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SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)

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

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER (ST MATTHEW)

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

9.00am Prayer Meeting
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 17)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Philippians 1: 21 to 30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20: 1 to 16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough,
Lennox Hartman, Rosemary Absalom,
Jane-Ann Paul, Sonia Pearson,
Christopher and Sylvia Loring.

For those living in Doods Place

For St Mary the Virgin, Buckland

RIP: Geoffrey Hobbs, Margaret Markham

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Phyllis Detterling, Harry Troughton,
Eve Gascoigne-Pees, Joyce Ray,
Norman Himsworth, May Dennis,
Alexander Yorkstone,
Margaret Hampton.

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/s hopping-list>

HARVEST – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 4 October. We will again be collecting food items for our local foodbank as there is still a great need within the community.

The window shelves in the church will be put up on Thursday 1 October and we hope that you will all be able to bring some items to arrange on the shelves before the Sunday services.

All foodbanks work in similar ways, using a standard shopping list. You can find the requirements on the St Matthew's Redhill website. It will itemise the foods which are a priority at the moment or in short supply and it is well worth looking at this before you buy. Vegetarian meals and soups are often needed and instant mashed potato is also a good option. The foodbank does not want any perishable goods, out of date foods, alcohol or medicines. Food poverty is something that we can all help to eliminate, so please be generous with your donations for this harvest celebration. Thank you.

Valerie Jones and Caryl Bayghen.

HARVEST SUPPER

Please join us for our Harvest supper on **Sunday 4 October at 5.00pm** following the 4.00pm service. This is always a great opportunity for our whole church community to come together to enjoy a meal of cottage pie and dessert with drinks. The price for adults is £8.00 and children £5.00 with a family ticket £22.00 (max. 2 adults and 3 children). Places must be booked and paid for in advance and please remember to let us know of any dietary requirements. Payment can be made by card machine (at any service or in the office) or by cash or cheque.

We are also looking for helpers to prepare food beforehand and to help to set up, serve and clear away. Please use the sign-up sheets at the back of church or contact Alexia in the church office. The deadline for signing-up is **Tuesday, 29 September**. Many thanks.

Mel Crighton



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HELIER DREUX QUIZ

SMOAT is delighted to welcome back Helier Dreux for one of his fantastic quizzes on Saturday 10 October. Doors will open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets will be £15.00 per person and will include a charcuterie and cheese board. There will also be a raffle. There is no bar so please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available at:

https://www.ticketsource.com/whats-on?date=next_month&q=St+Mark%27s+overseas+aid+trust

or you can contact me at
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We look forward to seeing you there!

Barbara Perkins
Chairman

FAIRTRADE

Reigate has been given reaccreditation as a Fairtrade Community. This will be celebrated, as part of Fairtrade Fortnight, on **Saturday 26 September** from 10.00am until 12noon, at Reigate Methodist Community Café, 53 High Street, Reigate.

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.

REIGATE DEANERY OPEN EVENT

All are invited to join Deanery members for a special **Reigate Deanery Charities & Community Marketplace**.

We are hoping to bring together around **25 local charities and organisations** from across our Deanery and surrounding communities. It will be an opportunity to meet the people behind these organisations, find out more about the work they are doing, and discover how our churches and church communities might be able to support them.

We hope it will be an inspiring and enjoyable evening celebrating the incredible work taking place within our local communities.

Thursday 15 October 2026

7.30pm–9.00pm

**St Mary's Church Centre,
Chart Lane, Reigate, RH2 7RN**

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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