

# ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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## **SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER (ADVENT 2)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel

## **THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER (ADVENT 3)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
- 6.00pm Service of Carols and Lessons

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory now and for ever.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

*These are the readings appointed for today*

**THE FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 40: 1 to 11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 1: 1 to 8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

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**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,  
David Bretherton

For those living in Gatton Road

For St Peter & St Paul, Nutfield

For anniversaries falling at this time:  
Tom Harley, Betty Longley,  
Joyce Molyneux, Beryl Forster,  
Lorna Stratford, Jack Budgen,  
Alice (Robbie) Robbens,  
Frances Kitteringham.

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

We meet on a Thursday evening every two or three weeks. Newcomers are always welcome. The next meeting is on 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 er David Simmons [simmons.d.r@outlook.com](mailto:simmons.d.r@outlook.com) (01737 246889 or Sylvia/Keith Weatherald [sylviaweatherald@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviaweatherald@hotmail.com) (01737 248352) know and we will discuss how this can best suit us all.

## **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. Dates are:

Sunday 7 January 2024

Sunday 5 February 2024

Sunday 4 March 2024

## **PERSONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS**

As in previous years boxes are on the table in the tower lobby for personal cards for members of the congregation.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

10 Dec	4.00pm	Messy Church
17 Dec	6.00pm	Carol Service
24 Dec	4.00pm	Crib and Christingle
	9.00pm	First Communion of Christmas
25 Dec	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion



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## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

For our Christmas Appeal this year we are supporting two schemes. A Project Uganda project, to provide 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.

*Barbara Perkins  
Chairman*

## **CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS**

At the Carol Service and the 9.00pm Service on Christmas Eve as well as all online donations from Sunday 17 December to Sunday 24 December, the collections will be shared between Renewed Hope and Reigate Samaritans.

At the Crib and Christingle Service at 4,00pm on Christmas Eve, the collection will be for The Children's Society.

Gifts for the Women's Refuge can be donated at Messy Church today or at the Crib and Christingle Service.

## **FOODBANK**

St Matthew's Foodbank are desperately short of donations at the moment. Donations can be left at the Vicarage. 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>

### **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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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