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SUNDAY 23 AUGUST (TRINITY 12)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

MONDAY 24 AUGUST ST BARTHOLOMEW

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

9.00am Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST (TRINITY 13)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 51: 1 to 6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 13 to 20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. '

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough,
George Hook, Lennox Hartman,
Rosemary Absalom, Jane-Ann Paul,
Sonia Pearson,
Christopher and Sylvia Loring.

For those living in Colley Way

For Those who give their lives for
Christian ministry

RIP: Claire Monk

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Janet Burns, Freda Saville, Cecil Saville,
Suzanne Pullen, Eric Hieatt, Enid
Mansfield.

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.

FOODBANK

St Matthew's Food bank 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>

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 vjingamum@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/crowdfundimg/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.

HARVEST SUPPER

Our annual Harvest Supper will be held on Sunday 4 October at 5.00pm.

Tickets will be on sale soon but please put the date in your diaries. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with cooking, setting up, serving and clearing away, and more details will follow on that too.

Mel Crighton

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, Christian books only, please do so.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed from Monday 24 August, re-opening on Wednesday 2 September.

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