



Sunday 7th September: 1st Sunday in Creationtide. The theme this year is 'making peace with Creation'. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Creation. At Westerham, we also mark the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

8.00am, Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

10.00am, Family Service at Crockham Hill

Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 14:25-33

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns.

Readings: Isaiah 61:10-end; Luke 1:46-55

6.00pm, Choral Evensong at Westerham.

Readings: Psalm 72; Proverbs 8:22-31; John 19:23-27

Day	Time	What's on at St Mary's this week?
Tues to Sat	9.00 - 9.30am	Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
Tuesday	10am - 12.00pm	Coffee Time at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship
	7.45pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	10am	Midweek Communion: a said service
	10am to 12pm	Jigsaw Group at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	7pm	Choir practice in the John Fryth Room
Saturday	3.00pm	The wedding of Eddie and Paula

Sunday 14th September, Second of Creationtide

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

Readings: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Luke 15.1-10

10.30am, 2nd Sunday at Westerham: our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with refreshments available throughout. This month we will include making bug hotels as we celebrate Creationtide.

Rotas: The new rotas covering September— November are now online to view. If you don't find it easy or possible to access the rotas on Google-sheets, there is always a printed copy of the current month on the eagle lectern, under the Bible. If you have any queries, contact Bruce. If you would like to join the sidespeople and/or the intercessions (prayer) rota, please speak to Revd Dave/ Revd Wendy/Bruce.

The next PCC meeting will be on Wednesday 24th September. Please send any agenda items to the Benefice Office by Monday 15th September.

Wednesday 1st October, 7pm for 7.30pm: St Mary's fundraising quiz at The Grasshopper on The Green. This is now sold out, but **donations of raffle prizes (especially alcohol) would be very much appreciated.**

2nd Sunday in Creationtide The season of Creation is , a cross-denominational season celebrating Creation, our place within and our responsibility for it. This year's theme is 'Peace with Creation'. As we pray for the world God has placed us in, we'll be making bug hotels to provide sanctuary and food for the invertebrates that bless us without knowing, yet are in rapid decline.

We now have enough tubes for the walls of our hotels but we need fillings so if you've got any short woody cuttings (and perhaps some leaves or moss) from your garden please bring them along to the service to furnish the hotels. **Thank you.**

A Prayer for Peace

God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday

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Garden of Peace
Isaiah 52:14-18

**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025