



February 3rd 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	3 rd Feb	10 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	5 th Feb	9 am 3.30 pm 8 pm	Messy Munchkins Messy Church Sutton Methodist circuit meeting
Thursday	7 th Feb	10 am	Holy Communion
Saturday	9 th Feb	10.30 am	Bereavement cafe
Sunday	10 th Feb	8.30 am 10 am 7.30 pm	Holy Communion Sunday@Ten Community Cinema

TRAIDCRAFT UPDATE 2019 – STALLS AT CHURCH Due to the uncertainty of the future of Traidcraft we have not restocked our stall since before Christmas as their stocks were low. Traidcraft is continuing but with a smaller business model, so a reduction in the products offered, especially in the craft range. Key food product ranges that will be taken forward include: tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar, chocolate (including the new white muscovado chocolate), sweets, honey, spreads and muesli. Store cupboard ingredients and household items (hard soap, tissue range and gloves) will also be retained.

We will continue to stock products from other companies that complement the Traidcraft grocery range including; Divine, Meaningful Chocolate Company, CaféDirect, Zaytoun, Liberation, Fish4Ever, Calypso, Kilombero Rice and Bio-D. Unfortunately, Geobars have gone completely.

With this in mind we would like to know

- your views as to continuing to have a Traidcraft Fairtrade stall every month after church
- if so - which products you would be interested in buying from the stall?

Please take an update form from the table in the foyer and return to Tricia by February 15th with your views please. Thank you for your support *Tricia Rutter*

CRÈCHE: I am looking for help with a crèche in the new hall on Sunday mornings. The sound system has recently been extended into this hall, so you will still be able to hear the service. If you would be interested in helping on a rota please talk to me about this. Thank you - Liz (Children's & Families' worker)

TATTENHAM CORNER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION You are invited to submit a photograph to go on display in the BGMG car showroom as part of a community photography exhibition. The A4 size photographs should represent/be inspired by 'Community' and/or 'Adventure'. More information and an entry form can be found on the Tattenham Corner Community website.

<http://www.tattenhamcorner.co.uk/photography-exhibition/> All entries need to be submitted between 11th to 16th February 2019. It is not a competition, just a platform to celebrate the essence captured in the photos of everyday people in our community.



WHAT KIND OF LISTENER ARE YOU? Would you like to improve this valuable life skill? Improve your relationships? Your working life? And even your spiritual life? Then why not come along to our free workshop?

Saturday 9th February 10am – 3pm (*Bring own packed lunch*)

Using Just Listen! A DVD based course for small groups. Optional Workbook £5

Contact Sue Matthews for more information 01372 724080

EPSOM GIANT CHARITY BOOK FAIR – EPSOM METHODIST CHURCH

Last year the book fair raised an amazing £37,500 for five charities with help from over 200 people. Over 80,000 books were for sale and over 3,000 people visited the Fair.

BRING books, DVDs, CD's and records: Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th February (9am – 8pm)

BUY on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd (10am – 8pm) and Saturday 23rd February (10 am – 4pm).

NEWSLETTER If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, please send an email to editors@stmarkschurch.me.uk

TWITTER – The church has a twitter account which has been reactivated. If you use twitter please follow us @ChurchatStMarks. The twitter feed can also be found on the homepage of the church website <http://www.stmarkschurch.me.uk/>

COLLECTION FOR THE MANNA SOCIETY Over the past 5/6 years many of you have been great supporters of what has now become an annual collection for The Manna Society who run a wonderful day centre for homeless people living near London Bridge. You have been most generous in your donations of unwanted men's clothing, towels, sleeping bags, dried foods and everything in between for a cause which, sadly, has become even more high profile on the streets of London and indeed other cities and towns throughout the UK.

The Manna centre is open seven days per week, 51 weeks of the year, from 8.30 in the morning offering breakfasts, lunches and a continuous supply of hot drinks. The chance to have a wash, a shave and a shower is greatly welcomed - soap and towels are provided. The clothing store is open for a change of clothes and sleeping bags are offered out as and when available. In spite of their inevitably high health risks, homeless people find it difficult to get registered with a doctor, especially in central London. The Manna offers two nurse practitioner surgeries a week, a fortnightly chiropody service, a chance to talk with a mental health team and an osteopath clinic every week. Advice is also available every day on housing and welfare. The centre runs almost entirely on donations and the band of volunteers who give freely of their time at the centre are truly wonderful people.

Given the freezing temperatures outside right now, it seems timely to start this year's collection slightly earlier than usual so we can get any donations up to London sooner rather than later. To that end, if you are having a New Year sort out of your cupboards and larders, we will happily transport anything you think could be of use to the centre in their valuable work. The current most needed items are as follows;

Men's clothing	Miscellaneous	Food
jeans/trousers	sleeping bags	Tinned meat (ham/corned beef/hot dogs etc) for soup making
underwear (nearly new and clean please)	towels	Tinned vegetables for soup making
socks	toiletries	Rice
trainers/boots	toilet rolls	Pasta sauces
jumpers		Fruit squash
warm jackets		Coffee
		Sugar
		Powdered milk

The collection will run from now until the last weekend in February. You can bring your donations to church or leave on the doorstep of 53 Downs Wood, KT18 5UJ or at Tattenhams Community Library marked up for the attention of Lesley Beard.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support for this wonderful centre and the marvellous work they do with some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,
Lesley