

# ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

**Vicar: Reverend Martin Colton**

☎ 01737 241161

Email: [vicar@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarksreigate.co.uk)

**Assistant Curate: Reverend Reginald Grant**

☎ 07385 832372

Email: [curatestmarks@gmail.com](mailto:curatestmarks@gmail.com)

[www.stmarksreigate.co.uk](http://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk)

Reg. Charity No. 1134121



## **SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER (2 BEFORE ADVENT)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel
- 3.25pm T-Time Tales

## **THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER (CHRIST THE KING)**

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

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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**

***These are the readings appointed for today***

**THE FIRST READING**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1 to 11**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 25: 14 to 30**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

---

## **INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for those in particular need:  
Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell, Jenny Toye,  
Jacqueline McCallough, Tere Munden,  
Margaret Steward, Lennox Hartman,  
Euan Cooper, Susan Collyer.

For those living in Fox Lane

For The Contact Centre

For anniversaries falling at this time:  
John Brunning, John Hull, Bill Druett  
(Priest), Fred Floy, Elsie Wood,  
Ernest Packington.

## **SCIENCE PRAISE PARTY**

Doug Horley, also known as "Duggie Dug Dug", will be leading a Science Praise Party on **Saturday 25 November at 2.30pm** in St Mark's for children aged up to 11 years old. Tickets (£5.00 per child) can be booked via the church website.

## **ST MARK'S HOME GROUP**

We meet on a Thursday evening every two or three weeks. Newcomers are always welcome. Dates are: 23 November, 14 December. If you are interested, please contact Susannah Dyde ☎ 0777 5735384 or by email at:

[susannahshuck@hotmail.com](mailto:susannahshuck@hotmail.com).

## **DAYTIME HOME GROUP**

The present St Mark's home group meets in the evening but there are some members of the congregation who would like to be in such a group but meeting in the daytime – perhaps on a weekday morning every three weeks or so. If you might be interested in joining such a group in the New Year for a short bible study, discussion and friendly cuppa, please let either David Simmons (246889 [simmons.d.r@outlook.com](mailto:simmons.d.r@outlook.com)) or Sylvia/Keith Weatherald (248352 [sylviaweatherald@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviaweatherald@hotmail.com)) know and we will discuss how this can best suit us all

## **CONFIRMATION**

We have a Confirmation Service at St Mark's on Sunday 3 December at 4.00pm.

## **PRAYER MEETING**

Every Wednesday morning from 9.00 am until 9.30 am there is a prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel. All welcome.

## **GREEN SUNDAYS**

On the **1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month from November to March inclusive** all services will be in the Hall as we attempt to use less energy.

## **WINTER NIGHT SHELTER TRAINING**

The Winter Night Shelter will be operating from mid-December to provide somewhere for homeless people to sleep and enjoy a hot evening meal, breakfast and company. St Mark's is hosting the Shelter on six Friday nights from 15 December until 19 January. We need lots of people to chat to guests and prepare food, so please volunteer if you can help with this important outreach project. You can volunteer at other venues if Fridays don't suit you. You must attend training, even if you have helped previously. The remaining training sessions are at Shrewsbury Chapel on 22 November and online on 28 November. See <https://www.renewedhope.org.uk/homepage/what-we-do/winter-night-shelter> for more details. Volunteer at <https://www.renewedhope.org.uk/volunteer-registration>. If you already receive emails from Renewed Hope but have forgotten how to log into the Dutyman roster system, contact them for a new link.

## **CHURCH GARDENS**

Thank you to Malcolm Toye, Valerie and Philip Jones who joined us to help tidy the gardens for Remembrance Sunday. So much more can be achieved with willing helpers.

*Patricia Bird & Elisabeth Davis*



## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

We will be launching our Christmas Appeal on Sunday 26 November at the 8.00am and 10.00am services. This year we are supporting two projects: A Project Uganda project, supporting rainwater harvesting in a rural school in the Rukungiri District, Uganda; and an Our Moon Project, giving funding towards a solar power system for a learning forum in rural Zambia. Both projects, although quite different, will support the education of children who, without the help of people like you and me, would not be able to get an education which can lift them and their families out of poverty. We would love to see you at our Appeal Launch to hear more about these wonderful projects. At the 10.00am service, Helen Leale-Green, the founder and CEO of Our Moon will be speaking to us about their project.

*Barbara Perkins  
Chairman*

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We are looking for volunteers to kindly help with the delivery of our annual Christmas Service cards. We have 59 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, has the list of streets, so you can either phone or email the office if you wish to volunteer to deliver a batch of cards and which

street(s) you would like. She will confirm with you your allocation.

Cards can be collected from the front of the church from Sunday 26 November 2023. We ask that the cards are delivered by Sunday 10 December so that people have the card before the first service listed.

Your help with this will be much appreciated.

## **NEW PARISH DIRECTORY**

New consent forms have already been emailed to those who are on the church database. Please remember to complete the details if you wish to be included in the new directory to be published in January 2024. If you would like your personal details to be included in the new edition of the Directory, please complete the form and return it to the Parish Office no later than Thursday 30 November 2023. In keeping with the UK law, please note the form still needs to be completed even if your details are already included in our current Parish Directory. If you haven't received a form please take one from the back of the church or contact the Parish Office –

☎ 01737 210785 or

✉ [office@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarksreigate.co.uk)

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Please note that the office will be closed on Wednesday 22 November.

## **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,  
[treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk)*

Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or email [terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com](mailto:terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com) at the latest by 8.00am on a Thursday