

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds Choir Rehearsals
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Tilgate
Wednesday	1.30pm	Cake & Company
Thursday	9.30am-1pm	The Gate Café
Friday	10.30am	St Mary's Weekly Prayer Meeting (in 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).

St Mary's Gardening Team meets every first Saturday of each month.

The next gardening get together is Saturday 4th October, 10am-12noon. Everyone is welcome - 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.



Sunday 5 October 2025

10.30am **First Sunday Celebration**
Theme: Healing of a Crippled Beggar
Reading: Acts 3:1-10
Leader: Mark Hales
Speaker: Helen Thomas

WHO'S WHO

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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
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Please submit your notices, for
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 1 October

St Mary's Southgate family matters

Worshipping Jesus, Sharing His love, Making Him known

Sunday 28 September 2025

10.30am	Holy Communion
Theme:	The Servant's Work
Reading:	Isaiah 52:16-53:17 1 Colossians 1:15-20
Leader & Preacher:	Alex Wheeler

Welcome to St Mary's.

The passage that we will be looking at today in Isaiah is often known as the 'suffering servant'. It is an extraordinary prophecy of the life of Jesus which challenges us in our understanding of servanthood.

Alex

**"By his knowledge, my righteous servant will
justify many, he will bear their iniquities"**

Isaiah 53:11b

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| St Mary's Southgate | Holy Trinity Tilgate | Christ the Lord Broadfield |

Harvest Appeal 2025 for Crawley Open House and Easter Team

Our Harvest Collection will be at our First Sunday Family Celebration on 5th October when we look forward to hearing from members of the Easter Team about their work.

Please bring, if you are able, a donation of non-perishable food. It can be a good opportunity to clear the cupboard of items less used, however, do please make sure these are in date.

The most useful items are tins or packets of sugar, UHT milk, meat and fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereal, cooking sauces, desserts, tea/coffee, and biscuits.

Songbirds Choir Present ...

We look forward to hearing Songbirds in the building with two upcoming concerts. The first will be in the afternoon of Saturday 18 October and the second their Christmas Concert on Saturday 13 December (this should be a bumper weekend for music with St Mary's Carol Service the following day).

Save the dates in your diary. More details to follow.

Sandra Yaghmoorali passed away Sunday evening at East Surrey hospital after spending the day with close family and friends.

Sandra and the family used to attend St Mary's and the family wanted to let anyone who remembers Sandra know. Details of the funeral will also be available.

St John's Crawley are hosting **The Recovery Course** starting on Sunday 19 October. It is a free 15 week course open to all adults across Crawley who are struggling with any type of dependency. For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard or visit churchcrawley.com/recovery or email recovery@churchcrawley.com or phone 01293 522692 option 1

Operation Christmas Child Liz Hunter is again coordinating St Mary's collection of shoeboxes of gifts for children in the world who have nothing. There are boxes at the back of church and leaflets to follow that explain what can and can't be sent. Liz will be taking them to the distribution centre where she will be volunteering again, if you are interested in this, or have any questions, please talk to Liz. (Liz Hunter 01293 550612)



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 The **next meeting** is today—Sunday 28 September - this service has been changed to a jamming session - youth can come a play some worship songs.

We are pleased to say that preparation for the roofing works at Holy Trinity Tilgate have started. 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 September.

On Tuesdays we welcome U3A art group in the afternoon from 1.30 -3.30pm,.

Couch Quitters will be in on Mondays and Thursdays 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 in the side entrance lobby.

Diary of Events at St Mary's

September, week commencing 29th September

Monday	29 September	1.30-4pm	Kintsugi Hope
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters
		7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds
Tuesday	30 September	1.30-3.30pm	U3A Art Group
Wednesday	1 October	1.30pm	Cake & Co
Thursday	2 October	9.30am-1.00pm	The Gate Café
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters
Friday	3 October	10.30am	St Mary's Weekly Prayer meeting

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 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.

The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Please make sure items are in date and be careful not to leave any 'out of date' items.

Age UK Community Pop Up @ The Gate Café Thursday 9th October

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.



Tearfund Big Quiz Night Saturday 15th November

Get the date in your diaries now - the Big Quiz is back at St. Mary's! More details to follow soon.

