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SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER (TRINITY 19)

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

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

12noon Funeral Service for Margaret Markham
followed by refreshments in the hall

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

9.00am Prayer Meeting
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER (ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Philippians 4: 1 to 9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22: 1 to 14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 Fairford Close

For Christ the King, Salfords

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Alan Thiele, Vivian Hankin,
Donald Bennell, Valerie Marsh,
Nancy Stone, Jennifer Archer,
Mollie Willitt, Honor Packington,
Briony Merriman, George Crook,
Robert Rennison.

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>

REIGATE DEANERY OPEN EVENT

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

We are hoping to bring together around **20 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**

CONCERT - SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

The St Mark's Singers and others will be putting on a concert in aid of the church organ restoration fund on **Sunday 22 November at 6.30pm**. Tickets will be on sale next week but please save the date in your diaries.

AIMING FOR NET ZERO

Here at St Mark's we are committed to aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and we have made good progress so far:

- Installing solar panels and batteries to reduce electricity drawn from the grid
- Converting all lighting to LED in both the hall and church
- Holding services in the hall on "Green Sundays" to reduce gas consumption
- Installing thermostats which are remotely operated to monitor heating more closely
- Using the hall rather than the church whenever possible
- Installing hand dryers in the toilets to reduce paper waste (in progress)

The next step is to replace the wooden single glazed foyer doors and windows with aluminium double-glazed units. As we are in a conservation area we have had to obtain planning permission so plans were drawn up, quotes obtained and a planning application submitted. This was approved recently and we are hoping to get the doors fitted in the next few months. The total cost will be in the region of £25,000. We have though been able to obtain a grant of £10,000 from the Net Zero Carbon Quick Wins Grant fund and have applied for another smaller grant. We have also received some donations and legacies this year which we will be able to put towards this project and the balance is to be paid out of reserves.

FUNERALS

The service for **Margaret Markham** will be in **St Mark's on Tuesday 13 October at 12 noon** followed by refreshment in the Hall.

The service for **Geoff Hobbs** will be at **Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Monday 19th October at 1.15pm** followed by refreshments in the Hall.

All are welcome at both these services.

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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