



family matters

St Mary's Southgate

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 22 February 2026

10.30am **Holy Communion**
 Theme: True faith
 Reading: 1 John 5:1-12
 Leader: Mark Davey
 Preacher: Andrew Davies

Sunday 15 February 2026

10.30am **Morning Prayer**
 Theme: God is Love
 Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
 Leader & preacher: Mark Davey

A very warm welcome to St Mary's.

As human beings, we have a profound need to love and to be loved. But why? Where does this need come from? Our reading today tells us, "God is love." As those made by the God of love, we were created to know God's love. This is why love is an essential part of our make-up.

God's love transforms our lives and our communities, enabling us to love Him and to love others. It is my prayer that, as a church, we would grow in our knowledge of God's love, and that His love would shape St Mary's more and more into a church known for love.

Mark Davey

WHO'S WHO

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PRAYER CHAIN

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Please submit your notices, for the New Year
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 18 February

St Mary's Church, Wakehurst Drive, Southgate, Crawley RH10 6EH

www.stmaryscrawley.org

| South Crawley Team Ministry is

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

**God is love. Whoever lives in love
 lives in God, and God in them.**

1 John 4v 16

Events in February and March

Ash Wednesday service at Holy Trinity on 18th February - see notice

Audrey Moss's Birthday Celebration after Sunday service 22 February - see notice

March

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

Ash Wednesday service for the whole of South Crawley Parish, at Holy Trinity Church. Holy communion with imposition of ashes.
Wednesday 18th February 7.30pm



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 singing 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.



.... and if you're planning to visit Audrey

Hi everyone, can anyone who wants to visit Audrey go either in the morning or after 3 in the afternoon. This way she doesn't miss out on activities at the home.

Thank you from Colin and Judith (son and daughter in law)

Jenny Ward's funeral will be at St Richard's Chapel at the Crematorium at 2.15pm on Tuesday 24th February and afterwards at Shrubland social club, Furnace Green (20A Laurel Close, Crawley RH10 6QE).

Experience Live Music. For Free! Ensemble Reza

Wednesdays at Christ the Lord Church Broadfield
Café open from 12noon
Music at 12.30pm

Next date is Wednesday, 25th February - string quartet.

Classical, Jazz, Popular, World ... and more.

For you. For me. For us all.

See noticeboard for poster with full list of upcoming dates.



The Easter Team
A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Easter Team Appeal - February 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 - **shampoo, body wash and all food items 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.

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.t.

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.