

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	20 October	1.30-4pm	Kintsugi Hope
		7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds
Wednesday	22 October	1.30pm	Cake & Co
Thursday	23 October	9.30am-1.00pm	The Gate Café
		9.45am-11.30pm	The Upper Room in use



St Andrew's **Glow Light Party** is now SOLD OUT

Sunday 26 October 2025

10.30am Holy Communion
 Theme: Saul's conversion
 Reading: Acts 9:1-19
 Leader & Preacher: Gwilym Richards

WHO'S WHO

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Janet Kensey

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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:

Louise Cook

Sylvia Brophy

Clare Hiley

Liz Hunter

Pat Miller

To speak to a member of the team, please contact
 Clare Hiley 01293 534733

Please submit your notices, for
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 22 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 19 October 2025

10.30am

Theme:

Readings:

Leader:

Speaker:

Morning Prayer

Kids Alive ministry in Zambia

Isaiah 1:2-4; 16-17

Isaiah 58:6-9

Philippa Piper

Tim Hunt

Welcome to St Mary's.

This week at St Mary's we are delighted to have Tim Hunt with us from Kids Alive. Tim is going to share with us how the support from St Mary's to Kids Alive in Zambia reflects the outworking of God's love for the people there practically today. In particular, expanding on the words of Isaiah 1:16-17.

How passionate do you think God is at defending the oppressed, upholding the cause of the widow and orphan and seeking justice in the reality of our broken, suffering world right now?

How does Kids Alive serve the most vulnerable children (and their mums), where the scales of injustice are most imbalanced?

Come along and find out the answers to these questions and how our support and prayers are making a difference!

⁶ Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer, you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Isaiah 58 v 6-9

Harvest appeal - A chance for some more

It's not too late for those extra gifts of food for our harvest celebration contributions to the Easter Team.

We are blessed with your generous giving throughout the year as a donation box for The Easter Team is available in church and by the Rectory door throughout the week. These weekly donations are essential and very gratefully received.

If you are able to give a **bonus donation this Sunday** our harvest collection box will **still** be out. Most useful 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.

The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Healing Service 19 October 4pm St Andrew's Church, Furnace Green

This is a very gentle and simple service with gentle hymns, candle lighting, anointing and prayer ministry. This year our rural dean, Richard Poole, will be speaking. **Everyone welcome.**

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

The Thursday Housegroup that meets fortnightly at St Marys are pleased to invite you to join them as Malcolm, our most excellent organist, provides an insight into the wonderful organ we have here at St Mary's. Come and learn with Malcolm on Thursday 23rd October at 1pm - approximately 1 hour - time enjoyably and educationally spent. Speak to Liz Jenkins for more details.

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.



The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre is in need of volunteers to help at its Baby Clothing and Equipment Store at the Charis Centre, West Green Drive, Crawley for a couple of hours on Thursday afternoons. The store provides free good-as-new baby clothing (up to age 2) and equipment for people who are struggling financially and are unable to afford the essential items they need for their babies. Volunteers work in teams of two on a rota basis and their main task is to welcome clients to the Store and help them to find what they are looking for. They are also required to sort and store donated items of clothing and equipment. For more information, please speak to Elizabeth Watkins.



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.



The deadline for boxes back to church will be Sunday 7th December.

Liz will be taking them to the distribution centre where she will be volunteering again on Tuesday 9th December at Chessington, if you are interested in this, or have any questions, please talk to Liz. (Liz Hunter 01293 550612)

Holy Trinity CofE Secondary School invites you to join the in shaping futures at this, the voluntary aided school service our parish.

Are you a strong communicator with a heart for your local community? Do you have the time, energy, and passion to make a meaningful impact in education? Holy Trinity CofE School, Crawley, is seeking committed individuals to join our Governing Body.

Please take a moment to read the full details on the noticeboard and/or speak to Helen Thomas who has been serving on the governing body for a number of years, or Anthony who served previously and is now a staff governor.

Family Support Work

As the church rep for FSW June recently attended the regular Crawley meeting. As usual, FSW's Becky Long has been very busy over the summer, running events for the children and families she supports, together with the Horsham practitioners. She has just started a Refugee Drop-In, linking with the Horsham refugee charity. Becky has also been supporting four other practitioners, now reduced to three, as some practitioner posts have been lost.

FSW income was negatively affected last year, due to National Insurance and minimum wage increases. If anyone would like to support FSW by either volunteering or by making a donation, please speak to me at the end of a Sunday service, or at the coffee shop on Thursdays. Copies of the FSW Impact Report 2024/2025 are on the table at the back of the church. If more copies are needed speak to June.

Choir for Carol Service

Do you like to sing?

We would like to assemble a scratch choir for this year's carol service so, if you're interested in singing with us and open to learning different parts, do come and join the fun! The carol service will be in the afternoon of the 14th December and we will rehearse immediately after the morning service on the 30th November, 7th and 14th December.

Speak to Andrew for more information.