

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	Songbirds break for the summer, returning September	
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Tilgate
Wednesday	1.30pm	Cake & Company
Thursday	9.30am-1pm	The Gate Café
Friday	10.30am	St Mary's Weekly Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room

Prayer meetings take place every week for St Mary's. Please feel free to join us at 8.30am in church Tuesday to Thursday each week (access via the rear door) and Friday morning at 10.30am in the Upper Room (access via the front of the building).

Dates for your Diary - See notices or contact the parish office for further details

July	Cake & Co	Wednesday 30th July - last session before August break
August	Gardening Gang	Saturday 2nd August 10am-12noon
	Big Church Festival	22-24 August Wiston Estate
	Children's Holiday Club	27-29 August at St Andrew's, Furnace Green

St Andrew's Church Holiday Club – Journey with Jesus

27th-29th August 2025: 10am-12.30pm

Calling all Adventurers! Craft, stories, games and songs for primary school children. Come and join us as we go on an adventure in the footsteps of Jesus! To sign up or for more information: holidayclub@standrewscrawley.com or see poster for QR Code.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3 August 2025

10.30am First Sunday Celebration

Theme:	Trusting in God	Readings:	Psalms 91
Leader:	Andrew Davies	Preacher:	Mark Hales

WHO'S WHO

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Janet Kensey

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The Parish Office operates 10am-1pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

This may be via remote working - the office may not be open, emails will be read.

PRAYER CHAIN

Peter and Elizabeth Wigglesworth 01293 409339
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Pastoral Care Team

Lead contact:	Clare Hiley
Louise Cook	Liz Hunter
Sylvia Brophy	Pat Miller

To speak to a member of the team, please contact
Clare Hiley 01293 534733

Please submit your notices, for
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 30 July

St Mary's Church, Wakehurst Drive, Southgate, Crawley RH10 6EH

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| St Mary's Southgate | Holy Trinity Tilgate | Christ the Lord Broadfield |

St Mary's Southgate family matters

Worshipping Jesus, Sharing His love, Making Him known

Sunday 27 July 2025

10.30am	Holy Communion
Theme:	The Power of Praise & Worship
Readings:	Psalms 150 1 Peter 2:9-10
Leader & preacher:	Alex Wheeler

Welcome to St Mary's.

Today is the start of a new sermon series based on the Book of Psalms. We will be thinking about what it means to worship and also reflecting on those times when we find it difficult.

Alex Wheeler

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9

Rector Vacancy Update

Good news! After shortlisting and interviews, we are delighted that an offer has been made and accepted for the role of Team Rector of South Crawley. Another more detailed announcement will be made when the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) process is complete. Patience will be needed as this may take several weeks. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Mark and Claire, Parish Representatives

Last Sundays shared lunch

Many thanks to everyone who set up and took part in our church lunch. I think everyone had a lovely time. Hopefully our next meal together will be with the parish in celebration of a new Rector.

Mark Hales

Home Groups at St. Mary's

We encourage everyone to be part of a small group for fellowship, prayer and bible study. There are currently a number of Home Groups meeting at different times during the week, in person or online. If you would like to find out more please speak to Lesley Davies, our Home Group Co-ordinator, or email the Office (saintmaryssouthgate@gmail.com) and your message will be passed on.

It's a great way to connect with others in our church and to encourage and support one another, so do consider joining in!



The funeral of Derek Ward (husband of Jenny Ward) will be held in St Richard's Chapel at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on the Balcombe Road at **2.15 pm on Monday 11 August**, followed by refreshments at the Shrublands Residents Club, 20A Laurel Close, Crawley RH10 6QE.

Cake and Co Organ Recital

What a fantastic afternoon we had Wednesday 16th - over 50 people came and we enjoyed an hour of lovely music played on the organ by Malcolm, followed by tea and cake.

We raised over £200 for St Catherine's Hospice too. Thank you to all the helpers who made the afternoon happen. Another event is already being planned.

Cake and Co are together for one more week in July finishing for the summer on 30th July.

No Cake and Co in August, returning on 3rd September,

The Easter Team Foodbank thank you for all your kind and generous giving. Your donations are always gratefully received by the team and by the clients.

Requests for July - the team would really appreciate donations of **baked beans, tinned fruit and biscuits** this month please. Donations can be brought to St Mary's on a Sunday morning or left in the crate outside the rectory. Money donations are also very welcome for tins of essential food, if you are able, please put any donations in an envelope clearly marked for the Easter Team and place in the collection box.

Please make sure items for the Easter Team Foodbank are in date and be careful not to leave any 'out of date' items.

The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Easter Team Operations Manager

The Trustees of the Easter Team are advertising a vacancy for the Easter Team Operations Manager. Please see noticeboard for the job advertisement for further details.

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group

Come and join us as we journey together for 12 weeks to explore how to maintain positive mental and emotional wellbeing. Our next Kintsugi Hope Group starts at St Marys on Monday 15th September at 1.30pm.

Speak to Claire Jordan or Clare Hiley for more information and to join. Also contact Claire J by email or phone claireajordan@outlook.com 07948969986



Holy Trinity are holding a 'yard sale' at the Holy Trinity church Tilgate on bank holiday Monday, the 25th August starting at 10am until 2pm.

There will be items to buy, tea & cakes & burgers all in aid of Holy Trinity's building fund.

Children's volunteers over summer holidays

As per usual there will be no children's work over the summer holidays. However, we do like to run some all age DVD's. If you have a suitable DBS could you please let Mark know which Sunday/s you would be willing to help.

Parking at the Downsman

Some of you have noticed that the Downsman is now charging for parking from 1pm during the week and from noon at weekends. They have been very generous to us over the years and have emailed to say that they are happy for us to continue parking there on a Sunday morning. Further clarifications may follow.