

Prayer bulletin

Give thanks for:

- Good progress on the roof.
- The amazing truth that we are saints – every one of us who follows Jesus.
- The Christianity Explored course and those who participated.

Pray with anticipation for:

- Mark, Helena and their children to settle in well
 - ◊ the children to make good friends in their new schools
 - ◊ Mark to find spiritual refreshment and to know God's leading as he takes time out before taking on the role of rector.
- The eyes of our hearts to be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
- Us to live out our calling as saints – God's holy people – in our town
- The money we still need for our building work to come in.
- The Advent house groups to aid people in saintly living.

PRAYER



The Gate Café at St Mary's is open every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 1.00pm. We offer a varied selection of snacks and some toasted products, such as tea cakes or crumpets, alongside cappuccinos, filter coffee, a variety of different teas and hot chocolate.

A friendly, sociable atmosphere for meeting friends, making new friends, or just enjoying a hot drink. Where possible we use Fair Trade products for our drinks. If you have not been to the café before, please tell our counter staff that you have seen our notice and your first tea of filter coffee is on the house. Please feel free to bring a friend or two.



St Mary's Cake & Co Every Wednesday 1.30pm
In November, on the 19th there is a special treat with an organ recital.

St Mary's Craft Evening - Wednesday 12 November 7.00pm

Please join us as we make a selection of Christmas crafts

WHO'S WHO

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Holy Trinity Church

Tilgate Link November 2025

Sunday Services

2 nd November	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
9 th November	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
		Remembrance Sunday
16 th November	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		Safeguarding Sunday
23 rd November	10.30 a.m.	4 th Sunday Worship
30 th November	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
		Advent Sunday
7 th December	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.

November: All Saints to Advent – beginning a new season in the church year. In Advent we look back to how God prepared for the coming of his Son, Jesus, into our world and forward to the time when Jesus will return, bringing in the new heaven and the new earth – the time when all God's saints (his holy people) living and departed, shall be united in living in God's new creation.

Our saintliness or holiness is not something that we have produced for ourselves (although we can and should work at growing in it), it is the gift of God through the redeeming death of Christ Jesus. Jesus took our sins to the cross and gave us his righteousness. We are now holy – set apart for God. That is something to celebrate now as we live in eager, confident hope of the age to come.



Jill

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (his holy people).

Ephesians 1:18

New Rector (Mark Davey) - a message from the Archdeacon:

'Periodically clergy are allowed to take time away from daily ministry to reflect on and feed their own spiritual journey. As Mark moves with his young family to join South Crawley Parish Bishop Martin is keen to allow him a time of refreshment and space to settle his family. This will enable Mark to begin his ministry reinvigorated and ready for this exciting new chapter in parish life in early January setting the tone for new beginnings at the turn of a new year.'

Mark, Helena and their children move into the rectory at St Mary's on 1st November.

Giving

Holy Trinity church is grateful to everyone who supports our work financially. If you would like to give, there is a collection box available in the lounge. For direct bank payments the account name is 'PCC South Crawley Parish Holy Trinity', number: 51472563 bank code: 30-99-50. If your donation is specifically for the building fund, please place cash in a labelled envelope or give the reference 'Building Fund' for bank payments.

For other methods of giving, please collect a leaflet in the lounge or speak with Ian Baker, our church treasurer.

This month we have incurred additional costs in having to repair the church boiler. Your ongoing giving to both the general fund and the building fund is much appreciated.

Thank you Georgina for project managing the roofing work and getting the church boiler fixed.

The Easter Team Foodbank Requests for November - the team would really appreciate tins of food - soup, meat, fish, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding and custard 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).

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.

Prayer Chain: we are re-launching the prayer chain. If you are a regular worshipper at Holy Trinity and would be willing to commit to praying for others, please collect a letter about this.



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 23 November**.

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 Witherall	3.30pm-9.00pm	Upper Room
	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Tuesday	U3A	1.30pm-3.30pm	St Mary's Nov/Dec
Wednesday	Chris Witherall	4.00pm-5.00pm	Upper Room
	Bloom Pilates	5.45-7.45pm	Hall & lounge
Thursday	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Friday	Complete Core Control	9.00-11.30am	Hall

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

New hall hire: Sarah St John has taught Exercise classes and Pilates in Crawley for over 28 years. Classes focus heavily on making exercise and movement fun and functional. Sarah has taught a variety of classes including older adult classes at a local leisure facility and she is excited to come to Holy Trinity Church hall. Classes are suitable for all levels and abilities with chair based options available for those who prefer to stay seated. These classes are a great opportunity to socialise whilst improving mobility, balance, core strength, bone health, heart health and with cognitive benefits too. Booking is essential so please contact Sarah to have a chat to see if classes are for you or to book your place in either 9:30 Keep Fit or 10:30 Pilates, starting Friday 14 November. Sarah St John 07781 526694 or email sarah@completecorecontrol.com.

What's on?

Next Ladies event: Saturday December 6th 3.00 until 5.00 in the lounge. We will be celebrating Christmas with activities, carols, cake, friendship and discussion.

Next Men's Fellowship Meal is 28th November 7.00 at Heathy Farm. Guest speaker Rev Ian Phillips of Crawley Baptist Church. Friends especially welcome. Sign up sheet in the Lounge.

House Group(s) will be meeting weekly from now until mid-December with a course for Advent, at the earlier time of 3.30pm at Terry and Liz's house. Stewart is offering to run a second group at 7pm. Splitting the group means that there is space for a few more people to join. Speak to the group leaders or to Jill if you would like to join.

Roof: The church hall is finished, the main part of the church is well underway with the insulation fitted. The spire roof won't be started for a week or so but the 'link' roof is under way.

Despite some delays for weather and materials not being delivered on time, the team that we have working on the roof seem to be getting on with the job very well. Unfortunately, we have some wet weather coming in which will hold them up but the team will be with us as often as they can be.



Lighthouse 95% Prayer meeting Sunday 2nd November, 7pm
Transformation Community Church, Furnace Green (RH10 6JL)
We look forward to praying with you!