



February 24th 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	24 th Feb	8.30 am 10 am 7.30 pm	Holy Communion Sunday Praise Community cinema
Tuesday	26 th Feb	9 am	Messy Munchkins
Thursday	28 th Feb	10 am	Holy Communion
Saturday	2 nd Mar	10 am – 1pm	Tattenhams Market
Sunday	3 rd Mar	10 am	Holy Communion

****** RENEWAL OF COMMON MEMBERSHIP ROLL 2019 ******

The church council is required by law to renew the roll every six years and to take reasonable steps to inform every person whose name is entered on the current roll that a new one is being prepared. Only members whose names appear on the roll are allowed to stand for church office or vote at elections for Church offices at the Annual Church Meeting.

Anyone who wishes to have their name entered on the new roll must complete an application form. Please see the Vicar, Rev. Des Williamson or the ECC Secretary John Miller for a form or take one from the table at the back of the church.

As St. Marks's is an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership) **all members** whether Anglican, Methodist or those who consider themselves members of both denominations need to apply as the roll covers both denominations.

The new roll must be completed by Sunday 17th March and will be displayed on the church notice board for two weeks before the annual church meeting which will be held on Sunday 7th April at 11.30am. A notice explaining the use and privacy of the data you give is displayed on the church noticeboard or on the website <http://www.stmarkschurch.me.uk/content/pages/documents/1549272955.pdf>

The ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING when we will review the life of our church over the past year, look forward to future developments and elect our church officers and representatives for the coming year will be held after the morning service on **Sunday 7th April** at 11.30 am. Now is the time to consider your nominations for churchwardens, church stewards, and for four trustees for election to the ECC.

Nominations will need to be submitted in writing using a standard form by the 17th March. Forms can be requested from John Miller. See John or Des if you want more details.



Jars of Change
Lent Appeal 2019

Please could you save jam jars for a Lent activity. I will provide a box for your lovely clean jars in the Welcome area. Thank you - Liz

SAVE THE DATE We are holding this year's Christian Aid Quiz on Saturday 18 May 2019 at 7.30 in the church hall so put the date in your diary now and more detailed information will follow nearer the time. Can you think of a better way to spend a lovely May evening? You've got plenty of time to start that fish diet to sharpen up the brain *Keith Nelson*



CHARITY CONCERT - Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm. featuring Junior Sing! Sing! and Epsom Male Voice Choir. Donations in aid of St Raphael's Hospice and Shooting Star Children's Hospices. Refreshments will be available at the interval. For more information contact Martin trenamans@talktalk.net



MARSDEN MARCH Helen Trenaman is taking part in the Marsden March on Sunday 10th March. This sponsored walk raises vital funds for the amazing research work into the cure for cancer that takes place at the Royal Marsden Hospital. If you would like to sponsor me please use my just giving page, details are : www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-trenaman. Alternatively you can give me cash which I will then donate via just giving. Thank you.

SPARE WOOL I would be grateful if anyone has any spare wool - double knit or chunky - (any colour) as I am knitting hats for the homeless and dogs' and cats' blankets for Battersea Dogs and Cats Home. Thank you so much. Frances Miles

REASONS TO BELIEVE Saturday 15th June 10 am – 1 pm St Paul's Howell Hill. This free half-way conference will give practical guidance to help you share your faith with confidence. With Amy Orr-Ewing, Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. Now open for booking at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/reasonstobelieve

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE FUNDRAISING EVENT Quiz Evening Saturday 30th March 7-10 pm. Book in advance until 16th March. Cost with food £10, without £6. Children £4 Contact Jenny Salisbury jennyacl1sttatts@gmail.com

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS The Banstead area is one of Princess Alice Hospice Compassionate Community pilot sites aiming to reach more people with their care. Part of this approach is to work in partnership with local communities to nurture and extend services where possible. By working together, a Compassionate Community can help a dying person and their family and friends get the support and care they need, helping them to deal with dying and death and the subsequent bereavement and loss of those left behind. Below are details of two of the projects in the local area

Wildflower Field we have taken on a plot at Holly Lane allotments which will be ready for use by the beginning of February. The plan is to have a minimum of 2 volunteers on site at each weekly session so that local people who would benefit from attending can drop in as and when. We would offer some training and hope to have a rota of volunteers. If anyone is interested in becoming a wildflower field volunteer, please contact miapatterson@pah.org.uk .

Compassionate Neighbours are trained volunteers offering friendship and a listening ear to people living in their community. If you can spare one hour a week to pop round for a cuppa and chat or would like to find out more, please contact volunteering@pah.org.uk

DOCUMENTARY ON CHANNEL 4 Tuesday 26th February at 10pm. "Safe at Last: Inside a Women's Refuge" Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid refuge was chosen to do this documentary as it is recognised in the sector as being an excellent refuge provider. The documentary, narrated by Dame Julie Walters, is ground breaking as nothing of its kind has ever been done before. It will follow the stories of women and children from when they first arrive at RBWA to when they leave.

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