



Summer 2019

The United Church of St Mark is a congregation of Anglicans and Methodists worshipping and serving God together.

Welcome to all visitors in our church today. We hope you enjoy being with us and will want to join us regularly. Do stay for coffee after the service. If you are attending a Communion service you are welcome to receive the bread and wine with us.

No collections are taken at St. Mark's. Please place any offering you may wish to make in the plate at the back of the church either before or after the service. Facilities for regular giving are available. If you are a taxpayer please use the white envelopes at the back of the church to make a gift, and provide your details on the envelope to enable St Mark's to reclaim tax on your gift.

DIARY

Sunday	Jul 21st	10 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	Jul 25 th	10 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Jul 28 th	8.30 am	Holy Communion
		10 am	Sunday Praise

SUMMER AT ST MARK'S During August and on the 1st September there will be no 8.30 am service. Instead there will be an informal communion service at 10 am, suitable for older children, a self-run crèche at the back of church with worksheets and colouring sheets as well as the usual books for younger children. We will be looking at some favourite stories about Jesus and stories of Jesus.

Thursday	Aug 1 st	10 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Aug 4 th	10 am	The Lost Son - Luke 15: 11-32 Bring something you had lost but now found or something you would hate to lose
Tuesday	Aug 6 th	10.30 am	Biblesearch – 68 Shawley Way
Thursday	Aug 8 th	10 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Aug 11 th	10 am	The wedding feast - John 2:1-12 Come dressed in wedding clothes! Buttonholes, wedding cake and sparkling drinks provided
Thursday	Aug 15 th	10 am	Holy Communion
Saturday	Aug 17 th	12.15 pm	Community lunch
Sunday	Aug 18 th	10 am	The widow and the judge - Luke 18: 1-8
Thursday	Aug 22 nd	10 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Aug 25 th	10 am	Feeding a multitude - John 6: 1-15 bring a favourite cake/bread/biscuit
Thursday	Aug 29 th	10 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	Sept 1 st	10 am	The light of the body - Luke 11:33-36 bring a torch or funky light
Tuesday	Sep 3 rd	10.30 am	Biblesearch – 68 Shawley Way
Thursday	Sep 5 th	10 am	Holy Communion

HOLY HABITS In September we will start looking at the book 'Holy Habits' - there will be an opportunity to buy a copy on September 8th or to look through one and place an order.



IMPROMPTU PICNICS - Given the British weather we thought this year if the forecast is good for a particular Sunday we could have a picnic! We will send out to our email lists and simply announce it in church that there is an 'impromptu picnic' in the vicarage garden. You can bring a picnic for yourself and eat it yourself or do some swapping with others! All the St Mark's groups will be invited so it should be a great opportunity to mix and meet people you don't normally get a chance to meet as well as catch up with old friends!

LONDON BRIDGES WALK In July 2020, Andrew and Robert Bracey and Daniel Burke are taking part in an expedition to Poland, as members of two of the UK European Scout Jamboree units. For this, they need to raise at least £1,100 each for fees.

As part of our fund-raising efforts, the boys plus Mel and Dave will be taking part in a sponsored walk. They will be walking the 20 bridges of London on Sunday 8th September 2019. This walk starts at Richmond Bridge, and follows the Thames footpath for approx. 22 miles, and finishes at Tower Bridge, and they are hoping to complete this in under 7 hours.

It would be great if you could sponsor us on this event to help us raise these funds but equally we will appreciate your encouragement and thoughts too!

YOUR TRAIDCRAFT FAIRTRADE STALL



As you know at the beginning of the year Traidcraft went through restructuring of its Fairtrade business to make it more financially viable and sustainable in the present economic climate. It has successfully managed to downsize and to resource many of its Fairtrade products so is on an even keel and is able to celebrate 40 years of Fairtrade trading this year.

So the future of your Fairtrade stall at church is guaranteed and I thank those of you who have continued to support the stall during this uncertain time.

You may have noticed there are fewer Fairtrade goods in the supermarkets as they go onto the next profit area of vegan foodstuffs. So the best way to source your Fairtrade goods and support Trade Justice is through your church stall.

The next step in the process is the challenge to increase our sales through the stall to maintain our Fairtrade presence and status as a Fairtrade church accredited to us by the Diocese.

This will not only help Traidcraft continue but help your church in the process. Every £1.00 spent on the stall generates 10p for the church, that is the equivalent of buying a small chocolate bar. No profit is made from the stall but is put back into the church to help church funds.

So please take up the challenge to support two causes with one purchase and support your monthly Fairtrade stall.

Isaiah 1. 17 says:

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”

If you want more information or to make orders when you miss the stall or want to offer help please email Tricia on: talclimber@ntlworld.com

Thank you Tricia and Peter Rutter



MESSY MUNCHKINS the weekly group for pre-schoolers and their carers is on a break until September. This is an extremely popular group and we are in need of extra help. If you think you would like to help, please see Liz Townsend or Anne Nelson

The **PRESTON COMMUNITY EVENT** will be held on Saturday 14th September 12-3pm in Preston Park, Preston Manor Road, Tadworth. There will be stalls, activities and cake... All welcome