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St. Mark's Church Biggin Hill

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the bi-monthly magazine of
St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill

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For Hall Bookings, Baptism, Wedding and general enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9.30 am to 12 noon**

Services at St. Mark's

First Sunday in the month

8.00am Communion -
Book of Common Prayer

10.30am All Age Worship

Other Sundays

10.30am Parish Communion

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion Service

All Souls' Service

Sunday 3rd November
3.30pm

We shall be remembering our departed loved ones. If you would like us to read out the name of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office (01959 577816) or email admin@movingchurch.org before Monday 28th October.

You might like to bring a single flower to lay on the altar.

There will be refreshments after the service

Worried? Problems?

We at St. Mark's would like to help you. If you would like our help, or simply want someone to talk to, please call 01959 540482 (Vicar),

How is your porridge, your chair and your bed?



Did you know that the name Goldilocks is used in many areas of life: in the classroom, in science, in communication. In the same way that Goldilocks tastes three different bowls of porridge and finds she prefers porridge that is neither too hot nor too cold but has just the right temperature, so this principle is used by teachers (pitching things 'just right' for their students); by doctors (the correct dosage of the correct drug means an improvement in the patient); by speakers (too much talk and people get bored, too little talk and the input is incomplete). This principle is also apparently used in developmental psychology, biology, economics and engineering!

Now here is the interesting part: the Goldilocks principle is also seen on Planet Earth. You don't have to be a great scientist to work out that were the earth a few thousand miles further towards the sun, we'd be burned alive; a few thousand miles further away, and we'd be permanently frozen. We do have extremes of temperature on earth, so we just don't live in those parts. Most of us live in the habitable parts that are 'just right.'

There are other finely tuned features from which we benefit: scientists have discovered well over 250 'just-right' features needed for life to exist on Planet Earth — for example a just-right atmosphere; all the just-right forms of water; and a just-right rotation period. Here, the earth spins at just the right speed: too slow and we'd freeze or fry; too fast and the winds speeds would be unbearable. And one more feature: we get our seasons from the tilt of the earth: 23°. Again, this is just right for life to be sustainable.

So where does all this lead us? A random universe which came about by pure chance is not the best explanation for our sustainable life here on earth. The chance of everything coming together in such an amazing way is mind-bogglingly small. To my mind, the best explanation is that the universe, the earth and human beings are not here by chance. We have a creator, called God.

When the long evenings start this autumn, be thankful there's a reason. I'm thankful also to the God I believe has put us here.

Mark Newman

St Mark's Church Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair 2024

Can you believe that St Mark's Church in Biggin Hill is coming up to its 9th annual Christmas Tree Festival? There will be our usual amazing collection of trees and wreaths donated by a variety of local organisations and businesses, an opportunity to test your powers of observation with our popular quiz and activities for the children. If you haven't been to see it before, it really is a must. Children have also really loved seeing so many different Christmas tree ideas and making their own decorations. This year we will be keeping the displays until Jan 6th 2025. They will also be shown on our live streamed Sunday Services for everyone to enjoy and we will continue to keep the canopy of light in the church every evening so that all can see this Beacon of Hope, shining out from St Mark's Church.

Added to this wonderful display, on Saturday 30th November from 10am-2pm we have our Christmas Fair. We have our fabulous children's school choir joining us once again and there will also be a range of stalls to help you with your Christmas shopping and get you into the Christmas spirit. Refreshments will be available including many favourites such as the inevitable delicious cakes! Fun for all the Family!

This year we are offering tables for guests to use. If you are interested in having a table at our fair please phone 01959 576093 or contact the Parish office on 01959 577816. Only craft goods please! £10 booked in advance.

The Church will be open for you to come and see as follows:

Friday 29th of November 3pm-5pm

Saturday 30th of November 10am-4pm (plus the Christmas Fair from 10am-2pm!)

