



**Parish Prayers Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

		Evening Prayer	Eucharist
<b>Mon</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Matthew's 5pm	
<b>Tues</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	
<b>Wed</b>	St Mary's 8.45am	St Mary's 5pm St Matthew's 5pm	St Matthew's 10am St Mark's 1pm
<b>Thurs</b>	St Mary's 8.45am St Matthew's 9am	St Matthew's 5pm	St Mary's 10.30am
<b>Fri</b>	St Matthew's 9am	St Matthew's 5pm	
<b>Sat</b>	St Mary's 12 noon		

**Parish News**

**Team Prayers:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, St Mark's 2pm

**Winter Night Shelter Volunteers:** St Mary's has been involved in the Merton Winter Night Shelter since its inception in 2011 and the shelter is an important part of the church's mission to the community. We shall be opening the doors of Garden Hall to welcome guests for seven Wednesday nights during December and January. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or finding out more about the work of the night shelter, please contact John Bush on 07850 205949 or [john@thebushes.net](mailto:john@thebushes.net)

**Christian Care Executive Manager:** Christian CARE Association (CCA) are recruiting an Executive Manager to oversee the day to day running of CCA. This will be its first paid employee and in the first instance a one-year contract is on offer at the rate of £24 per hour for a 21-hour week spread over 3-5 days. Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. Full details at: [christiancaremerton.org.uk](http://christiancaremerton.org.uk) or from Pat Spencer, the Hon. Secretary at [pat.spencer@christiancaremerton.org.uk](mailto:pat.spencer@christiancaremerton.org.uk)

**St Matthew's Wimbledon 'Spotlight on Social Justice' Talk:** An interfaith event focussing on questions of faith and sexuality, featuring guest speakers Rabbi Adrian Schell (Wimbledon Synagogue) and Rev Dr Charlie Bell (St John the Divine Kennington). Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear from two stellar speakers in this field, and to learn about how you can make a difference so that all people - regardless of sexuality or gender identity - can feel welcomed in communities of faith. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7-8pm, followed by wine and nibbles. Tickets available here <https://faithsexuality.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Please email parish news items by 9am Wednesday each week to [sam@parishofwimbledon.org.uk](mailto:sam@parishofwimbledon.org.uk)**



# St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a regular member of the congregation, we pray that you might come closer to God during the service.

**Children & young people:** We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn. We ask that children under four are accompanied. Do join us!

**Parents with babies & toddlers** are welcome to use the chapel at the back of the church behind the glass windows. There are toys and books provided, & a loudspeaker so you can hear what is happening during the service.

**Thinking of making a donation to the church?** You can give contactlessly using the card reader at the back of church, or via your mobile phone using the QR code in the Entrance Area. If you give regularly, why not join the Planned Giving Scheme? This is an easy way to give, and helps the church plan its finances. Contact Sheila Dunman: [s.dunman@btinternet.com](mailto:s.dunman@btinternet.com), for more information, or pick up a Planned Giving form from the back of St Mark's.

**Mobile telephones:** Please ensure these are turned off / silent during the service.

**After the service** please collect a tea, coffee or squash in the narthex (entrance hall).

**Can't be here every Sunday?** We can help you stay in touch with St Mark's by emailing the notice and readings sheets to you each week. Please let Becky know ([office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk)) if you would like this.

**Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:**

- **To be enriched by the love of God**
- **To extend the welcome of God**
- **To express the compassion of God**

**Vicar:** The Revd Clive Gardner 020 8944 0184 [clivegardner@outlook.com](mailto:clivegardner@outlook.com)

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[paula@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk](mailto:paula@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk)

**Reader:** Charles Esdale [cestrongdale@gmail.com](mailto:cestrongdale@gmail.com)

Church Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm  
020 8944 8436 [office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk)

*Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by Wednesday of each week.*

### Prayer requests - please pray for:

Donald David  
John Clifford  
Angel  
Jane Pillay  
Sarah Jane Wong

### RIP

Anthony Withers

*If you would like to add an individual to our prayer request list, please email the Church Office or use the intercession folder at the back of the Church.*

### Notices

**Hosting with Housing Justice:** Do you have a spare room that you could offer temporarily to a homeless asylum seeker or refugee in need? The charity Housing Justice is looking for people who can provide temporary accommodation for London's destitute asylum seekers and refugees for a minimum of 3 months while they resolve their case. To find out more, please contact Together Southwark: [togethersouthwark@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:togethersouthwark@southwark.anglican.org). *Clive Gardner*

**Diocesan Newspaper:** The October edition of 'The Bridge' can be downloaded: [www.southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/thebridge) and there are paper copies in the narthex. *Clive Gardner.*

**Altar Flowers:** To donate towards flowers for sponsorship, the flowers cost £25 per week, part donations welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church or email Sandy at: [sblewitt@email.com](mailto:sblewitt@email.com) Thank you! *Sandy Blewitt.*

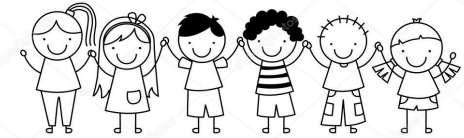
**The Worple Art Group Autumn Exhibition:** Friday 10th November, 2pm - 7pm and Saturday 11th November, 10am - 5.30pm [www.worplegroup.co.uk](http://www.worplegroup.co.uk). The Worple Art Group, a collective of 20 local artists, will be exhibiting over 200 affordable, contemporary, original paintings and prints in St Mark's Church. The exhibition will be an eclectic variety of styles and subjects, including exotic landscapes and colourful local scenes, still life and flowers, animals and portraiture. The artists will be present and happy to discuss their work. Admission is free and refreshments will be available on the Saturday. *Becky Bryant*

### Children & Young People

There will be no Sunday Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October when we take a break for half term.

Please do join us again on 5<sup>th</sup> November!

*Beccy and Steph*



**St Mark's Firework Party:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. An event for all the family. Doors open at 5.30pm, with the fireworks beginning at about 6pm. Free entry; bring your friends! *Clive Gardner.*

**Halloween:** Spooky baked treats after the service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November when the children and adults(!) are back from half term. *Jenny Suter*

**Church Office:** Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October and will re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. *Becky Bryant.*

**Book Discussion Group:** Please join us for our next book discussion which will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8:00pm at my house, 9 Midmoor Road SW19 4JD. The book we will be discussing is 'Ice' by Ulla-Lena Lundberg. A book set in Finland, featuring a vicar, a community and it seems 'some harmony'. Recommended warmly by two members of the group. If you have any questions, please do contact me. *Kathy Pring*

**Promoting St Mark's:** Could you help pop a postcard into local doors in our immediate area around St Mark's? We're trying out a promotional postcard to encourage new people to attend our church services. Lovely, fresh design by our very own Chris McTernan. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Becky in the church office [office@stmarkswimbleton.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswimbleton.org.uk) and indicate which parts of which streets you might be able to deliver to. The more of us help out, the fewer each of us will have to deliver! *Alex Youel*