

Prayer bulletin

Give thanks for:

- The appointment of a new rector, Mark Davey.
- The start of the building work.

Pray persistently for:

- Mark D and his family as they prepare to move here, and for the church they will be leaving in Morden.
- Opportunities to talk to your neighbours about Jesus.
- our personal and corporate growth as true disciples of Jesus.
- Safety on the building site and for the builders to know the presence of God as they work here.

House Group: Meets Tuesdays 2nd, 16th, 30th September 7-8.30 pm at Liz & Terry's house. We are continuing the 'Grace' course. We will be starting a new course in October, which would be a good time for new members to join.

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.



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 Next meeting is Sunday 28 September.

The Gate Café at St Mary's is closed Thursday 4 September and reopens as usual thereafter every Thursday, 9.30am to 1pm with a special Saturday opening on 13 September, 10.30-2.30pm

St Mary's Cake & Co Returns on Wednesday 3rd September.

WHO'S WHO

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Holy Trinity Church

Sunday Services

7 th September	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
14 th September	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
21 st September	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
28 th September	Harvest Festival	
	10.30 a.m.	4 th Sunday Worship
5 th October	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.

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.



Thought from the vicar:

In the coming weeks we shall be thinking about discipleship. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Disciples are apprentices who live closely with their teacher. A good disciple learns, not just from what the teacher says, but through imitating how they live. Disciples must learn to live together with others as they follow their teacher together. Such a lifestyle is costly to the disciple; they cannot go off and do their own thing most of the time and just come back to the teacher once a week. This is a fulltime commitment. As disciples of Jesus, we need to be in his presence daily. We must live in community with Jesus and with our fellow disciples. Disciples are life-long learners, but not just learners – they are on active mission, living out what they see Jesus doing.

How is discipleship going for you and your brothers and sisters?

And whoever does not carry their cross
and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27

Fundraising:

THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard to make the Yard Sale a success. We are delighted to report that it raised over £850 for the building fund. We welcomed in many visitors from the local community who enjoyed both the bargain hunting and the refreshments.

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.

What's on?

Next Ladies event: Saturday October 18th 3.00 until 5.00 in the lounge. We will be celebrating Harvest with activities, cake, friendship and discussion.

Men's meal out: 26th September.



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 3rd – Sunday 7th September. To book a prayer slot go to <https://signup.24-7prayer.co/signup/341aaa>

Christianity Explored. Thursday evenings from 4th September for 7 weeks. 6.30-9.00 pm. Explore who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. Take a look at Mark's Gospel together. Food, videos and discussion.

Mesaage from the New Rector: Hello St Mary's and the wider parish of South Crawley! My name is Mark and I am very much looking forward to serving you as your new Team Rector. I am married to Helena and we have two young children. I am currently a Team Vicar in Morden, South West London where I have been serving for the last 8 years. Before training for ordination, I was a ministry trainee at a church in Hove, a van-driver and a cabinet-maker. I am a Sussex boy, born and bred, and I support Brighton and Hove Albion football club. I love long walks in the countryside, drinking tea, watching films and talking to people about Jesus. I am really excited to explore what God has planned for St Mary's and the wider South Crawley Parish in the coming years. It will be a privilege to lead the team and work alongside you all as a congregation! I am looking forward to getting to know you all in due time.

Roof: Scaffolding will be erected from 8th to 12th 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 15th 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.

Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use: - you will notice some changes during the roofing work– please contact Janet if you need details

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	Chris Witherrall	3.30pm–9.00pm	Upper Room
	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall & St Mary's
Tuesday	U3A	1.30pm-3.30pm	Hall & St Mary's
Wednesday	Max Lewis	4.00pm-5.00pm	Upper Room
	Bloom Pilates	5.45-7.45pm	Hall & lounge
Thursday	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall & St Mary's

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

Harvest Festival We will be celebrating God's generous provision to us on Sunday 28th September. Helping hands to decorate the church (no experience needed) and donations of greenery from 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 27th please. We express our gratitude to God for all we have received by giving to the Crawley Foodbank Partnership (The Easter Team and Crawley Open House). Please bring donations of long shelflife foods and toiletries. See notice below for a list of what would be most appreciated.

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 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 is one of our five link missions to each of which we give 2% of our general income. If you wish to give an additional donation, make sure your bank payment or cash donation (in an envelope) is marked 'Easter Team'. The Easter Team helps local people in crisis to feel accepted, cared for and valued by providing food and support with utility top ups, so that we can show them the love of Jesus. We look forward to welcoming Su Parrish from The Easter Team to tell us about their work on 26th October

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.

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.

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.