Sunday 1st of December 10.30am there will be Sunday Worship followed at 11.45am by viewing of the exhibition. At 3.30pm you are welcome to join in with the Advent Carol service and the church will then close at 5pm .



St Mark's Church Biggin Hill

Christmas Tree Festival



29th November - 1st December

A Varied Display of Christmas Trees and Wreaths

On Saturday there will also be a range of stalls to help you with your Christmas shopping and get you into the Christmas spirit!

Enjoy coffee, tea, cakes each day.

Join in the singing of Advent Carols on Sunday at 3.30pm

Fun for all the family



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(Christmas Fair 10.am-2.00pm)

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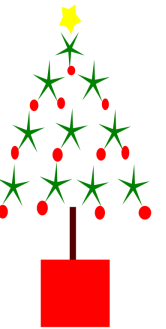


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Baptisms at St Mark's



Theo Baines was baptised on the 14th July.

He is with his parents Jade and Robert and older sisters Emilia and Georgia



Rex Hudson Witt-Morris was baptised on the 21st July. In the second photo he is with his parents Tracey and Daniel, brothers Harrison, Jenson and Finnley and sister Poppy



Grace Newman was baptised on the 8th September.

She is with her parents David and Victoria and Alison.



At St. Mark's.....

Music At St. Mark's

St. Mark's Music - songs and fellowship with a lively touch. Call Chris on 01959 700815 for more details

Baby & Toddler Group

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

Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact Alison on 01959 540482

Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717



DAY TRIPS BIGGIN HILL AREA
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- Fri 11 October – Waverley Paddle Steamer Thames River trip - £73pp
- Sun 13 October – The Knitting & Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace - £38pp
- Wed 16 October – Fishbourne Roman Villa & Afternoon in Chichester- £39pp
- Wed 23 October – Market Day in St Albans - £24pp
- Tues 5 November – Brickdane Music Hall, There will Always be an England - £84pp
- Wed 13 November – Shopping Day at Blue Water - £24pp
- Sat 23 November – Ardingly Winter Fair, Sussex - £32pp
- Thurs 28 November – Christmas Shopping at Pothill Garden Centre - £18pp
- Sun 1 December – Wakehurst Glo Wild Light Trail - £40pp adult £34pp child
- Fri 8 December – Winchester Christmas Market - £24pp
- Tues 10 December – Canterbury Christmas Market - £24pp
- Fri 13 December – Runnymede Christmas Lunch Cruise - £72pp
- Sun 15 December – Bedgebury Xmas Light - £50pp adult £42pp child
- Tues 17 December – London Lights Tour with Fish & Chip supper - £40pp

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Biggin Hill Councillors

Roadworks, Road Closures, Traffic Lights and Chaos – since being elected in 2014, Melanie has worked with 3 Members of Parliament (MP), all of which who have endeavoured to assist with the replacement of our ageing Victorian utility pipework and the constant pipe “bursts” resulting in roadworks, traffic lights and delays, while repairs are made. Peter Fortune our newly elected MP and GLA Assembly Member (MA) Thomas Turrell for Bromley and Biggin Hill, took on the challenge of meeting with representatives from The Department for Transport and Transport for London, Thames Water, Southern Gas Networks, Council Transport Team and The Airport Management Team last month.

The ongoing aim to discuss better planning, improved communications, traffic and project management and how all works can be conducted and cleared from site in the minimal amount of time possible, without compromising Health and Safety, oh and following on from the newly installed gas main, a new water main would be nice!

While we had the audience and building on the work that Melanie and Julian did on our bus service we talked about the disputation to our public transport infrastructure, including the complete lack of service when we are “cut off” due to road closures. Shuttle buses, mini depots and revised timetables will be part of our agenda.

Following the recent consultation of the proposed changes to the route and running times of the R2, at our request, Thomas is also requesting a separate meeting with Seb Dance, Deputy Mayor of London to discuss how improvements, as outlined in the consultation could still be implemented to provide a better weekend and bank holiday service for those living in the Valley. Updates will be available to us at the Transport Liaison Meeting to be held in October and we hope for some good news!

