



Sunday 5th October, Harvest Festival

8.00am, Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-10; John 4:31-36

10.00am, Family Harvest Festival Service at Crockham Hill

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Please bring Foodbank donations of non-perishable goods to either service on Sunday. If you cannot attend, please drop off donations in church on Saturday

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; John 6:25-35

6.00pm Choral Evensong at Westerham: A beautiful sung service in traditional language. **Readings:** Psalm 142; Jeremiah 5:20-end; John 8:12-30

| Day | Time | What's on at St Mary's this week? |
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| Tues to Sat | 9.00 - 9.30am | Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings |
| Tuesday | 10am - 12.00pm | Coffee Time at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship |
| | 7.45pm | Bell ringing practice |
| Wednesday | 10am | Midweek Communion: a said service |
| | 10am to 12pm | Jigsaw Group at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat |
| Thursday | 7pm | Choir practice in the John Fryth Room |

Sunday 12th October, 17th after Trinity

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

Readings: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

10.30am, 2nd Sunday at Westerham: our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with snacks and drinks available throughout. This month our theme is *Stories of Jesus*. This service is a great way to try out church for the first time, so why not come along?

Outcomes from PCC Meeting on 24th September:

The membership of the Joint Council for St Mary's was agreed as: Revd Dave, Anna Morris, Judy Duffield and Kerry Johnson. Revd Wendy has also volunteered until the Associate Minister is in post. The Joint Council will steer the mission and ministry of the Benefice, while the PCCs will focus on issues specific to each church.

The PCC reconfirmed its previous decision to carry out a full restoration of the Lewis organ and approved various requests from the Working Group.

Revd Dave had collated the responses from the Appreciative Inquiry exercise at the last meeting, with those from Crockham Hill PCC. The main themes across the Benefice were: worship, welcome and community. These responses will be used by the Joint Council as part of an ongoing conversation to shape the mission and sense of identity for the whole Benefice.

It was agreed that we need to engage with the wider community. Various ideas to make the church and services more accessible to more people were discussed.

Rachel Preston was appointed the Environmental Advocate.

The Benefice Office will be closed from 1pm on Friday 10th October until 9am on Monday 20th October. The next newsletter will cover the period from 12th to 25th October. If you have any items for that edition, please submit them to the Benefice Office by 12 noon on Wednesday 8th October.

A Prayer for Peace: God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday

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EXPOSING THE FAILURES THAT
LET KILLERS STRIKE AGAIN

A TALK BY NIALL DICKSON CBE

Former social affairs editor of BBC News

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

**WESTERHAM
HALL**

7PM

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