

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 (closed 7 May for polling station)
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 10 May 2026

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

Sunday 3 May 2026

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

Welcome to St Mary's

Last Sunday we held our annual district church meeting. During this meeting we looked at Matthew 28:16–20. In these verses the risen Jesus calls his Church to make disciples - people who follow him. He equips us to do this through baptising, teaching obedience, and trusting his promise to be with us always.

As a parish, we share this mission in many ways. Thank you to everyone who serves - every contribution matters and helps us share the good news of Jesus.

Looking ahead, three priorities will guide us over the coming year:

1. Renewing our vision and values – prayerfully discerning God's calling for the future.
2. Children, young people, and families – growing our ministry to reach the next generation for Christ.
3. Home groups – strengthening small groups for discipleship, community, and care.

These priorities support our wider calling: to worship Jesus, make him known, and share his love. As we each play our part, we help others follow Jesus, trusting his promise to be with us always.

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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**
Debbie Gregory **Liz Hunter**
Pat Miller **Sharon Richards**

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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 two weeks for **Family Matters** to the
 Parish Office, by **Wednesday 6 May**

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 |

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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

Please note **St Marys building will be closed, including The Gate café, this Thursday 7 May** as the building will be in use as a polling station. Only access to the polling station is permitted so please do not enter the building on this day other than to vote if this is your designated polling station. Thank you.

The Gate café will be back as usual Thursday 14 May - come and join us.

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.

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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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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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.

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.

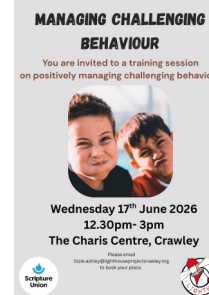
Vi was a longstanding member of Holy Trinity Church who lived in Tilgate for many years and we would love to welcome old friends of Vi's to this service. Even if you cannot come, if you would like to share a short memory or tribute, please email it to vicar@holyltrinitytilgate.com

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)

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



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. The last session is running Sunday 3rd May at 7pm

NEWGEN

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