Local Planning Applications

We have recently seen an influx of controversial applications being submitted and we encourage everyone to review all application by following planning application pages on the Council's website.

If you wish for us to represent you on an application then please do contact us directly by email, and we will be happy to discuss, but please remember we will only support you, if you have a valid and solid reason to make comment and if you are prepared to stand alongside us while acting on your behalf.



Remembrance Sunday Church & War Memorial Service & Parade – This year's services will be held on 10 November 2024, starting off with a church service at St Marks Church at 9.30 am, followed by a parade down the Main Road to the War Memorial for an act of remembrance to those who were so brave as to sacrifice their lives for our freedom today. There is no need to book for the services but should you wish to lay a wreath or need more information then please contact Melanie Stevens on Melanie.stevens@bromley.gov.uk

The photo shows Melanie and Sophie with (left) Peter Fortune MP and Thomas Turrell GLA Member

Art Group Exhibition

Earlier this Summer members of the Biggin Hill Community Care Association Art Group joined together with much enthusiasm to mount a large art exhibition in St Mark's Church. The colourful display demonstrated a variety of more than 120 art works produced by members of the Art Group and showed examples of watercolour, pastel, acrylic and oil paintings.

The Art Group is for retired people and meets at St Mark's Hall on Wednesdays 2 - 4pm . Members provide their own art materials. This friendly, self supporting group, does not have a tutor but caters for all abilities from novice to seasoned artist with many members offering encouragement, help, tips, advice and the occasional demonstration.

There is a small charge of £5 per attendance and includes light refreshments of tea or coffee and nice biscuits.



Your local councillors

Melanie and Sophie are here to support you and assist you in anyway that makes living in Biggin Hill a more pleasurable experience for you and your family. We are always here and can be contacted by

Email:

Melanie.stevens@Bromley.gov.uk
Sophie.dunbar@bromley.gov.uk

Telephone: Melanie, 07900 171 266 - Sophie, 07929 365 228
Facebook: Biggin Hill Councillors - you can message us here as well.

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Wednesday Lunch Club The Friendly Club!

Enjoy a warm welcome at our **Lunch Club** which is open from 12.15pm until 2pm. A three course meal is provided which is cooked on the premises. Afterwards hot drinks are served. Transport within Biggin Hill can be provided at a small cost.

Biggin Hill Day Centre

Our Day Centre provides a friendly and sociable environment where you will be supported by our professional care staff.

Start the day with a cuppa and a chat!

Morning and afternoon activities. Three course lunch cooked on the premises. The Centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Centre provides respite for carers

Do you have difficulty doing your grocery shopping?

Assisted Shopping

Our Assisted Shopping takes place on Thursday mornings and is for Biggin Hill residents who live independently but need help with their weekly grocery shop. Call Annette on 01959 700411.

Art Group

Our Art Group meets on Wednesdays from 2pm. Everyone is welcome from novice to expert. Light refreshments are provided. A small donation is requested for each session.

All places must be booked in advance. For more information, please call us on 01959 577400 or email bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com.

You can also visit our website: bigginhillcommunitycare.org or scan the QR code.

We hire St. Mark's Hall, Church Road for our Day Centre, Lunch Club and Art Group.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

BHCCA needs help with transport for our members for the Lunch Club (Wednesdays) and the Assisted Shopping (Thursday mornings). If you are able to use your own car to help and would like more details, please call Neil Walker on 01959 700815.

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The Garden in Autumn.

Meteorologically speaking, the first day of autumn is September 1st, by the time you read this, astronomically the autumnal equinox occurs around September 21st, which is when the length of day and night become equal, is the first day of autumn, confusing?

Autumn represents the transition from summer to winter and has often been described as the 'mellow season'. It is so easy to neglect this wonderful time of the year, particularly as summer has been the coolest for 15 years. With the right selection of plants, the autumn garden can deliver many more weeks of pleasure.

