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SUNDAY 3 MARCH (LENT 3)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall
10.00am Sung Eucharist in the Hall and online
4.00pm Family Service in the Hall

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 7 MARCH

- 11.00am Lent Course
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 10 MARCH (LENT 4 – MOTHERING SUNDAY)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

1 Corinthians 1: 18 to 25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 2: 13 to 22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell, Jenny Toye,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Lennox Hartman, Susan Collyer,
David Bretherton, Rosemary Absalom.

For those living in Manor Road

For All Saints, South Merstham

RIP: Brian Rowbotham, Margaret Steward

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Kathleen Lutwyche, Winifred Betty Earl,
Hilda Edwards, Harold Wincott,
Kingsley Liell, Lorene Gonzales,
Eileen Day, John Rattue, Hilda Hacking,
Peter Ford, Miles Prance.

LENT

The Lent Course is *The Gift of Christ: Responding and Living Fruitfully* and will take place on Thursday mornings at 11.00am beginning on Thursday 22 February.

Lent lunches will be on Tuesday 12 March hosted by Liz Woodhouse and Thursday 21 March in Church following the Iona Communion Service.

ST MARK'S HOME GROUP

The dates for the Home Group are: 7 and 21 March all in the evening. If you are interested, please contact Susannah Dyde 07775 735384 or Nigel Perkins 07710 110584.

PRAYER BOARD

We have reinstated the Prayer Board at the north-east door of the church for people to write their prayer requests. Just fill in the details on a slip of paper, write the date, and pin it to the board. The request can be named or anonymous and it can be for anyone. It will be prayed for by a dedicated team of people. We believe that God answers prayers.

Susannah Dyde

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

We are very keen to attract some new volunteers to help with the altar flowers. The entire year is managed by a faithful but very small group of willing people. With enough help, each person would only look after the flowers for a two week period of the year. It is an easy job and I'm sure that everyone appreciates the fresh flowers and foliage in the church. Please speak to either Caryl Baughen or Valerie Jones (or email Valerie at vjingamum@hotmail.com). We would love to hear from you and are happy to talk you through the job.



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28091

2023 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year's Appeal is 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 will be closing the Appeal on 31 March. If you would like to donate, our bank details are: Sort code 40-38-10, A/c No. 93027767, A/c name St Marks Overseas Aid Trust, Ref. 'Christmas Appeal'.

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

EASTER CARDS

We have a card detailing all our Services in Holy Week and on Easter Sunday and we need help in delivering these to every home in the parish. Cards need to be delivered by 24 March and will be available from Sunday 10 March. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

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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