

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	30 <sup>th</sup> September	10 am 12.30 pm	Harvest Festival Holy Communion Harvest Lunch
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9 am 10 am 3.30 pm	Messy Munchkins Biblesearch Messy Church
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	10 am	Holy Communion
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> October	10 am – 1pm	Tattenhams Market
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	10 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Communion Methodist Circuit service- Sutton Trinity – see over for more details Community cinema
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	9 am	Messy Munchkins
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	10 am	Holy Communion
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Bereavement cafe



**MESSY MUNCHKINS** - the numbers are growing - 20 carers and 30 plus children this last Tuesday and we had a brilliant session BUT could do with more help if my wonderful but small team are unable to come. Please speak to me if you feel you might be interested. **Liz T**

**Our SHOEBOX APPEAL** this year will be All-Age! so you can make up a shoebox for an adult or elderly person as well as the usual children's boxes. The boxes will be going off to Romania or Serbia with a Christian organisation called **Blythswood Care**. and need to be at church **by Sunday 4th November**. Make sure you take a leaflet available in the welcome area as these explain the scheme and details of what can – and can't – be included in the boxes. Or see <https://www.blythswood.org/shoobox> for details.

If you feel unable to pack a box but would like to contribute to this worthwhile scheme, any cash donation towards the cost of transportation or any items on the leaflet list that can be used as "fillers" will be most welcome. Thanks! Gill Keens (01737 353953)

**THANKYOU** for all the recycling stuff that you bring in. It is really useful. Anything I cannot use for Munchkins or Messy Church I take to the Shawley Reception class where they use it for junk modelling. Please keep bringing **CARDBOARD TUBES** as we need **lots** for the Advent calendar event on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Liz T



**TATTENHAMS MARKET** will be back on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Come along for a good selection of stalls and visit our popular cafe. Please note that the time for the market is now 10 am – 1 pm.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT** at Sutton Trinity church at 6.30 pm on 7th October. 70 years since SS Windrush landed and 30 years since Black History Month was inaugurated, Sutton Trinity will host a special commemorative and memorable service to celebrate the many valued contributions black people have made to the life of our nation, our churches and our neighbourhood. There will be music from several African nations and the Caribbean, and our guest preacher will be Revd Ernal Kirby who was born in Antigua and came to Britain at the age of 8. Educated at both Oxford University and the Caribbean Wesleyan College on Barbados, he has served as Methodist minister in Britain and South Africa. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to hear the message he will bring.

**EPSOM MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING FESTIVAL NEW BEGINNINGS** 6-13<sup>th</sup> October. All events are free and open to everyone, with free refreshments throughout the week. Unless stated otherwise our activities will be held at: St Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom, KT19 8HA. For further information visit the website <http://www.lovemelovemymind.org.uk/epsom-mental-health-week/>

**MHA 75th Anniversary** On Sunday 14th October there will be a Circuit Service at Ryelands, Wallington, at 3pm to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Methodist Homes. Tea and cake will be served after the service. Please come and support the residents and staff of Ryelands, the first MHA Home.

The **WINTERSHALL NATIVITY** – this year will be from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. For more details see the Wintershall website [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com)

**NEWSLETTER** If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please send an email to [editors@stmarkschurch.me.uk](mailto:editors@stmarkschurch.me.uk)

**COMMUNITY TALKS - TOPICS OF OUR TIME** – see separate sheet for more info on these events organised by Guildford diocese.