Yet there is still plenty to do in the garden, when is it not? Take advantage of late summer flowering plants and various bulbs which are available in your local garden



centres to plant in your own garden or perhaps take delight in a garden near you. Whatever is your choice, enjoy the warm autumnal days and the forthcoming rich, golden colours and intoxicating fragrances, we associate this time of year.

With Michaelmas Day due on the 29th September, signifying the end of the harvest and, the start of autumn, provides so much colour and interest in the border. Yet, there is a misconception, that as the summer is now over, the garden is left to its own devices, until next spring. Yet, the garden is alive all year round, interest twelve months of the year with many plants taking a rest, ready for the following growing season.

This time of year, the iconic Aster or commonly known as the Michaelmas daisy, takes centre stage in the border. Providing scores of blue, mauve, red and white daisy heads with its yellow centre containing numerous disc florets full of nectar to interest wildlife. Mixed with decorative grasses, other floriferous perennials, and fashionable annuals, exotics and tender perennial plants such as the dahlia, will provide colour until the first frosts in borders and containers.



Harvesting peaks this time of year for fruit and vegetables, apples and pears to pick and store, beans and courgettes continue to produce, while further sowings of salad crops will guarantee further pickings for the table before temperature drops. We mustn't forget wildlife, as trees come alive with rich pickings of colourful fruit from the crab apple, hawthorn, spindle and the Rowan are just a few to mention, dripping with colourful jewels from deep purple to bright reds, this time of year.



To appreciate many of the above plants, visit the Sensory Garden, located in The Rec as the Biggin Hill Friends of the Parks volunteers maintain these glorious gardens. Should you wish to join or just visit, work parties are every Tuesday morning.

Whatever the weather, enjoy the gardening, take a rest, have a cuppa, relax and enjoy the rest of summer and autumn.

Nick Hagon.

Biggin Hill & District Horticultural Society

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Wednesday September 18th "Pests, diseases and their management in the garden" by Kevin Tooher, a subject on all our minds in the garden, friendly methods, products available in the garden centre, companion planting etc.

Wednesday October 16th, "History of Sissinghurst Castle Garden" by Stephen Harman, an update of what has gone on in the garden recently and its past history.

Wednesday November 20th, Annual General Meeting & Cooking Workshop with Gina afterwards.


Doors open at 7.30 for 8pm start, refreshments at 9pm and the evening finishes at 10pm.

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.

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The Arts Society Limpsfield
Bandstands: Their History,
Decline and Revival
Paul Rabbitts

Wednesday 30 October 2024
2.15pm Limpsfield Church Hall
RH8 0DG Guests £10

This lecture tells how the bandstand evolved from the buildings and 'orchestras' of the early Pleasure Gardens of the eighteenth century, how they appeared in nearly every public park and seaside promenade of the time, how its design was influenced by the great landscape designers and how a small number of Scottish foundries cornered the world market.

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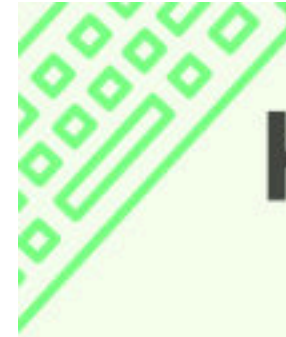
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1.30-2.30 Line Dancing

FRIDAY

9.30-10.15 Fit Dance
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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
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Regulations, please ensure you have the permission of the person to
be prayed for.

Please contact the Church office. The times the office is open can be
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outside of these times - 01959 577816

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's
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Under the heading "What kind of church member are you?" These lines appeared in a church magazine -

"Some are like watering cans, they pour out kindness, faith and peace"

"Some are like wheelbarrows, going no further than they are pushed"

"Some are like balloons, full of hot air and ready to blow up"

"Some are like trailers, they have to be pulled."

