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Services at St. Mark's

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Parish Communion (Except 1st Sunday)

10.30am 1st Sunday - An All Age Service takes place in the church and is a very informal worship, which is ideal for families, new Christians and those exploring Christianity.

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion Service

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

'At my age I do what Mark Twain did. I get my daily paper, look at the obituaries page and if I'm not there I carry on as usual.' *Patrick Moore.*

The great taboo subject of our age is death. In Victorian times, of course, it was sex. Nowadays we use all sorts of words to try and disguise the fact a death has occurred. So when someone dies we hear people say, 'They have passed on, they are pulling up daisies, gone to sleep' etc. In America new words have been found to somehow make death more acceptable, so

The body becomes 'the remains'
 The coffin, the 'casket of rest'
 The dead person has 'passed away'
 The death certificate becomes 'the vital statistics form'
 The cost of the funeral – 'the amount of investment in the service'

Why is this so? Because death is something that's feared. We feel awkward when we meet the bereaved, and we don't know what to say. Many bereaved people have said that friends and neighbours cross the road rather than have to meet them face to face.

The medical profession works to keep death at bay and considers it a failure when someone dies. These days it's quite common for someone not to have been to a funeral until they are in their 30's.

In the church's year we are now approaching the season of Easter, and as Christians we have something to say about death. For us death is not the end. Of course, it's the end of our earthly life but we believe there is so much more to come.

Jesus promised us that just as He rose from the dead, so we too will be resurrected. It's what we call the Christian hope. This is not 'pie in the sky' or 'wishful thinking'. Jesus made it clear that He has going ahead of us to prepare a place for us.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? John 14:1-2

None of Jesus' followers were expecting to find his body gone when they came to visit the tomb that first Easter morning. In fact the women who wanted to anoint his body were asking themselves how they were going to move away the stone guarding the tomb entrance. They were not simple gullible people who would be taken in by anything; they were astounded by the fact Jesus had risen, and some like Thomas couldn't believe it until he saw for himself. In fact, when we think about it, resurrection is at the heart of our world.

The skin constantly renews itself. Bulbs that seem to be dead come alive again each Spring. The way communities come together after a disaster shows resurrection. We ourselves see hope in the middle of great suffering. These are all everyday experiences of resurrection.

Of course, resurrection from the dead is not resuscitation. It is being raised to a spiritual life after death.

Dying might sound a bit frightening but someone has compared it to the struggle of being born. A baby grows in its mother's womb and space is limited; the baby is confined, surrounded by water. When the time comes to be born the

baby might feel a little scared leaving the security of its mother, making that journey from a pre-natal state to an independent existence. In the same way, death is like a journey from our earthly life to a new kind of life in 'heaven'. We can't now remember that journey of being born, but imagine if we had stayed in that pre-natal state and never experienced life on earth. What we would have missed?

Jesus assured us that the life to come is beyond all our wildest imaginings, but it will be a life very different to life on earth. There will be no more evil, sin, hatred, suffering and fear. In heaven we shall be safe in the hands of a loving God.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Revd. Alison Newman

The people of St. Mark's Church would like you to know that we pray for Biggin Hill regularly.

If you would like us to pray for you, someone you know or for something that concerns you, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Please contact the Church office. The times the office is open can be found on page four. A message can be left on the answer machine outside of these times - 01959 577816

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's Vicarage, 10, Church Road, Biggin Hill, Kent TN16 3LB

Easter Services at St. Mark's

Maundy Thursday 29th March

7pm Passover Meal and Communion – by ticket only which can be purchased nearer the time from the church office 01959 577816.

Good Friday 30th March

10am Messy Church. There will be crafts and activities for all ages! This will be followed at 11am by our family service in church.

11am All Age Worship

11.30am Hot Cross Buns and drinks

2pm A quiet contemplative Good Friday service

Easter Sunday 1st April

8am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Family Communion followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in church.





