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SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 17)

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

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER (ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS)

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

9.00am	Prayer Meeting
3.25pm	T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

12.45pm	Holy Communion (<i>IONA</i>) in Church
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SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER (HARVEST THANKSGIVING)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist in Church and online
4.00pm	All-age Service for Harvest
5.00pm	Harvest Supper

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 2: 1 to 13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21: 23 to 32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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 Road

For The Contact Centre

RIP: Geoffrey Hobbs, Margaret Markham

For anniversaries falling at this time:
John Stone, Tom Mintey, Iris Sheppard,
Gwen Hanby, Lorna Whitmarsh Knight,
Michael Bridge, Violet Davis,
Margaret Bayes, Raymond Barnes.

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

We will be serving our harvest supper at 5pm in the hall following the All age service at 4pm - a meal of cottage pie and dessert with drinks, vegetarian and other dietary requirements catered for. **Please sign up by Tuesday 29th September** to ensure we can cater for all - either on the sheet at the back of church or by email to Alexia in the office. A lovely occasion for the whole church family to get together. Adults £8, Children £5 and families £22 (max 2 adults 3 children)

Please make payment in advance by either using the SumUp machine (in the office or at services), by cash or cheque or by bank transfer: Name of Account - SAINT MARK, REIGATE (please select 'paying a business') Sort Code 40 18 22 Account Number 72393263

Helpers on Friday and Sunday

We are also looking for more volunteers to help prepare food on Friday 2nd October between 9am and 3pm in the church kitchen - lots of chopping, peeling, stirring and mashing. Coffee and tea provided! On the Sunday we set up the hall from 2.30pm, cook and serve between 3pm and 6pm and finish clearing away and washing up by around 7pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church for any of those times or email Alexia in the office.

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.



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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
chair@SMOAT.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

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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