Marsh Green Church

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The United Reformed Church

Sunday 11th October 2026

Tricia Rey led our Communion service this morning, and the readings were Philippians 4 verses 1 to 9 and Exodus 32 verses 1 to 14. The second reading is the story of the Golden Calf, and Tricia had found a hymn that told the story of this event.

This hymn, 'When Israel heard the fiery law', was written by John Newton (the author of Amazing Grace) in 1779. It is said to be a famous hymn, but I'd be surprised if you would find it in any hymn book today, so it was good to give it an airing.

Tricia said that it was not surprising that Aaron, who lived in the shadow of Moses (a bit like Prince William and Harry), should want to do something spectacular for the people when they weren't sure whether they would ever see Moses again. However, the people ended up worshipping the Golden Calf, and God became very cross. Whilst it is good to have pleasurable things in our lives, we can end up becoming obsessed by less good things. As John Newton wrote in his hymn, "Lord, save us from our golden calves." We also need to bear in mind Paul's words to the church in Philippi to "show a gentle attitude towards everyone" and "fill your minds with those things that are good."

Next Sunday
Anthea Staples from the Parish Church will be with us again.

Harvest Supper Success
There was a very successful Harvest Supper on Friday with over 40 present. This was truly a joint effort with the village community, and our thanks go to all who organised it.

What's on this week?
There will be a Bible Study tomorrow evening at 7.30 pm, continuing to look at the book of James. This will be held at Eden House, and you don't need to have come to a previous meeting.

The **Baby and Toddler Group** is running on Tuesday morning from 9.30 am to 11.00 am. This group has made a very successful start, and our thanks go to those who are running it.

On Friday, 'Soup and Silence' is back at the church, meeting at 12.20 pm for a 12.30 pms tart. All are welcome.

Southern Synod Together meets at Burgess Hill URC on Saturday.

Dates for later in October

Sunday 25th October
There will be a Church Meeting after the service.

Looking further ahead – November

Christmas is coming!

Saturday 14th November
Oxted URC is holding a Christmas Market from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Saturday, 21st November
Our Christmas Fair will be on the following from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Prayer Call for the week from 11th October

We pray yet again for peace in the Middle East, particularly remembering those affected by the attack on Riyadh Airport.
We pray for the homeless. Not just those on the streets but also those living in refuges and temporary accommodation.
The other churches in the Pastorate will be praying for us this week.