

## Prayer bulletin

Give thanks for:

- The appointment of a new rector
- The freedom we have where the Spirit of the Lord is. (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- The amazing invitation to know God as our Father when we receive Jesus (Luke 11:2; John 1:12)

Pray persistently for:

- The new rector as they prepare to move here, and for the church they will be leaving. Pray that the DBS process does not cause delays.
- Who you could invite to church or to the garden party.
- Opportunities to talk to your neighbours about why you come to church.

PRAYER

## Weekday Morning Prayer at St Mary's 8.30-9.30

A small group meets Monday-Thursday mornings to read the office of morning prayer, discuss the Bible readings and pray together. It's a great way to start a day. Come in by the Rectory gate to the office entrance.

**Home or hospital communion:** If you are housebound or in hospital and would like to receive communion, please let the vicar know. We have a team of people authorised to bring you communion at home or in hospital as an extension of our Sunday worship.

## House Group:

Meets Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7- 8.30 p.m.  
at Liz & Terry's house.  
We are continuing the 'Grace' course.

**St Mary's Cake and Company**  
**Take a break over summer**  
No Cake and Co in August,  
returning on 3rd September.



**The Gate Café** at St Mary's is open every Thursday, 9.30am to 1pm throughout August with a special Saturday opening due 13 September.

## WHO'S WHO

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## Tilgate Link August 2025



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## Sunday Services

3 <sup>rd</sup> August	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with Jonathan Mortimer
10 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
17 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship
31 <sup>st</sup> August	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
7 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

**10.30 Sunday Services are followed by coffee/tea in the lounge.**  
Do join us for a drink and a chat.

**Parish Communion service on Tuesdays at 10.00 a.m.** Services are led in turn by both vicars in our parish, with lay ministers preaching at some. The service is followed by coffee/tea and time to chat in the lounge.

**In need of prayer?** If you would like someone to pray 1:1 with you, please speak to the vicar or service leader after the service. Anointing for healing is also offered.



## Thought from the vicar:

When Jesus called Philip, Philip went to tell his friend Nathaniel and to invite him to 'Come and see'. Although meeting Jesus can happen anywhere, we know that when we meet together to worship him, Jesus is present in a special way. So, wouldn't it be great to bring our friends, our neighbours and our families to come and meet Jesus. Research shows that people like to be invited to church. Not all will come, but some will. We have something great here – a place where we meet as a loving supportive family to worship God - God the almighty creator who invites us to call him Father; Jesus, Son of God, who became one of us and died for us; Holy Spirit who guides and empowers us; God who loves us and wants to set us free. Why wouldn't we want to invite someone to 'come and see'?

*Jill*

## John 1:45-46 New International Version - UK

<sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

<sup>46</sup> 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip.

**Save the date and invite your friends:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Garden Party. 3-5pm at Holy Trinity Church. This is for everyone. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up on the list in the lounge. For catering purposes, Liz needs to know numbers attending by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August please.

#### Fundraising: Yard Sale - Silver & Gold - Foreign Currency

We are holding a **'yard sale'** at the Holy Trinity church on bank holiday Monday, 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.

**Silver and gold** can be resold for church funds; is now the time to let go of the broken necklace or cufflinks that you never intend to repair and wear?

Foreign currency left over from a past holiday? Please bring it to church and put it in the glass bowl.

**Roof:** Scaffolding will be erected from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September. For safety reasons the car park and buildings will be closed to all users during the working day for this week. Roof replacement will begin on 15<sup>th</sup> September, starting with the hall, and (weather permitting) should be complete by mid-November. The hall will be closed to hirers during the first phase of the work. There may be some changes to which doors we can use on Tuesdays; Sundays should not be significantly affected.

**Roofers – hospitality.** We are offering the contractors the use of our toilets and kitchen facilities while they are on site. I'm sure that the occasional offer of a cake to go with their tea would be appreciated. Let's welcome them in the name of Jesus.

**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 H and Claire J, Parish Representatives

**Home Start CHAMS** is one of our link Missions to which we give 2% each of our general income. If you wish to give an additional donation, make sure your bank payment or cash donation is marked 'Home Start'. We are grateful to Lisa for coming on 27<sup>th</sup> July to tell us about their work.

Home Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through the challenging times. We are there for parents when they need us the most because childhood can't wait. (from their website [Home - Home Start Crawley, Horsham & Mid-Sussex](#))

#### Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use:

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	<b>Chris Witherall</b>	3.30pm–9.00pm	Upper Room
	<b>Couch Witters</b>	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Tuesday	<b>U3A</b>	1.30pm-3.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	<b>Max Lewis</b>	4.00pm-5.00pm	Upper Room
	<b>Bloom Pilates</b>	5.45-7.45pm	Hall
Thursday	<b>Couch Quitters</b>	6.00-6.45pm	Hall

Please check this list and advise Janet if you are planning a church activity in the building.

**Please pray for our various community partners who use our buildings.**

**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 the service in Holy Trinity on Sunday or Tuesday mornings or left in the crate on the Rectory doorstep in Forester Road at any time (envelopes with donations should be clearly marked and placed in the collection box).

The Easter Team  
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARTNER



**Lighthouse Project Crawley 95 hours of prayer for the 95%** of children who have no church connection. Interactive prayer space at Transformation Community Church, The Glade, Furnace Green RH10 6JL. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. To book a prayer slot go to <https://signup.24-7prayer.co/signup/341aaa>



**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.

We are a family at Holy Trinity, and when families get together, they chat, and if visitors come in, they are welcomed. When coming to worship God, some people like to be quiet for a while before the service begins. In order to make both of these possible, I would encourage those who are ready to chat to do so in the lounge until just before the service, and those who want to be quieter to come into the church.

**Giving to the building Fund:** It's not too late to contribute – see Ian or collect a 'How to give' form from the church lounge. Once we have the £160,000 for the roof, any further monies will go to upgrading windows and doors and other aspects of restoring our building.

**Receiving Communion** If you are a baptised believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we welcome you to receive the bread and wine (or just the bread, if you prefer). Come forward to the communion rail when invited. If you would like a prayer of blessing instead, come forward and keep your hands folded.

Please let the welcomers know when you arrive if you require gluten free bread or need to have communion brought to you at your seat.