"But some are like a good watch - open face, pure gold quietly busy
and full of good works"

Barry

Meet Sheila Blundell, grand lady of Biggin Hill (Part 2)

Sheila and Mick Blundell in 2019



Sheila was born 7th August 1930 in Mill House on the corner of Main Road and Edward Road. Her family came up from Barnstaple, Devon to Dulwich/Forest Hill about 1870. Then in the 1920's, when Sheila's eldest brother Raymond got TB, they moved out to Biggin Hill where the air was cleaner.

Sheila was the second youngest of 6. Raymond went to Naval College before joining the Merchant Navy and settling in New Zealand. Then it was Joyce, the bossy one! After that came the twins Derek and Jean; Derek followed in Raymond's footsteps, Merchant Navy and New Zealand. Raymond came back for holidays but Derek didn't, although all of the sisters visited him. Sheila came next, followed by Ella in 1933. Ella married David Saxon, who was in the RAF and she travelled the world with him. When Sheila's mother was pregnant with Ella, Sheila went to live with her paternal Grandmother in Cranston Road, Forest Hill, where her dad was the local postman. He came to Biggin Hill at the weekends and they could hear the sound of his motorbike (a Ner-A-Car) coming up Leaves Green Hill. As a coincidence, Sheila's mother (Edith Minnie Courtney) attended All Saint's North Peckham, as a teenager.

By the time Sheila was 5, she was back in Biggin Hill, free to roam the village by herself, climbing trees, including the massive Cedar Tree and haystacks etc. She even played hopscotch on the Main Road, chalking squares on the rough tarmac. This was a childhood from a different age.

The village policeman did once tell Sheila's mother to go and wash the chalk markings off the road surface. He lived at the Police House opposite the Fox and Hounds, and used to drink with her mum, who would have a Guinness every night. Sheila's mother worked for the Blundell's and by the time Sheila was 8, she would go with her to the farm, where she often saw a boy playing on a big bike. This turned out to be her 2nd husband, Michael Blundell. Decades before tarmac was laid on the side roads, Sheila and her friends pushed many vehicles that had got stuck in the ruts, out of Aperfield Road.

Sheila attended Biggin Hill School, on the site that is now Waitrose. She sat next to John Nelson in class. Abbots Bakery was next door and the wonderful aroma of bread baking would waft through the classrooms, making them all feel hungry. Sheila also went to school with Betty Crittel, who lived in Sutherland Avenue. Both girls used to compete to talk to the vicar, Vivian Simons. One particular evening at home, there was a saucepan of vegetables on the dinner table. Suddenly someone saw the vicar walk past the window: the pan was grabbed and put back on the stove. It would have appeared slovenly if it had remained on the table and he had seen it! All the girls wanted to make a good impression on the vicar.

Early in the war, Sheila and Ella were evacuated to the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, to stay with their elder sister Joyce's mother-in-law. It was a cold and gloomy house but they were allowed to go to the cinema alone, a long walk down unlit country lanes as there weren't any buses. They saw the 1927 Hitchcock silent thriller, *The Lodger*. Sheila was terrified but Ella wanted to see it through. They ran the whole three miles home afterwards. Eventually their Evacuation ended and they returned to Biggin Hill and school, but she was told to beware of catching fleas, therefore be careful which child you sat next to. There was also 'Nitty Nora' the head lice nurse who visited the school regularly. The summer Sheila reached 13 she never went back to school.

During WW2, when the doodlebugs came overhead, the family used the shelter in the garden. Their Mum would say she needed to go outside to see the rockets but really it was to have a cigarette. Derek used to take Sheila over to the aerodrome to look for shrapnel which she and her friends would swap with each other at school. Sheila was used to walking as her mother didn't drive so they went everywhere on foot, even to the White Bear Pub in Warlingham.



Ella got a Saturday job in the village sweet shop, which is now Smiles, the Dentist. If you had a threepenny piece, you were quite well off and could buy several sweets.