**For all
the
family!**

**All are welcome to come and join in a time of craft
and games. We aim to have fun together!**

Good Friday 30th March 10.00am

Sunday 20th May 3.30pm

**Followed by a 10 minute worship slot and
light refreshments**

Community Services in Biggin Hill

Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic:

The clinic is held on the 4th Thursday of the month at St. Mark's Centre from 1pm to 2.30pm. Call in to have your NHS hearing aid cleaned and collect new batteries - all free of charge. The clinic is run by the Charity 'Hi Kent'. For more details please call 01622 691151 or go to www.hikent.org.uk. No appointment is needed.

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At St. Mark's.....

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Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday and Friday from 10.00 am in the Church Hall during school terms. Contact the Parish Office for details - 01959 577816 - or just come along.

Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717

2nd Biggin Hill Rainbows (5 - 7 years)

Please contact Pauline Hallinan on 01959 576433

Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact David Shannon on 01959 700668

Music Group

St. Mark's Music Group. Songs and fellowship with a lively touch. 01959 575129 for details

Memory Friendly Support Group

Will meet on

Thursday 19th April and

Thursday 17th May

At 3.30pm in the church

Anyone with memory problems, and their carers are welcome to come along for tea, cakes and conversation

CONFIRMATION

A Confirmation Service will be held at St. Mark's Church on Sunday 6th May 2018 at 6.30pm. If you are interested in becoming confirmed please speak to Alison the Vicar.

Biggin Hill Community Care Association

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The Beautiful blooms of the Camellia



Originating from South East Asia, Camellias were found flourishing in the wild in China, Japan and the South Korean countryside. European's earliest views of Camellias were found in Chinese painted wallpapers and porcelain pots. Later they would grace the gardens of temples and those of the nobility. They now can be found in gardens all over the world.

The first Camellia to be cultivated possibly 5000 years ago were tea plants, *Camellia* species local to the area, whose young shoots and leaves have been traditionally plucked to make the world famous beverage, tea, particularly *Camellia sinensis*. Recently now crops can be found in sheltered areas of Scotland and in Cornwall.

As people started to hybridise, the first named cultivars arrived in England in the 1730's. At first, it was believed the Camellias were exotics to be housed in heated houses and proudly displayed by their wealthy owners. Examples today can be seen at Chiswick House under glass during March and early April each year. After arriving from South East Asia, Camellias became highly prized and sought after as interest spread throughout Europe, especially when it was realised these plants were actually successful outdoors.

Cultivation;

In the wild most Camellias were found growing in communities in semi shade provided by a canopy of trees. Today natural shade can be provided by structures such as walls, giving similar

conditions. Camellias need good light but not direct sun to produce those enormous sumptuous flower buds that burst into the most amazing tropical like blossom in shades of red, pink, white and a subtle touch of yellow in some white flowering cultivars. Flowering time can be from November through to May depending on the weather and the variety.

They are ideal for a north facing aspect, the south and west are too warm and dry whereas facing east, blossoms are vulnerable to late frosts as the early sun catches the frosted blossom and turns them into a brown mess.



Camellias in the wild are found growing in dense heavy soils, however, they are generally found on well drained slopes and in a climate with low rain fall, similar conditions to other ericaceous loving plants such as Rhododendrons and Magnolias.

They prefer slightly acid soil and good drainage and

respond well to a good mulch of well-rotted manure or garden compost, leaf mould and can tolerate slightly alkaline soil if mulched annually. Moisture is important during August when the buds start to form, however if the ground is dry, the buds will fall off later, leaving you with very little flower the following spring. Camellia will also respond well in containers as long as they are potted in Ericaceous compost in a good sized pot and are well watered during the summer.

Pests and diseases;

If grown in alkaline soils they may become chlorotic, leaves turning yellow, prohibiting important nutrients from reaching other parts of the plant. In this situation, they will benefit from watering in sequestrine iron granules once a week.

