

## REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds Choir Rehearsals
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at <b>Holy Trinity Tilgate</b>
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 28 September 2025

**10.30am**      **Holy Communion**  
**Theme:**        The Servant's Work  
**Reading:**      Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
**Leader &**  
**Preacher:**     Alex Wheeler

## WHO'S WHO

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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The Parish Office will be closed  
until Thursday 18 September

### PRAYER CHAIN

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### Pastoral Care Team

**Lead contact:**      **Clare Hiley**  
**Louise Cook**        **Liz Hunter**  
**Sylvia Brophy**      **Pat Miller**

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 Clare Hiley 01293 534733

Please submit your notices, for  
**Family Matters** to the Parish Office, by  
**Wednesday 24 September**

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 21 September 2025

**10.30am**      **Morning Prayer**  
**Theme:**        The waiting servant  
**Reading:**      Isaiah 49:1-6  
                      Matthew 28:5-10 & 16-20  
**Leader:**        Mark Hales  
**Preacher:**     Andrew Davies

Welcome to St Mary's.

We live in difficult and fast-changing times. And when we find that there's no longer an appointment, a service or maybe even a role for us, we might be tempted to ask "Don't I matter anymore?".

Our reading from Isaiah this morning gives us a different perspective on our own value.

Do you realise just how long the Lord has had you on his heart? How long he's waited for you to come to him?

*Andrew*

**"Listen, far-flung islands,  
 pay attention, faraway people..."**  
 Isaiah 49:1 (The Message)

### New South Crawley Team Rector Announcement

We are very pleased to announce that the Rev Mark Davey will be joining us soon as our new Team Rector. He has sent us the following message.

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.



**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 Sunday 28 September - this service has been changed to a jamming session - youth can come and play some worship songs.

### 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.



**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)

### Furnace Green Road Closure

Anyone heading through Furnace Green, please be aware that West Sussex Council is resurfacing the road between The Hawth Roundabout and The Harvester. The road will, therefore, be closed between 8pm-6am from Monday 22nd September to Friday 10th October. Diversions will be in place. Map and details are displayed on the noticeboard in the side entrance lobby.

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 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 22nd September

Monday	22 September	1.30-4pm	Kintsugi Hope
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters
		7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds
Tuesday	23 September	1.30-3.30pm	U3A Art Group
Wednesday	24 September	1.30pm	Cake & Co
Thursday	25 September	9.30am-1.00pm	The Gate Café
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters
Friday	26 September	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.**

**Centenary Quiz Friday 26 September**  
**Crawley Library, Southgate Avenue RH10 6HG**  
**Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start**

Kelly Virgo has been involved in organising this quiz event as part of the West Sussex Centenary celebrations - please speak to Kelly or take a look at the poster on the noticeboard for more information.