the UK, reaching speeds of up to 100 miles per hour! This thrilling adventure is about raising money for two charities that are making a real difference in people's lives:

Renewed Hope (who run the Winter Night Shelter and help homeless people throughout the year);

SMOAT (supporting community-level development projects in some of the world's poorest countries. Every donation will help these charities continue their life-changing work.

Donate via this JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/reginaldgrant-ziplineforagoodcause>

Thank you for helping.



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SMOAT QUIZ – Save the Date!

We will be holding another Helier Dreux Quiz on Saturday 10 October 2026. For those who have not attended before, Helier's quizzes are quite different from your normal pub quizzes and are a lot of fun. Tables will be up to eight people, so come along with friends or join a table on the night. You won't be disappointed! Ticket prices will include cheese and charcuterie boards and you can bring your own drinks. Details are still being finalised but tickets will be going on sale shortly so watch this space!

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

CAFÉ CHURCH

On **Sunday 6 September** we will be launching Café Church at 4.00pm. This is a relaxed service for all ages in the Hall with coffee/tea/etc and cake! Please come along or even volunteer to help!

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,

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