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SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line
4.00pm Messy Church

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER (ST MATTHEW)

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 17)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line

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.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

The readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11: 18 to 20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 30 to 37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Alec Parish,
Yvonne Powell, Jackie Whymms,
Ruston Biggs, Margaret Steward,
Shirley Silcock, Anne Cotterell

RIP: David Barrell, Trudy Ormond

For those living in The Tudors

For The Heath Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Alexander Yorkstone, Joyce Ray,
Margaret Hampton, John Stone,
Tom Mintey, Iris Sheppard,
Gwen Hanby, Lorna Whitmarsh Knight,

Michael Bridge, Violet Davis,
Margaret Bayes.

FOOD BANK

There is still a huge demand on the Food Bank at St Matthew's Church in Redhill. Any donations you can make are very gratefully received. They can be left on the Vicarage doorstep at St Mark's, and these will be taken to the Food Bank. Thank you for your generous support of those in need in our community.

"THE BRIDGE"

The September edition of our diocesan paper is now available at:

southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

SMART

Members tell me they have greatly missed meeting during the past year and a half, but in order for the retired social group Smart to **re-open in November** we need a minimum of two drivers and a chair and table mover who could commit to help, set up and clear away on the first Thursday of the month. We meet from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

If you are retired and would like to join this friendly group for monthly meetings on all sorts of topics, and the occasional garden party or if you would like to offer regular help, **please** get in touch. It would be such a shame for this group to fold from lack of helpers.

*Sarah Cousins tel: 01737 789943
or see Frances Wood at church*

CONFIRMATION

There will be a Confirmation Service in St Mark's on **Sunday 7 November 2021** when we will be welcoming Bishop Jonathan to the parish for the last time. Any adults or young people (over the age of 11) interested in being Confirmed, please speak to me **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that classes can begin. Please also contact me if you have any questions.

Fr Martin

REIGATE DEANERY

Bishop Jonathan is pleased to announce that he has appointed the Reverend Martin Colton as Assistant Area Dean of Reigate with immediate effect. As the Reverend Anita Colpus will be leaving the diocese in November to take up an appointment in the Diocese of Chichester, Fr Martin will also be Acting Area Dean of Reigate from November 2021. These roles are in addition to his ministry as Vicar of St Mark's Reigate and Surrogate for Marriages for the Reigate Archdeaconry.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating Harvest at all services on **Sunday 3 October**. Any gifts of tinned or long-life food brought for Harvest will be donated to St Matthew's Foodbank. The demand for the Foodbank is still extremely high, yet we have seen a dramatic drop in donations. Please give whatever you can for this worthy cause to the 8am, 10am and 4pm services on that day.

MESSY CHURCH

Today, Sunday 19 September, at 4pm we see the return of Messy Church. We have put in protocols to ensure that the service, activities and meal will be safe.

BISHOP JONATHAN

Bishop Jonathan has announced that he will be leaving the diocese in March 2022 after 10 years as Bishop of Croydon. Please pray for him and his wife Alison as they plan for their future and prepare to move to Orkney in due course.

AREA LAY CONFERENCE **SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2021**

A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. This is a free online Zoom event taking place on **Saturday 6 November** from **10am to 3.30pm** (pre-registration is required).

The keynote speaker is Andrew Graystone, and his subject will be *Upside Down: A different way of looking at your church's mission*. There will be a variety of 16 workshops for you to choose from, all concerned with how lay people can take the love and joy they find inside the church out beyond its walls. Bishop Jonathan Clark will close the conference by discussing "My vision for an inside out church".

Inside Out: The Croydon Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 November 2021
10.00am – 3.30pm
Zoom



A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. The keynote speaker is broadcaster and writer Andrew Graystone, author of the bestselling *Faith, Hope and Mischief*.

With worship and workshops including serving refugees, the environment, teenagers, grandparenting, the digital world, Black Lives Matter, art and generous living.

For more information and to register for this free online event, visit croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk. Bookings close on 25 October.



SPARKFISH

Prayer & Worship Evenings

Join us to worship God and pray for our local children and young people

21 October 21 – St Mary's Church, Reigate

24 February 22 – venue tbc.

26 May 22 – venue tbc.

6.45pm–8pm

Please send any items for the News Sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or by email to t.f.hancock@btinternet.com at the latest by **8.00am** on Thursday