

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

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 27th-29th August 2025

September at St Mary's

Cake & Co Wednesday 3rd September 1.30pm

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

Other September Events

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

Lighthouse Commissioning Service @ Barn Church 7th September 7pm

Sunday 31 August 2025

10.30am Holy Communion
Theme: Thirsting for God
Readings: Psalm 42
Leader & Preacher: Jonathan Mortimer

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

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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 27 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 24 August 2025

10.30am Holy Communion
Theme: What battles are we facing?
Readings: Psalm 18:1-36
Mark 6:45-52
Leader & Preacher: Alex Wheeler

Welcome to St Mary's.

Today we are looking at Psalm 18 and we will be looking at some of the battles that David faced and how he responded.

What can we learn about our response in challenging situations, as we reflect on God's provision for us?

Alex

**"The LORD is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer"**

Psalm 18:2

Your Bank Holiday Monday activity sorted!

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 and can **help we still need cover for Sunday 31 August**. Please see Mark or put your details on the clipboard on the welcome table. Thank you

New Update Rector Vacancy

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. The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) process has been completed this week and a date is being agreed so that both parishes can be informed of the appointment at the same time. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Mark and Claire, Parish Representatives

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.

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

10.30-11.30am With Emma Finister—Community Agent

Come along for lots of information and advice.

Find out all the different ways they can support you.

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>



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



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.**

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.

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 happening this weekend, 22-24 August. We pray they are having 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.

