

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).

Diary of Events at St Mary's—Week commencing 6th October

Monday	6 October	1.30-4pm	Kintsugi Hope
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters*
		7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds
Tuesday	7 October	1.30-3.30pm	U3A Art Group
Wednesday	8 October	1.30pm	Cake & Co
Thursday	9 October	9.30am-1.00pm	The Gate Café
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters*
Friday	10 October	10.30am	St Mary's Weekly Prayer meeting

Sunday 12 October 2025

10.30am

Morning Prayer

Theme:

Peter confronts Simon

Reading:

Acts 8:9-25

Leader:

Graham Piper

Speaker:

Andrew Davies

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

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Please submit your notices, for
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 8 October

St Mary's Church, Wakehurst Drive, Southgate, Crawley RH10 6EH

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| South Crawley Team Ministry is

| 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 5 October 2025

10.30am

Theme:

Reading:

Leader:

Speaker:

First Sunday Celebration

Healing of a Crippled Beggar

Acts 3:1-10

Mark Hales

Helen Thomas

Welcome to St Mary's.

The best idea since sliced bread?

So what idea is better than sliced bread? It's a bit of a challenging concept for a person who needs food or money to live today. Traditionally we have a Harvest service to remind us to give thanks to God for His goodness in supplying food for us to eat, but the reading in Acts 3 encourages us to look beyond right now and wonder about our future.

Helen

**Better Than
Sliced Bread**



**"Silver or gold I do not have,
but what I do have I give you."**

Acts 3:6

TFG (Together For God) Joint churches Memorial Service

St Mary's will be hosting the annual Memorial Service on Sunday October 26th at 4.00pm, where you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

To request a candle, please fill in one of the Candle Request cards which you will find on the welcome table and hand to a Mark Hales or Graham Piper.



Lighthouse Project Crawley next 95% Prayer is this Sunday 5th October at St Barnabus Church, Pound Hill (RH10 7DY) at 7pm

We look forward to praying with you!



Now the schools are back and all of the Lighthouse Schools Project volunteers are busy in their various roles engaging with local young folks endeavouring to sow seed in good soil ready to hear the Good News of Jesus....your prayers are so needed, welcomed and valued.

Blessings and thanks.

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.

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



St Andrew's, Furnace Green are holding a **Glow Light Party** on Friday 31 October 5.00pm-6.30pm for accompanied children aged 4-12 years. There will be craft, games, music and pizza!

Please see the noticeboard for sign up details.



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 12 October**.

Whilst the scaffolding is up and ready at Holy Trinity Tilgate, sadly a roofing emergency has delayed the start on site. Please do pray for a timely start to works, as the initial works have an impact on the hirers at Holy Trinity who we warmly think of as extension of the Holy Trinity family. Georgina and the Team have been working hard to minimise the impact for the hirers, and this is a disappointing set back as we head into the winter months. We know here at St Mary's the impact roof faults and repairs can have. Please keep the Holy Trinity team in your prayers.

In the meantime we continue to extend our help and welcome to some events that regularly happen at Holy Trinity church and hall so you will continue to see a bit more activity at St Mary's during October, particularly on Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 -3.30pm and Monday and Thursday evening from 6.00-7.00pm.

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)

The Easter Team Foodbank Requests for October - the team would really appreciate donations of **cereals, tinned fish, tinned meat and tinned rice pudding** 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.



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.

