

# 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 <b>Holy Trinity Tilgate</b>
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 March 2026

**10.30am Holy Communion**  
 Reading: John 11:1-45  
 Leader: Mark Davey  
 Preacher: Philippa Piper

## Sunday 15 March 2026

**10.30am Morning Prayer**  
 Theme: Mothering Sunday  
 Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-28  
 Leader: Mark Davey  
 Preacher: Graham Piper

## Welcome to St Mary's.

This Mothering Sunday we are looking at what we can learn from the life of Hannah, the mother of Samuel. Hannah teaches us much about how we might cope with disappointment, whether we are a mother, or not; there is something here for all of us

As we venture through life it's almost certain we will come up against disappointment. How do we navigate a way through it and come out the other side?



**"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and makes them inherit a throne of honour."**

1 Samuel 2: 8

## WHO'S WHO

**TEAM RECTOR** Revd Mark Davey 01293 200112  
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### Pastoral Care Team

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**Clare Hiley**  
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### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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  
**Family Matters** to the Parish Office, by  
**Wednesday 18 March**

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

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| South Crawley Team Ministry is

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

### Mothering Sunday Collection for FSW

**This 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 this Sunday 15th March for your donations, cash or please use the QR code to donate.



**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.

You are very welcome to come along to this week's meetings (even if you missed the first one last week). The remaining dates are 17th and 24th March. You can come to a daytime (2pm-3.30pm) or evening (7.30pm-9pm) group held at St Mary's Southgate.

### Cake and Co Easter Celebration Service

Cake and Co are having a short Easter Celebration service in the church on Wednesday March 25th at 1.30pm followed by Easter Activities and treats. All are welcome to come and join us and perhaps an opportunity to bring along a friend or neighbour.



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.

### Passover Seder at Holy Trinity Thursday 2 April

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, a sign up sheet is available on the welcome table, please sign up by 29 March.

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.

### The Lighthouse Project Crawley

*sharing the Christian faith and values in schools*

**We're  
HIRING!**

The Lighthouse Project Crawley are seeking a part-time Admin Assistant to work 6hrs per week.

The Lighthouse Project is an ecumenical Christian charity which has been working with children and young people in Crawley schools for over 20 years. The charity is a local mission partner with Scripture Union and is focused on sharing the Christian faith and values through assemblies, lunch clubs, RE workshops and Eliv8 mentoring.

Please see the noticeboard for details of the role. Closed date is 25 March 2026. For more information or to get an application pack please contact Lizzie Ashley on 07766 190315 or [lizzie.ashley@lighthouseprojectcrawley.org](mailto:lizzie.ashley@lighthouseprojectcrawley.org)

Many charity organisations are feeling the impact of the recent escalation of conflict in the Middle East. Tearfund and Kids Alive both work in affected areas and have reached out with messages of request for our prayers. Please find these on the double-sided prayer sheet on the welcome table.

### Easter



Please pick up a flyer and invite your friends, neighbours and family to one of the many Easter Celebrations happening in the parish and at Tilgate Lake.