Scale insects are another problems and tend to attack plants that are under stress, lack of water or too much opposition from other

plants or planted in the wrong place. You can find these sap sucking insects on the underside along the middle rib of the leaf. Rub them off or use a propriety product from your local garden centre.

Petal blight is a recent disease, which attacks the petals turning them to a muddy brown. Good hygiene is helpful, by removing fallen petals from the ground or any of the blossom on the plant starting to turn brown and arrange for disposal with your local waste carrier rather than put in the compost heap.

Enjoy them this coming spring as they come into flower, don't worry about the frosted blooms as there will be many more buds ready to open as temperature rises.

The Biggin Horticultural Society have some extremely interesting talks again this year, become a member at £5 per household, receive your handbook and you will have all the dates and other information close at hand. Coach trips are planned as well, further details can be obtained using the details below.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th April; Talk on 'Volunteering for the National Trust - Chartwell' by Alistair Gordon

Wednesday 16th May; Talk on 'Kentish Cobnuts & Their Products' by Alexander Hunt

Saturday 19th May; Plant Sale

Wednesday 20th June; Talk on 'Wildlife and Gardening in Harmony' by Judith Hathrill

All our talks, plant sale and shows are at St Marks Church Hall, Church Road, doors open at 7.30 for 8 pm start, except for the spring flower show, doors open at 3 pm, while the plant sale doors open at 10 am.

Please join us, please contact Nick Hagon, 01959 575799 for further information, between 6.30pm and 9 pm or use our web site, www.bigginhillhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk

Nick Hagon (Chairman)

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If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in church for a particular week, to mark an anniversary or a special event, please contact either Caroline Budimir on 01959 576093 or the Parish Office on 01959 577816

Evie's Baptism

Evie Clements was baptised in St. Mark's Church on the 21st January. Evie's parents are Claire and Phillip and her twin brothers are George and Joshua.



St. Mark's Patronal Festival

St. Mark's Patronal Festival will be held on 22nd April with the 10.30am Communion followed by lunch at 12 noon.

Tickets for the lunch will need to be bought in advance from the church office.

Don't forget that you can help raise funds for St Mark's by using -

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The Ornamental Crab Apple

The sensory and wildlife garden located at The Rec, has been landscaped with a view to supporting both themes, using a wide range of plants. The garden has matured since it was created, offering so much to all that enjoy the garden.



The ornamental crab apple or *Malus* is one that offers so much to those that visit the garden. Planted in the sensory garden it produces wonderful prolific spring blossom as well as decorative autumn fruits, offering a wide range of colours, sizes and shapes. Referred to as "Jewels of the Landscape". Crab Apples come in many shades of golden orange, yellow, pink, red and purple. They are sour when eaten raw by humans, but larger varieties are excellent for using in jellies or preserves and even added to cider. However, birds and mammals devour them if you are not quick enough.

Crab Apples are named as such because of their size and if the fruits are larger than 2 inches (5 cms) in diameter, they'd be considered an apple. Crab Apple trees come in upright to weeping forms and while many are green leaved, there are some varieties with bronzed or purplish foliage. Prior to opening, flower buds swell up and can be brightly coloured, often

confused with cherries. Flowers can be single or double, in white pink or purple colours covering the tree during May, when bees swarm for their early taste of nectar and are also used as pollinators in orchards.

There are around 40 species and hundreds of hybrids of Malus tree. Originally from temperate regions in the northern hemisphere where they grow at woodland edges or in fairly open but still sheltered areas, these valuable trees are modest in height so are good for small gardens. They grow well in virtually all soils (other than waterlogged or very dry) in sun or partial shade.

Malus trees are ideal for small gardens, with strong spring and autumn features and mature trees staying at a manageable size. Prune in winter to remove dead, damaged, diseased and crossing wood. Untidy growth can be pruned after flowering.

Trees are sometimes attacked by aphids, caterpillars and red spider mite, and are susceptible to fire blight and scab, but otherwise are very little trouble.

