

Dates for your diary

## REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	Songbirds break for the summer, returning September
Tuesday	10.00am Holy Communion at <b>Holy Trinity Tilgate*</b>
Wednesday	Cake & Company break for the summer, returning 3 September
Thursday	9.30am-1pm The Gate Café - <b>closed Thursday 4th September</b>
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

### September at St Mary's

**Cake & Co** Wednesday 3rd September 1.30pm

**The Gate Café will be CLOSED** Thursday 4th September due to maintenance works.

**Gardening Team** Saturday 6th September 10am-12noon - see notice

**\*Parish Holy Communion at St Mary's** Tuesday 9th September 10.00am

**U3A Art Group at St Mary's** Tuesday 9th September 1.30-3.30pm

**The Gate Saturday Opening** - Saturday 13 September 10.30-2.30pm

### Other September Events

**Lighthouse 95 hours of prayer @ Transformation Community Church -**  
Wednesday 3-Sunday 7th September

**Lighthouse Commissioning Service @ Barn Church** 7th September 7pm

### Sunday 7 September 2025

#### 10.30am First Sunday Celebration

Theme: The God who knows you

Leaders: The First Sunday Team

Readings: Psalm 139

Speaker: Anthony Welch

## 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.**

### Pastoral Care Team

Lead contact:

Louise Cook

Sylvia Brophy

Clare Hiley

Liz Hunter

Pat Miller

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

### PRAYER CHAIN

Peter and Elizabeth Wigglesworth 01293 409339  
pswigglesworth@gmail.com or emwatkins1@gmail.com

Please submit your notices, for  
**Family Matters** to the Parish Office, by  
**Wednesday 3 September**

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 31 August 2025

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion**

Theme:

Thirsting for God

Readings:

Psalm 42

Leader &

Preacher:

Jonathan Mortimer

### Welcome to St Mary's.

Of the many lessons you can learn from the Psalms, that German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer called the prayer book of the bible, one is this: be real with God. No need for fine words, noble sentiment or eloquent expressions of faith - instead, tell God like it is. Today's Psalm 42 is a great example of how to pray like that. And how God answers when we do.

*Jonathan*

**'As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.'**

Psalm 42, verse 1

### \*Another New Update\* Rector Vacancy

Good news! We are delighted that we will be able to make the announcement of the new Team Rector for South Crawley Parish on Sunday. A start date will also be confirmed shortly. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Mark and Claire, Parish Representatives

Essential maintenance works will be taking place during the day next week. Therefore access to the building will be restricted on Thursday 4 September and unfortunately The Gate Café will be closed for this one Thursday only. All other scheduled events will take place as usual.

Cake &  
Company



**Cake and Co - IS BACK**  
**this Wednesday 3rd September.**

Cake &  
Company



The Easter Team are delighted to share that Vicki Butchers has been appointed Operations Manager to replace Su when she leaves in December. Vicki starts on Tuesday 2 September. We join in welcoming her to the team.

We are pleased to say that the roofing works at Holy Trinity Tilgate will be starting in September. We are delighted to be able to help by hosting some events that regularly happen at Holy Trinity church and hall and therefore you will see a bit more activity at St Mary's during the first three weeks of September.

On Tuesday 9 September the parish morning communion service and coffee morning will be held at St Marys which Jonathan Mortimer is due to lead.

Tuesday 9 September we welcome U3A art group in the afternoon from 1.30 - 3.30pm and we expect this same group to be with us for the following one or two weeks, same day and time.

Couch Quitters will be in on Monday 15th & 22nd and Thursday 18th & 25th from 6.00-7.00pm. This class is open to everyone, if you fancy giving this class a trial maybe this is that opportunity. Further details are on the noticeboard.

Thank you to all those throughout the Parish who donated, attended and supported Holy Trinity's Yard Sale event on bank holiday Monday. Holy Trinity welcomed many visitors from the local community and raised over £850 for their building fund.

Next Sunday's Family Matters will be a double edition covering the 7th and 14th September. If you have any notices for these weeks (6th to 20th September), please make sure there are emailed to the Parish Office by **Wednesday 3 September**. Thank you

**The Easter Team Foodbank Requests for September** - the team would really appreciate donations of **toothpaste, washing powder or pods and jam 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.

**The Easter Team**

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

**Please make sure items are in date and  
be careful not to leave any 'out of date' items.**



### Lighthouse Project Commissioning Service

Please join us The Lighthouse Project Crawley at their annual Commissioning Service Sunday 7 September 2025 7pm at Barn Church, Francis Edwards Way RH11 9GG (home of Elim Church Bewbush)  
**All Welcome.**



Discovering  
treasure  
in life's scars

### 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](mailto:claireajordan@outlook.com) 07948969986



**New Gen Youth Church service** at St Andrew's Church, Furnace Green - a monthly service for all youth aged 11-18 years Sunday, 7.00-8.15pm **No meeting in August.** Next is Sunday 28 September.

A huge hank you to Sonia for all the time, energy and work she has lovingly and humbly put into organising for the members of St Mary's, Holy Trinity and St Andrew's to attend the Big Church Festival last weekend. We pray they had the best time and look forward to hearing of their adventures and encounters.



**The Gardening Group meet Saturday 6th September**  
10am-12noon.

Everyone is welcome at St Mary's on Saturday 2nd August for our monthly Garden Club - come and sit in the church garden to chat or pray, or if able to, to help dig up some weeds and keep our green space tidy.