

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 15 March 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
Theme: Mothering Sunday
Reading: I Samuel 1:20-28
Leader: Mark Davey
Preacher: Graham Piper

WHO'S WHO

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

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Please submit your notices, for
Family Matters to the Parish Office, by
Wednesday 11 March

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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 8 March 2026

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

Welcome to St Mary's.

Dear friends,

There is a great deal of uncertainty in the world at the moment, and many of us also experience uncertainty in our own lives. In times like these, where can we find real certainty?

Our reading from I John 5 reminds us that true certainty is found in Jesus Christ. John tells us that those who believe in the Son of God can know that they have eternal life — life with God now and life with him forever.

In uncertain times, may we hold on to this sure hope and be ready to share it with those who need it.

Yours in Christ

Mark

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

— 1 John 5:13

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.

Craft Evenings

Come to our next craft evening on Wednesday 11th March from 7.00 p.m.

Bring your own craft or come and try something new.

Refreshments included in a suggested donation of £2.

Melody for the mind Drop in at Crawley Library
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am-11.30am -
This Wednesday 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.

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 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 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

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 in this week's double-sided insert.

Peter Wigglesworth has some 0.5 litre brand new screw-top Kilner Jars in need of a new home - do speak to Peter to secure some before they're all gone. 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.