

## REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds Choir Rehearsals in hall
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at <b>Holy Trinity Tilgate</b>
Wednesday	1.30pm	Cake & Company back
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).



### Celebrating the delightful Audrey Moss 100th birthday

Audrey's family would like us to help celebrate this amazing milestone and will be bringing cake and bubbly on Sunday 22 February. We just need to bring our signing voices.

Please see Liz Hunter who is kindly organising a birthday card for all of St Mary's to sign.

Audrey will turn 100 on Monday 23 February.



### Sunday 18 January 2026

#### 10.30am Morning Prayer

Theme: Know the Truth      Reading: 1 John 2:15-29  
 Leader: Graham Piper      Preacher: Mark Davey

## WHO'S WHO

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### Pastoral Care Team

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The Parish Administrator is available  
 10am-1pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### PRAYER CHAIN

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Please submit your notices, for the New Year  
**Family Matters** to the Parish Office, by  
**Wednesday 14 January**

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| 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 11 January 2026

#### 10.30am Morning Prayer

Theme: Love and Hate

Readings: 1 John 2:1-8

9 John 2:9-14

Leader: Gwilym Richards

Preacher: Mark Davey

### Welcome to St Mary's

Dear Church family,

A big thank you to everyone who has made us feel so welcome. We have really appreciated all the prayers, cards, and the hard work that went into getting the Rectory ready.

A big thank you also to everyone who has worked so hard during the vacancy. I have only been in post for a few days, but already I can see how much effort so many of you have put in to help St Mary's flourish during this time.

I'm incredibly excited to be starting my new role, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all and discovering what God has planned for our life together. In today's reading, John calls us to walk with faith, obedience, and love. It is my prayer that in the year ahead, St Mary's will continue to grow in these things.

Warmly in Christ,

Mark

**But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

1 John 2v 1-2

### To everyone at St Mary's from Open house.

We were delighted to receive your donation of £725 and the Greggs vouchers for the outreach team to give out to people on the streets. It's a huge encouragement and help to receive from you all again.

Thank you so much for being in our corner for so many years.

Ian Wilkins. Head of fundraising.



### Melody for the mind

Drop in at Crawley Library

**Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am**

A singing group, open to all - designed to boost mood and wellbeing!

**Next date is Wednesday 14th January 2026**

See poster on noticeboard for all upcoming dates.

### St Mary's Craft Evening

THIS Wednesday 14 January

Do join us! Refreshments will be provided

**Ron Ford's memorial service** is being held at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium on Thursday 15th January at 2pm. Gwilym is leading the service. This will be followed by sandwiches and Cake at Heathy Farm afterwards. There will be a donation opportunity for Headway. Please no flowers.

The service is being recorded and can be watched live from this link if unable to attend in person and is available for a week following. <https://watch.obitus.com>  
Username: keda9601 Password:180947

### The Gate 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.



Please note that The Gate coffee shop will be closing slightly early next week, at 12.15pm, to enable staff to attend Ron's funeral.

Sylvia Brophy has a working Panasonic 32" Panasonic television looking for a new home. It does require a new aerial cable and is otherwise if full working order.

The Easter Team  
A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

### Easter Team Appeal - January Requests

We are blessed with your generous giving throughout the year - your weekly donations are essential and very gratefully received.

Please keep up your regular giving of donations - **small jars of coffee, biscuits and cereal would be great this month**, thank you.

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.

As the Family Support work representative for St Marys I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and any financial support they have given them during 2025. The church has received a thank you email from the Family Support work team in which they state 'Your kindness throughout 2025 helps FSW provide families with a feeling of security at this special time of year; we give practical support through your gift. We promote community, compassion, highlighting the people that care - all around them. People like you.'

I hope you are able to continue to provide support to this worthy cause throughout the coming year.

June Fielden

Sarah St John offers Exercise classes at Holy Trinity Church Tilgate on a Friday morning. Classes focus heavily on making exercise and movement fun and functional. Sarah has taught a variety of classes including older adult classes at a local leisure facility and is excited to come to Holy Trinity Church hall. Classes are suitable for all levels and abilities with chair based options available for those who prefer to stay seated. These classes are a great opportunity to socialise whilst improving mobility, balance, core strength, bone health, heart health and with cognitive benefits too. Booking is essential so please contact Sarah to have a chat to see if classes are for you or to book your place in either 9:30 Keep Fit or 10:30 Pilates. Sarah St John 07881 526694 or email [sarah@completecorecontrol.com](mailto:sarah@completecorecontrol.com).

### Age UK Community Pop Up @ The Gate Café Thursday 22nd January 10.30-11.30am

With Emma Finister—Community Agent

Come along for lots of information and advice.

Find out all the different ways they can support you.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated food and helped at the licensing on Tuesday. I was so pleased with how well it went. What a great team!

Clare Hiley