

## 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).

## Diary of Events at St Mary's

### Week commencing 6th October

Monday	13 October	1.30-4pm	Kintsugi Hope
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters
		7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds
Tuesday	14 October	1.30-3.30pm	U3A Art Group
Wednesday	15 October	1.30pm	Cake & Co
Thursday	16 October	9.30am-1.00pm	The Gate Café
		6.00-7.00pm	Couch Quitters*

### Sunday 19 October 2025

**10.30am**

**Morning Prayer**

Theme:

Philip and the Ethiopian

Reading:

Acts 8:26-39

Leader:

Philippa Piper Speaker: Tim Hunt

## 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 15 October**

# St Mary's Southgate family matters

Worshipping Jesus, Sharing His love, Making Him known

### Sunday 12 October 2025

**10.30am**

Theme:

Reading:

Leader:

Speaker:

**Morning Prayer**

Peter confronts Simon

Acts 8:9-25

Isaiah 55

Graham Piper

Andrew Davies

### Welcome to St Mary's.

Our Bible passage for today is full of 'amazement', but I'm not sure that 'amazing' is a word anyone would commonly use to talk about church (at least not in a positive sense ...). So, what are we missing? Or perhaps a better question is why we're missing it. Let's pray we find some amazing answers in Acts 8 as we look at it together.

Andrew

"When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention ... So there was great joy in that city."

Acts 8:6-8

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| South Crawley Team Ministry is

| St Mary's Southgate | Holy Trinity Tilgate | Christ the Lord Broadfield |

### 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 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



**Songbirds with special guests Inspire Choir and St Francis of Assisi Primary School Choir invite you to**

**MUSIC for an Autumn afternoon**  
**Saturday 18 October 2025 4.00pm-5.30pm**  
**here at St Mary's.**

To book tickets, see poster for more details or use this link  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/crawley/st-marys-church/songbirds-presents/e-zelbqi>



### 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 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.

### 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.



**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 today, Sunday 12 October.

Roof works are due to start at Holy Trinity Tilgate this Monday 13th October. While these works get under way 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 1.30 -3.30pm and Monday and Thursday evening from 6.00-7.00pm.

Please keep the positive progress of these works and Holy Trinity team in your prayers.

### 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)

### 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](http://churchcrawley.com/recovery) or email [recovery@churchcrawley.com](mailto: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.



### 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.

