



St Mary's Southgate family matters

Worshipping Jesus, Sharing His love, Making Him known

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	7.30-9.30pm	Songbirds Choir Rehearsals in hall
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Tilgate
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).

Sunday 8 March 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: True confidence
 Reading: I John 5:13-21
 Leader: Graham Piper
 Preacher: Mark Davey

Sunday 1 March 2026

10.30am First Sunday Celebration
 Theme: The Wise and Foolish Builders
 Reading: Matthew 7:24-28
 Leader: Mark Hales
 Preacher: Mark Davey

Welcome to St Mary's.

We all long to be wise. We also long to have wise people we can turn to for guidance. In our Bible reading, Jesus tells us how to be truly wise. He says that a wise person listens to His teaching and puts it into practice. If we do this, He assures us that we will be building our lives on solid rock.

As a church, if we want to build on rock, we need to listen to Jesus' words, trust His words, and demonstrate that trust by obeying them.

So, let me ask you: how wise are you? Do you listen to, trust, and obey Jesus' words? If you want to be wise, then you need to listen to, trust and obey Jesus.

Mark Davey

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Matthew 7:24

WHO'S WHO

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**The Parish Administrator is available
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Please submit your notices, for
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 4 March

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| South Crawley Team Ministry is

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

JOIN The Lighthouse Project THIS SUNDAY

Our **95% Prayer Gathering** takes place this **Sunday 1st March at 7pm, at Crawley Baptist Church (RH11 7HJ)**. We'd love you to join us as we come together to commit our work with the 95% to the Lord. Your prayers and presence truly matter.



Events in March

Age UK Community Pop Up	Thursday 5th March 10.30-11.30am
Gardening Gang	Saturday 7th March, 10am-12noon
Craft Evening	Wednesday 11th March
FSW Retiring Collection	Sunday 15th March

St Mary's Gardening Team meets every first Saturday of each month, the next gardening get together will be Saturday 7th March, 10am-12noon. Everyone is welcome - come and sit in the church garden to chat or pray, or if able to, to help dig up some weeds and keep our green space tidy.

Melody for the mind Drop in at Crawley Library
**Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am -
Next date 11th March 2026**

A singing group, open to all - designed to boost mood and wellbeing!
See poster on noticeboard for all upcoming dates.



On Sunday 15 March, in recognition of it being Mothering Sunday, we would like to take a collection for the Crawley mothers supported by FSW. FSW - Family Support Work the Sussex based Charity for Children - is one of the local charities we support as a church through our tithing.

If you feel you would like to support this appeal, a retiring collection (the grey bin) will be out on Sunday 15 for your cash donations.

Lent Course

This year for lent we will be doing Hope Explored. Hope Explored is a three-session series that presents the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and provides an opportunity to discover how he fulfils three great longings we all experience: the longing for hope, peace, and purpose.

The dates are; 10th, 17th, 24th March. You can come to a daytime (2pm-3.30pm) or evening (7.30pm-9pm) group held at St Mary's Southgate.

The Easter Team
A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Easter Team Appeal - March 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 - **tinned meat alternatives for vegetarians and biscuits would be much appreciated 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.

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 St Mary's Church for over six months. Please complete one of the lilac electoral roll forms - a supply can be found on the welcome table.

Once completed please put in the offering box.

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 inter woven.

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, a sign up sheet will be available on the welcome church shortly.

Peter Wigglesworth:

I have 8 number 0.5 litre new screw-top Kilner Jars which are looking for a good home. Any takers for some or all? A donation to church funds would be appreciated, but not obligatory!



Next **Ensemble Reza** date at Christ the Lord Church Broadfield is
Wednesday 25 March 2026

See noticeboard for poster with full list of upcoming dates.