



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



News from Westerham

Sunday 16th November, 2nd before Advent

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

10.30am, 2nd Sunday at Westerham 'on 3rd Sunday': our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with refreshments available throughout. This month we focus on *Wholeness and Healing*. Come and join us— everybody's welcome, invite friends and family!

Day	Time	What's on at St Mary's this week?
Tues to Sat	9.00 - 9.30am	Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
Tuesday	10am - 12pm	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
	7pm	Joint PCC Meeting in the John Fryth Room
Thursday	7pm	Choir practice in the John Fryth Room

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever life is like for you and however you experience yourself; regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you are welcome to every service in both our churches.

Sunday 23rd November, Christ the King

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

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

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 33-43

Saturday 22nd November, 11am to 4pm: Christmas Craft Market in church. The Flower Guild will be raffling hampers/baskets at the market. If you have any items to donate, please put them in the box by the Choir Vestry door. **We have lots of sweet food items, but savoury goods, toiletries or unwanted gifts would be appreciated.**

And another request for our refreshment stall. If you are able to donate any shop-bought mince pies, please let us know and bring them along to church. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Festival:

It's that time again! Opens

on Thursday 27th November

at 5pm, along with the

switch on of the Christmas

lights, then daily from 10am

- 5pm (except during church

services). Come and marvel

at the creativity, ingenuity

and humour of the trees

decorated by Westerham

businesses, organisations

and residents. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the stewarding

rota so far.



Friday 28th November at 7pm, St Mary's Heritage Trust presents

***The Chimes* by Charles Dickens** in church. You may have seen Jonathan Jones performance of *A Christmas Carol* last year, but perhaps you didn't!

Either way, we are confident that you will not want to miss this year's performance. He keeps saying it is his last performance but, by popular

demand, he has agreed to return to perform a new addition to his repertoire.

Do come and join us. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine, bar available.

Tickets from Chocs on The Green (cash only) or [click here](#) for the Trust website.

Sunday 7th December: Crockham Hill Gift Service. In the Family Service

at 10am we will be collecting gifts for Friends in Need at the parish of New

Cross with which, we have a long relationship. The parish has significant

deprivation, and **unwrapped** gifts from the following lists would be very

welcome: **Children/Young people:** Colouring pencils, pens and crayons;

drawing, sketch pads and colouring books; pyjamas, slippers; blanket

hoodies; journals; diaries; exam revision books (English and maths); scientific

calculators. **Elderly and lonely adults:** Crossword and game books; puzzles;

slippers; socks; scarves; gloves and blankets.

Come along to the 10am service at Holy Trinity, or leave gifts at the Vestry at St Mary's by 11am on 6th December.

Thank you to the members of the Flower Guild for their wonderful and poignant displays in church for Remembrance Sunday. As they do throughout the year, they created beautiful arrangements providing a fitting backdrop for our services.

Organ Update. The Working Group has examined the quotes from the organ builders that had been approached about the restoration, and has reported to the PCC. The Diocese has advised that we need a single faculty, which Churchwarden David is working on with the Group. The Group is now planning the necessary fundraising which will be needed from grants and by approaching the community. We will keep you updated with progress.

Let's all be vigilant! Unfortunately a wallet was stolen from church before the Remembrance service last Sunday. It's a timely reminder as the church will be busy over the next few weeks for us all to be keep our belongings safe and observe what's going on around us. We can also help each other to be more aware.

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, protect and provide for them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday

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St Mary's Church



The Green, Westerham TN16 1AS

Christmas Craft Market

Saturday 22nd November
11am to 4pm

A wide selection of stalls selling
hand-crafted items - ideal for
Christmas gifts
Refreshments available
Everybody's welcome

