



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 17 May 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: God's word is necessary
 Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
 Leader & preacher: Mark Davey

Sunday 24 May 2026

10.30am Holy Communion
 Theme: God's word is final
 Reading: Acts 17:1-15
 Leader: Philippa Piper Preacher: Mark Davey

Sunday 10 May 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: Taking God at his word
 Readings: Psalm 119:129-136
 Leader: Gwilym Richards
 Preacher: Mark Davey

Welcome to St Mary's

Words matter. They shape how we think, stir our emotions, and can build people up.

So, what about God's words? In the Bible, we're not just reading history - we're encountering God himself. His word has transformed lives, brought hope, truth, challenge, comfort, and promise for generations.

But why build our lives on this book? Why trust it? Why follow it amid so many competing voices?

Our new sermons series, will explore why the bible is important. Through the bible we encounter the living God!

Mark

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
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - Janet Kensey
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The Parish Administrator is available
10am-1pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
The office will be closed Friday 8 May to
Tuesday 19 May 2026.

PRAYER CHAIN

Peter and Elizabeth Wigglesworth 01293 409339
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Please submit any notices for the
 next **Family Matters** to the
 Parish Office, by **Wednesday 20 May**

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 |

¹²⁹ Your statutes are wonderful; therefore, I obey them. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119v129-130



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 13TH MAY** FROM 7.00 P.M. BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT OR COME AND TRY SOMETHING NEW.

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2.

Organ Recital - Wednesday June 3rd 1.30pm



Cake and Company are delighted to welcome back Malcolm Hawke for another hour of lovely Organ music followed by tea and cakes.

This was very popular last time and we'd love to see lots of people join us again so do spread the word and come with a friend.

If you can help on the day please speak to Claire Jordan.

Thanksgiving for Violet Card

On Monday 11th May, 11 a.m. - 12 noon, Holy Trinity Church will be holding a service of thanksgiving for the life of Violet Card. Vi died on 7th April at the care home where she had been living in Peterborough.

Vi was a longstanding member of Holy Trinity Church who lived in Tilgate for many years and we would love to welcome old friends of Vi's to this service. Even if you cannot come, if you would like to share a short memory or tribute, please email it to vicar@holyltrinitytilgate.com

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service. If you knew Vi (or her family) and would like to join us you would be most welcome to stay. To aid the catering R.S.V.P. (please email vicar@holyltrinitytilgate.com)

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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.

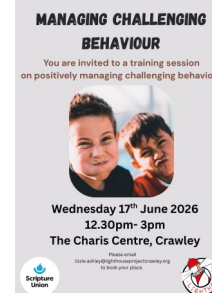
The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Positively Managing Challenging Behaviour

The Lighthouse Project along with Scripture Union extend an invitation to anyone in our congregation, who works with children and young people, to a training event they are running on Managing Challenging Behaviour.

This is taking place on Wednesday 17th June 2026 12.30-3pm at The Charis Centre. Please email liz-zie.ashley@lighthouseprojectcrawley.org to book your place.



Experience Live Music. For Free! Ensemble Reza



Wednesday **27 May** at Christ the Lord Church Broadfield
Café open from 12noon Music at 12.30pm
Be hugely entertained by clarinetists
Steve Dummer & Laurie Cuttriss

Today 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)

There is also a sponsorship form on the welcome table.

Hardcopies of the **Trustees Annual Report for 2025** are on the welcome table, please feel free to take a copy.

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