

Dates for your diary

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday Songbirds break for the summer, returning September
Tuesday 10.00am Holy Communion at **Holy Trinity Tilgate**
Wednesday Cake & Company break for the summer, returning 3 September
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

Big Church Festival 22-24 August Wiston Estate

Holy Trinity Yard Sale Monday 25th August - see notice

Age UK Community Pop Up @ The Gate café Thursday 28th August

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.

10.30am Sunday 24 August 2025 Holy Communion

Theme: What battles are we facing?
Readings: Psalm 18 & Mark 6:45-52
Leader & Preacher: Alex Wheeler

WHO'S WHO

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Janet Kensey
01293 547261 saintmaryssouthgate@gmail.com
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 20 August

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 17 August 2025

10.30am Morning Prayer
Theme: Give thanks to the Lord
Reading: Psalm 107: 1-43
Leader: Graham Piper
Preacher: Philippa Piper

Welcome to St Mary's.

This week's psalm 107 reminds us to be thankful to God, no matter what the circumstances! Our gratitude is prompted by the awareness that He is good, as demonstrated in His enduring steadfast love for His people. The word used for this (Hebrew: hesed) includes the two ideas of absolute faithfulness and warm affection. Isn't that both beautiful and comforting?

It is also a great psalm about how God rescues His people from various difficult situations as a result of their crying out to Him in prayer. I think we will find much to encourage, and challenge us as we look at it together!



**So thank God for His marvellous love,
for His miracle mercy to the children He loves;**

**If you are really wise, you'll think this over—
it's time you appreciated God's deep love.**

Psalm 107 v 8,43 (The Message version)

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.
There are still slots to cover so please do take a look at the clipboard.

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!



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 Moritmer 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.

95 hours of prayer for the 95%

Lighthouse Project Crawley is providing a 95 hours of prayer space with a focus on praying for the 95% of children and young people who have no local church connection. Interactive prayer space at Transformation Community Church, The Glade, Furnace Green RH10 6JL. Wednesday 3rd – Sunday 7th September. To book a prayer slot go to <https://signup.24-7prayer.co/signup/341aaa> See noticeboard for further details.

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 August - the team would really appreciate donations of **tinned meat, squash 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



Cake and Co - A reminder that there is no Cake & Co meetings in August. Cake & Co returns on Wednesday 3rd September.



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.

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

Parking at the Downsman. The Downsman is now charging for parking from 1pm. 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 - whilst the notice states from noon at weekends, the owner has advised the car park system will not start until 1pm.