To enjoy the Sensory Garden closer and to ask those questions you have been meaning to ask, the Friends group are celebrating its anniversary by having an event day in the garden on **Saturday 19th May, starting at 12.00 noon**. Yours truly and the friends group will have plants for sale, hanging baskets planted with your choice, various stalls to whet your appetite plus tea, delicious cakes, personal tours, books to sell and much much more. Do come along to join in, you are very welcome.

The Friends of Biggin Hill Parks are a vital and passionate group of people that care for their environment and their community, but we desperately need your help to maintain our environment around us in Biggin Hill. We meet every second Saturday of the month for a couple of hours to work at any of the three sites, Jugs Hill, Mine Shaw and the Sensory Garden, but we need your help, even for an hour. Tasks we carry out are weeding, edging, litter picking, cutting down small tree saplings, pruning, sweeping, bulb planting and so on. Tools, rubbish bags etc are supplied.

Do join us and keep Biggin Hill a place to be proud of. Telephone Nick Hagon, 01959 575799 for further information between 6.30pm and 9 pm.

In the footsteps of St Paul

How do you get your ideas? Books, the media, Internet - or conversation? In the ancient world new ideas were spread predominantly by word of mouth. You had to engage in discussion, and listen.

A major step in the spread of Christianity was the moment when St Paul crossed over from modern day Turkey to the Greek mainland, arriving at Neapolis, now called Kavala. From the coast Paul made his way inland to the important city of Philippi, which had been founded by the father of Alexander the Great, Philip II.



Just outside the city, which had no synagogue, Paul found a group of women worshipping at the riverside. Their leader was Lydia and she became the first European Christian convert, baptised in the waters. The photo shows Alison celebrating communion by that river during a recent tour of Anglican clergy who were following in the footsteps of St Paul through northern Greece. Unfortunately for Paul he received a beating in Philippi and was imprisoned with his companion Silas, even though they were Roman citizens.

The tour took us west to Berea, now Veria, where the Jews took a great interest in Paul's message.

There is still a collection of medieval Jewish houses in Veria complete with a synagogue which probably stands on the site of the first synagogue from the 1st century AD. If you are familiar with the life of St Paul you will not be surprised to learn there was more trouble in Berea, so Paul took a boat south to Athens.

From here we turned south by coach and visited two extraordinary monasteries in the Meteora mountains (see photo). These medieval constructions dating back to the 11th. century were the result of great faith and endurance, without the benefit of steps, let alone power tools. Every piece of stonework had to be hauled up several hundred feet, and by the use of aerial ladders and nets the monks built these places of worship.



One notable highlight on our drive south was the ancient site of Delphi. Built on a steep slope, it attracted huge numbers of truth seekers from the Hellenic world. For example, Alexander the Great came here to consult the Oracle. However, the Oracle was frequently ambiguous!

Paul found the sophisticated city of Athens a distressing place to be. So, in his usual way, he met up with the Jews he could find and also the God-fearing Greeks. He took the bull by the horns and spoke at a meeting of the Areopagus, the city council. It is here he famously



referred to an altar he had seen in the city: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Paul claimed the Greeks were in fact worshipping the one true God without realising it. The photo shows the rock on which the Areopagus met.

Our last stop was at ancient Corinth, south of the Corinth Canal, where

Paul spent a year and a half. It is difficult for us as modern day Christians to comprehend the sacrifice these people made in changing their faith. In a fiercely pagan and immoral culture the mainly Greek converts faced suspicion and hostility, but in fact managed to live out their faith among their peers.

St Paul was certainly a trailblazer who introduced the good news of Jesus to large numbers of people. Billy Graham, who recently died, had several things in common: an ability to discuss ideas and listen to those he was going to address, a clear idea of how to catch people's attention, and a passion for spreading the message of Jesus.

