



# 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 <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 3 May 2026

**10.30am First Sunday Celebration**  
 Theme: Power of faith  
 Readings: Matthew 8:1-4  
 Leader: Mark Hales  
 Preacher: Mark Davey

### Sunday 26 April 2026

**10.30am Holy Communion**  
 Theme: Giving Sunday  
 Readings: Mark 12:41-44  
 Leader: Gwilym Richards  
 Preacher: Mark Davey

ADCM in church after service

Welcome to St Mary's this morning.

This Sunday is St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting. There is so much that happens over the course of the year, and as Vicar I am deeply thankful for all that you do. Without your love and service for Jesus, St Mary's would not be the church family it is today.

As we look to the year ahead, we will be reflecting on the widow's offering. This poor woman did not have much, yet all she had she gave to the Lord. This points us forward to Jesus, who gave everything he had to save us.

May we continue to offer what we have to serve Jesus and to make his love known.

Mark

**"Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'"**

Mark 12:43-44

## WHO'S WHO

**TEAM RECTOR** Revd Mark Davey 01293 200112  
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 Day off Saturday

### Pastoral Care Team

Lead contact: **Clare Hiley**  
**Sylvia Brophy**      **Louise Cook**  
**Debby Gregory**    **Liz Hunter**  
**Pat Miller**        **Sharon Richards**

To speak to a member of the team, please contact  
 Clare Hiley 01293 534733

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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

### PRAYER CHAIN

**Peter and Elizabeth Wigglesworth** 01293 409339  
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Please submit your notices, for  
**Family Matters** to the Parish Office, by  
**Wednesday 29 April**

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

[www.stmaryscrawley.org](http://www.stmaryscrawley.org)

| South Crawley Team Ministry is

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

### Easter Team Appeal - Current 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** - in particular they would appreciate donations of pasta, rice and cereals, 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

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**.

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Trustees Annual Report for 2025 in the week ahead of the APCM please email the parish office with this request. A copy of this report will be circulated to our existing newsletter mailing list for the weekly Family Matters, therefore, if you are on this existing mailing list you will automatically receive an electronic copy and do not need to send an additional email request. A small number of printed copies will be available on the evening of the APCM.

**St Mary's Gardening Team** meets every first Saturday of each month, the next gardening get together will be **Saturday 2nd May**, 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.



On 10<sup>th</sup> 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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There is also a sponsorship form on the welcome table.

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### The Lighthouse Project

Our **95% Prayer Gathering** takes place this **Sunday 10th May at 7pm at Crawley Community Church (RH11 7EL)**



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.

### CRAFT EVENING

COME TO OUR NEXT CRAFT EVENING

ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY FROM 7.00 P.M. BRING YOUR OWN

CRAFT OR COME AND TRY SOMETHING NEW.

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2.

St Andrew's New Gen group for youth is running a 3-part series with their with their guest speaker Rev. Richard Poole. This is a time for sung worship, bible study with discussion and building relationships. All youth welcome. This will run on 19th & 26th April and 3rd May 7pm

**NEWGEN**

### Age UK Community Pop Up @ The Gate Café

It was lovely to welcome Emma Finister to the Gate Café for the April meeting of the Age UK Community Pop Up session she regularly holds here at St Mary's.

In May her colleague Paul Boston from Prevention Assessment team (PAT) plans to accompany Emma. The PAT can help with:

- advising you on how to keep healthy and manage health issues
- providing links to agencies that can maximise your income and help you remain independent through practical tasks such as shopping, cleaning and gardening
- helping you keep your home safe, secure and warm

**Thursday 28 May 10.30-11.30am**

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



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