



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 19 April 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: Freedom from death
 Readings: Acts 2:14-41
 Leader: Philippa Piper
 Preacher: Graham Piper

Sunday 12 April 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: Living Hope
 Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Leader: Graham Piper
 Preacher: Gwilym Richards

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's this morning.

Dear Friends,

As major world events unfold around us, do you sometimes feel despairing and helpless? If so, you are not alone!

This morning's reading from 1 Peter reminds us of the amazing 'Living Hope' that we have through Jesus' death and resurrection. This 'Hope' is not dead but very much alive!

The introduction in the Street Bible says that Peter's "motivational writings are just the medicine in these times of hassle".

Let us make a point of supporting and encouraging each other this morning.

Gwilym

WHO'S WHO

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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 15 April

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| South Crawley Team Ministry is

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

**"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."**

1 Peter 1:3

Easter Team Appeal - April 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 the team are particularly low on **ALL essentials - tins of baked beans, soup, meat, fish, potatoes, vegetables, fruit and rice pudding** – these would be very 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.

The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

St Mary's Cake & Co is back this Wednesday 15th April for all the usual fun, company and cakes.

Age UK Community Pop Up @ The Gate Café Thursday 16th April 2026 10.30-11.30am



Come along for lots of information and advice.
Find out all the different ways they can support you.

On 10th May, the **Church Warden at Holy Trinity, Georgina** will be running the Run Gatwick 5K, raising money for Ten Little Toes Charity.
Should you wish to sponsor her, please use this link [Ten Little Toes Just Giving Page](https://www.justgiving.com/page/couch-quitters-2?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA)

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St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting Sunday April 26th after morning service

This meeting is for all church members to hear updates and ask questions about the running of St Mary's in the last year. Please stay after the service if you can and hear from Mark Davey and the DCC.

The date for the **Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM)** is Thursday 30th April. This will be held in the evening at Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate and is **open to everyone to attend**.

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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 22 April**

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

For you. For me. For us all.

See noticeboard for poster with full list of upcoming dates.



The Gate is open every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 1.00pm.

We offer a varied selection of snacks and some toasted products, such as tea cakes or crumpets, alongside cappuccinos, filter coffee, a variety of different teas and hot chocolate.

A friendly, sociable atmosphere for meeting friends, making new friends, or just enjoying a hot drink. Where possible we use Fair Trade products for our drinks.

If you have not been to the café before, please tell our counter staff that you have seen our notice **and your first tea of filter coffee is on the house**. Please feel free to bring a friend or two.



Upper room refurbishment

If you have ventured upstairs recently you will have noticed the upper room has been undergoing repairs and renovation. As we move into decoration stages the upper room remains out of use, alongside the creche room (being used for storage) over the next week.

Please refrain from heading upstairs and ask any children in your charge not to go up the stairs from the lobby. Thank you.

Food Premises Registration

Crawley Borough Council require all business and organisations that provide food to the public to register as a Food Business. St Mary's is now registered and it covers all Sundays and any groups/ activities where any type of food is provided, even if just biscuits. The Gate Cafe is already registered separately and this continues independently to St Mary's.

We have been given a checklist of good hygiene practice to adhere to which all regular food handlers will be asked to read and follow.

If you have any questions about this please speak to Claire Jordan.

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