

Prayer bulletin

PRAYER

Give thanks for:

- The many children in Crawley who heard the true Christmas message from The Lighthouse Project and from visits to churches last month.
- All the good things that God has planned for us in 2026.
- All that God did for us in 2025, including our new roof.

Pray for:

- Mark Davey as he is licensed at Epiphany and takes up the role of Team Rector.
- For the clergy team to settle well together as Mark joins us.
- Sight to perceive what God is doing – in Tilgate, in your family, in you.



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 Craft Evening - Wednesday 14 January 2026 7.00pm

All welcome. Recommended donation £2. Refreshments provided.

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Holy Trinity Church

Tilgate Link January 2026

Sunday Services

4 th January	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
11 th January	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship CPAS Mission Sunday
18 th January	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
25 th January	10.30 a.m.	4 th Sunday Worship
1 st February	10.30 a.m.	Parishwide Service at ST MARY'S

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.

Thought from the vicar:

Happy New Year to you.

A new diary (for those who still like a paper version), a new rector starting, a new season for our parish. I wonder what new things God is doing in our parish and in each of us at the start of 2026. Sometimes God's new thing looks like a refreshed version of something that went before and sometimes it's like nothing we've ever seen. What we can be sure is that God wants to bring life to the wastelands, to stimulate new growth.

This January, take a look at your life. Offer to God the parts that need refreshment and life; the parts where the way is unclear or seems impassible. Ask him to make a way, to come with His gift of living water. Ask him to open your spiritual eyes so that you can perceive what he is doing.



Jill

Isaiah 43:19

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Rev Mark Davey Licensing Service at St Mary's Tuesday 6th January 7.30pm

We are really delighted to start the new year with a special service at St Mary's to Licence our new Rector. Please do come and join us as Bishop Martin officially authorises Rev Mark Davey to serve as Rector in South Crawley Parish.

As we are expecting a large number of people if you can help with refreshments, providing sweet or savoury finger food, setting up or clearing away please contact Clare Hiley or the Parish Office.

What's on?

Church Family Meal: 10th January, 1pm in the church hall. Simple hot meal to gather the Holy Trinity Church Family together.
Sign up on the list in the lounge or contact Liz: 07438 873165

Men's Meal Out: Men's meal 23 January 7.00pm at Harvester Hawth Park

Ladies' Tea & Cake: 7th February 3pm-5pm Holy Trinity Church Lounge. Fun, friendship & conversation.
Sign up on the list in the lounge or contact Liz: 07438 873165

Easter Team Appeal - January Requests

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.

And into the New Year

Please keep your regular giving of donations after Christmas and into the new year, for example cereals, tinned fish, meat and vegetables. Donations can be brought to St Mary's on a Sunday morning or left in the crate outside the rectory. Money donations are also very welcome for tins of essential food, if you are able, please put any donations in an envelope clearly marked for the Easter Team and place in the collection box.

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).

The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

House Groups (afternoon and evening) are meeting pausing for January and then restarting, weekly, on 3rd February for our Lent Course, 'Discipleship Explored'. Over 8 weeks we will be looking at what Paul's letter to the Philippian Church teaches us about being disciples of Jesus. We hope that as many church members as possible will join one of the groups.

Cake & Co returns to St Mary's on Wednesday 7 January 2026.

Cake &
Company



Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use:

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	Chris Witherrall	3.30pm-9.00pm	Upper Room
	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Tuesday	U3A	1.30pm-3.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	Bloom Pilates	5.45-7.45pm	Hall & lounge
Thursday	Couch Quitters	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Friday	Complete Core Control	9.00-12.30am	Hall
Saturday	CQ Bootcamp	8.30-9.30am	Hall/outside space

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

THANK YOU to our amazing Flower Ministry team for once again drawing us into worship through your creative, beautiful arrangements.

Thank you also to Jonathan Mortimer who will be taking our service on 18th January.



On 11th January we welcome Sarah Pix from CPAS to preach and to tell us about the work of CPAS, which is one of the missions we support. To find out more look at: [CPAS - Making Mission Possible | Making Mission Possible](#)

Weekday Morning Prayer at St Mary's 8.30-9.30

A small group meets Monday-Thursday mornings to read the office of morning prayer, discuss the Bible readings and pray together. It's a great way to start a day. Come in by the Rectory gate to the office entrance.

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.

Home or hospital communion: If you are housebound or in hospital and would like to receive communion, please let the vicar know. We have a team of people authorised to bring you communion at home or in hospital as an extension of our Sunday worship.

Fundraising

Silver and gold can be resold for church funds; is now the time to let go of the broken necklace or cufflinks that you never intend to repair and wear?

Foreign currency left over from a past holiday? Please bring it to church and put it in the glass bowl.