The well-known Big Teapot which stood outside Highclere House, was often stolen by members of the RAF, but it was always returned.

There were Dances in the House and the W.I. Hall, plus the Hall had a stage. People came from all the local villages, like Tatsfield. When Sheila was in her early teens it was decided to hold a beauty competition. All the girls had to walk around the room. The following week, the previous winners had to parade again, standing on the stage and pulling up their skirts a little behind their knees. The one with the loudest clap won the competition. And the winner was Sheila! This was thanks to all the support from her brothers and sisters. Sheila had her 21st Birthday Party there. The Jitterbug was all the rage at that time.

With some friends, Sheila would ride down to Green Street Green, to a white bungalow on the Green opposite the Crescent. The lady there used to sell bars of chocolate. Curiously, Sheila never remembers riding back up Cudham Hill!



Sheila's first job was in a Solicitor's office in Westerham, next to the Church on the Green. From there she helped in the kitchens at Bromley High School for girls but her real love was flowers and a good word from the School Cook got her a position in a florists shop opposite Dunns in Market Place, Bromley. On her way to work, the bus stopped at the Black Horse and she used to see Mick Blundell, getting on, as he made his way to Bromley Grammar School. One of the first deliveries Sheila made for the shop was to take a wreath to Shortlands. Unfortunately, she didn't have any money left at this point, so had to walk back home to Biggin Hill.

Did Sheila ever venture down into the Valley? Almost never, her mother wouldn't allow it. Her first trip down there was when she took Derek (her son) in his pram. Mum couldn't stop her by then, but she came back not only pushing Derek but also pulling a friend's Nanny Goat, which had been mated down there, all the way up Stock Hill.

So, what of Mick Blundell? His family had come from Lincolnshire in the 1830's, first working for the Christy family then in 1845, moving into Grubb Grounds Farm, behind the modern-day Squash Club. The family did mixed farming, including Strawberries which were served at Wimbledon. Mick's father had a stall at Covent Garden. Before WWII, he supplied Joe Lynes with strawberries, who in turn supplied the Queen's Garden Parties.

In the mid-90s, Sheila and Mick, with some long-term friends, began to organize the Biggin Hill Reunion each September, so are in touch with many who have been part of the village and have moved away.



Sheila's first collection of memories was titled: The Biggin Hill We Knew. The second was called More of the Biggin Hill We Knew. Kim was the person who had the task of sorting, editing and typing the written recollections and photos. If you've lived long in Biggin Hill, you'll know it's a unique

place, but the most unique inhabitant has to be Sheila Blundell!

Article by Mark Newman and Kim Cross

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All Saints' Church, Tudeley

All Saints' Church, Tudeley, is a little gem, situated in countryside near Tonbridge. It is unique in that all of the twelve stained glass windows were designed by Marc Chagall, the famous Russian/ French artist. His work can be seen mainly in France but he is well known for his modern approach. This small church is a wonderful example and a small group of us were lucky enough to be able to listen to a talk about the building and its stunning windows. Chagall was approached by the mother of a 21 year old young woman who tragically died in a sailing accident off Rye, asking if he would design a window for All Saints, in Sarah's memory. When this was finally revealed and Chagall came to see the result, he was so taken with the church that he said, " this is where I will fill a church with my designs!". And eventually that was what happened. This is only a taster for you... the full story is



fascinating and the sight of such stunning stained glass must be seen to be believed! As the light shines through the windows it only serves to enhance the experience. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit and can only recommend that you go see for yourself. Just Google the church and it will lead you to the details of your visit.

Caroline Budimir

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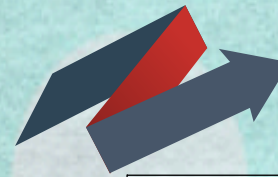
Worship is an integral part of our love for God, and we want our services to reflect dignity and sensitivity as well as joy and thanksgiving.

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

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