

Prayer bulletin

PRAYER

Give thanks for:

- A growing interest in the Bible and a spiritual hunger in our nation
- The Discipleship Explored Course and all those taking part

Pray for:

- Us to fall deeper in love with Jesus.
- Discernment of the Spirit's movement in Tilgate and an eagerness to join in.

On 22nd March we will welcome Jonathan Longstaff from Mercy Ships, which is one of the missions we support. Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need.

Annual District Church Meeting for Holy Trinity Church: Sunday 25th April 9.45am in the church

Annual Parochial Church Meeting for South Crawley Parish. Thursday 30th April 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church

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.

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Holy Trinity Church

Tilgate Link March 2026

Sunday Services

1 st March	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
8 th March	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
15 th March	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
22 nd March	10.30 a.m.	Mission Sunday- Mercy Ships 4 th Sunday Worship
28 th March	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Sunday Worship

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 our 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:



We are living in exciting times. Across our country there are signs of a growing spiritual hunger. God is speaking to those with no church contact and introducing himself. The wind of the Spirit is blowing wherever he pleases. The Bible is being sought out by those who know nothing of it. The wind is blowing. If we want to catch the wind we must ready our sails (or our kites) now and line ourselves up to go with the wind, not to fight it or to let ourselves miss it, but to be carried along with the new work God is doing in our land. Come to worship God on Sundays, not to shelter from the gales of life, but to catch the wind of the Spirit and be blown out by him to carry his breath into the world.

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

(Isaiah 43:19a)

John 3:8

‘The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’

Lighthouse Project Crawley 95% Prayer Meeting praying for children who have no church connection, today, 1st March, 7pm, at Crawley Baptist Church (RH11 7HJ). If you long to see children in our town reached for Jesus, do come along & pray for them.

What's on?

St Mary's next Craft Evening is on Wednesday 11th March 7pm. All welcome.

Ladies' Tea & Cake: Saturday 11th April 3pm-5pm Holy Trinity Church Lounge. Fun, friendship & conversation. Sign up on the list in the lounge or contact Liz: 07438 873165

Saturday 7th March, 2pm-4pm: Clear your wardrobe event. Bring your unwanted (pre loved) clothes so we can sell on at a low cost. Also come and buy!! Refreshments available too. Donate or choose to earn the first pound of the sale. So, bag up; put your name in and whether you want to donate or earn! And have some time together!

Men's meals 2026 - March 20th, May 22nd, July 24th, Sept 25th, Nov 20th
Men's Fellowship meals: the Friday 20 March meal will be at 7pm at the Coaching Halt, Maidenbower – sign up on the list in the lounge

St Mary's Gate Café is open every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

Decorating Church for Easter: Flower Ministry Team invites anyone who would like to be involved to come to the Church on Saturday 4th April, 10.30 a.m. to decorate the church. No prior experience required.

DCC/PCC As a Team Parish we have a Parochial Church Council (PCC) who are the trustees for the parish, overseeing the work of our churches and with particular responsibility for the finances and safeguarding provision. Each church has representatives on the PCC. Week by week running of the churches is delegated to the District Church Council (DCC) for that church. Council members are members of the churches, on the electoral roll. Annual meetings are held in the spring to elect representatives for the coming year. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission) to serve, please give Mark Alderton written (paper or email) notice.

Are you on our Electoral Roll? We would love it if you were.

The electoral roll is the Church of England membership list for each church. You can join if you live in the parish or live elsewhere but have been coming to Holy Trinity Church for over six months. Please complete one of the electoral roll forms - a supply can be found on the welcome table. Please pass completed forms to Jill.

Easter Team Appeal - March Requests

Please keep up your regular giving of donations - **tinned meat alternatives for vegetarians and biscuits would be much appreciated this month**, thank you. Money donations are also very welcome for tins of essential food, 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.

Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use:

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	Chris Witherrall Couch Quitters	3.30pm–9.00pm 6.00-6.45pm	Upper Room 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.

Easter Services

2nd April: Maundy Thursday Passover Seder. 6-9pm (see notice)

3rd April: Good Friday.

9.15 a.m. Meditations at Holy Trinity Church then walk to Queen's Square

11.00 a.m. United Service in Queen's Square.

2.00 p.m. Last hour at the cross – *St Mary's (tbc Mark D)*

5th April: Easter Sunday –

6.30a.m. Lakeside 'sunrise' communion service with other local churches. By the boathouse in Tilgate Park. No seating provided – feel free to bring your own.

Followed by refreshments in the church lounge.

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Church

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.

Passover Seder at Holy Trinity. The Parish Communion service on Maundy Thursday will take the form of a Passover celebration, remembering that this was the context of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The event lasts about 3 hours, which passes very quickly. The Passover is essentially a family celebration, so we would love to have all ages present. Singing, worshipping, chatting and enjoying a good meal are all interwoven. Please bring some food to share with others from a buffet (no yeast please). The meal is a central part of the occasion. Wine is also shared throughout the evening; whilst we will have a non alcoholic option for those who require it, those who like wine might wish to leave the car at home. The Church will be available for quiet prayer at the end of the evening. In order that we have an idea how many tables to set out, please sign up on the list in the lounge. If you are eating lamb shanks or roast leg of lamb between now and then, please clean off the bone and keep it to give to Jill (pop it in a bag in the freezer).

Jill could use some help in setting up on Thursday afternoon. Please let her know if you can help.