Mark Newman

Areopagus in Athens



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St. MARK'S CHURCH, BIGGIN HILL

St. Mark's is known as the "Moving Church" as in the 1950's it was constructed from materials brought from the redundant church of All Saints North Peckham. This remarkable feat of dismantling and building carried out by local Biggin Hill people was accomplished through the initiative and vision of the then vicar, The Revd. Vivian Symons. He mobilised the local parishioners to create a truly worthy parish church in place of their ageing corrugated iron building. This fascinating story is recounted in an illustrated colour guide available from the Church.

St. Mark's is a pilgrim church; we do not simply accept the status quo, we are on a spiritual journey as pilgrims of old, actively seeking to draw closer to God and discover His will both in our own lives and the life of our local church and community which we love and serve. We are anxious "not to store up treasures here on earth" but to use all our church resources given by God, in His service and for His glory.

We want to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with all those in our parish and neighbourhood. Hopefully this is portrayed by the way we live our lives, and speak to others.

We respect that we are all children of God, and we want to discover Christ in each other, encouraging personal growth in our individual relationship with each other and with Jesus.

Worship is an integral part of our love for God, and we want our services to reflect dignity and sensitivity as well as joy and thanksgiving.

St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill - People's Prayer

Dear God in Heaven who loves us so much,
Thank You for everything You do and provide for us.

We pray for Your church and community here in
Biggin Hill, that we may know Your plans for us
in this special town.

Especially, we pray for help in bringing all Your
children to You, so they may come to know You fully,
through our actions enabled by Your Spirit,
And through the life, teaching and example of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Age UK - Bromley & Greenwich	0208 315 1850
Benefit Enquiry Line	0800 88 22 00
Biggin Hill Aperfield W.I.	01959 572591
Biggin Hill Blind Club	01959 572817
Biggin Hill Community Care Association	01959 577400
Biggin Hill Computer Club	bhcc.club@gmail.com
Biggin Hill Evening W.I.	01959 700973
Biggin Hill Horticultural Society	01959 575799
Biggin Hill Musical Theatre Company	01959 701829
Biggin Hill Residents Association -	bigginhillresidentsassociation.co.uk
Biggin Hill Rangers, Guides and Brownies	01689 848562
Biggin Hill Romanian Group	07802 575417
Biggin Hill Society	01959 572569
Biggin Hill Scout Group	01959 509247
Bromley Council – Office Hours	0208 464 3333
Bromley Council - Emergency out of hours	0300 303 8671
Bromley Social Services - Emergencies only	0203 036 1574
Bromley Assoc. for People with Disabilities (BATH)	0208 663 3345
Carers Bromley Helpline	0800 015 77 00
Childline (confidential helpline for children)	0800 1111 (24 hr)
Citizen's Advice Bureau (Bromley)	0208 315 1940
Community Links, Bromley	0208 315 1900
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Dial-a-Ride (For registration and enquiries)	0343 222 7777
Doctor's Surgeries –	
Stock Hill Surgery	01959 580011
Norheads Lane Surgery	01959 574488
Domestic Violence - 24hr Helpline	0808 2000 247
FOAL Farm (Friends of Animals League)	01959 572386
GAS Emergency 24 hr freephone	0800 111 999
National Childbirth Trust (Biggin Hill)	01959 572209 or 01959 701765
New Life Church	01959 571667
NHS help line when you need medical advice	111
Police: Non Emergency Reporting	101
Local Safer Neighbourhood Team:	020 8721 2820
Princess Royal University Hospital	01689 863000
St. Mark's Parish Office	01959 577816
St. George's Memorial Chapel	01959 570353
St. Theresa's RC Church	01959 571404
Schools - Biggin Hill Primary	01959 575846
Charles Darwin Secondary	01959 574043
Cudham Primary	01959 572673
Oaklands Primary	01959 573963
Tatsfield Primary	01959 577356
Samaritans (Local branch) - 01689 833 000	24 hr - 08457 90 90 90
Textphone for hard of hearing	08457 90 91 92
Spitfire Youth Centre	01959 574835
St. John Ambulance	01959 701281
Thames Water	0845 920 0800
Trading Standards Rogue Traders Rapid Response	07903 852 090
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