

St Mary's Southgate family matters

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 31 May 2026

10.30am Holy Communion
 Theme: God is in control
 Reading: Jonah 1
 Leader: Mark Davey
 Preacher: Philippa Piper

Sunday 24 May 2026

10.30am Holy Communion
 Theme: God's word is final
 Readings: Acts 2:1-21
 Hebrews 1:1-4
 Leader: Philippa Piper
 Preacher: Mark Davey

Welcome to St Mary's

Is the Bible enough to know God and have a relationship with Him? That is the topic we shall be looking at this Sunday.

Paul tells Timothy that the Holy Scriptures are able to show us how to be made right with God and how to live a life pleasing to Him. Does this mean God doesn't speak to us today? Of course not! God still speaks to us by His Spirit through His Word. Hebrews 4 tell us the bible is living and active, and through reading it we meet with the Living Word Himself, Jesus. May we seek to spend time with Him through His Word day by day.

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**
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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
 Tuesday 26 May 2026.**

PRAYER CHAIN

Peter and Elizabeth Wigglesworth 01293 409339
 pswigglesworth@gmail.com or emwatkinsl@gmail.com

Please submit any notices for the
 next **Family Matters** to the
 Parish Office, by **Wednesday 27 May**

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

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

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3v14-15



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

Age UK Community Pop Up @ The Gate Café

Emma Finister has had to postpone her regular Pop Up session to 4th June
However, her colleague Paul Boston from the Prevention Assessment Team is still hoping to visit The Gate café on Thursday.

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.

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.

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.



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A very important date for your diary

One of our priorities for the year ahead is to review our current vision. Join us on Saturday 27th June, from 10.00am–1.00pm, at St Mary's for a time of prayer, worship, celebration, and seeking God's will for our future together.

St Mary's Gardening Team next get together is **Saturday 6th June**, 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.

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

With sadness for his loss and with hope in Christ, we announce that Alan Cox has gone to be with the Lord. Please do pray for Val and Alan's family at this time.

Thank you for your sponsorship of Georgina's 5k Run

"A huge 'thank you', with the very kind support friends and family I managed to raise around £250 for Ten Little Toes. I completed the course in 33minutes and 23 seconds which I was very pleased with."

If you were kind enough to sponsor Georgina's Run Gatwick 5k fundraiser for Ten Little Toes please can you see Janet to hand in any sponsorship money pledged.

No more milk bottle tops

As bottle tops are now recycled with the bottle, we will no longer be collecting them in church. If you have a supply sitting at home please bring any last collections in by the end of May.

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