

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 21 June 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: God's Compassion
 Reading: Jonah 3
 Leader: Mark Hales
 Preacher: Mark Davey

Sunday 14 June 2026

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: God's Mercy
 Reading: Jonah 2
 Leader: Graham Piper
 Preacher: Gwilym Richards

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

Dear Friends,

Have you ever experienced a situation when you have prayed repeatedly for something and God has seemed to be totally quiet about it and then God has acted, sometimes in a dramatic way?

Or it may be that you are waiting and praying repeatedly for something right now and God hasn't acted yet?

In today's reading from the book of Jonah chapter 2, Jonah is inside the big fish for three days and three nights - can you imagine that? Jonah prays a lot and God says nothing (unlike in chapters 1, 3 and 4) but then right at the end God shows mercy to Jonah and rescues him.

What can we learn from this today?

Gwilym

"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."

1Peter 1:3

WHO'S WHO

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Please submit any notices for the
 next **Family Matters** to the
 Parish Office, by **Wednesday 17 June**

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| South Crawley Team Ministry is

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

save the date
19.07.26

Save the date, Sunday 19th July church family lunch.

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

Alan's funeral will be at 11.45 at St Mary's on Monday 15 June, followed by the committal at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at 1.15pm



Experience Live Music. For Free! Ensemble Reza

Wednesday **24 June** at Christ the Lord Church Broadfield
Café open from 12noon Music at 12.30pm
Enjoy the fabulous 'Barefaced Viola Quartet

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.

Easter Team Appeal - June 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** and in particular they would like **sandwich spreads and toilet rolls**, 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

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Join Us at Big Church Festival!
28–30 August | Wiston Estate, West Sussex

Sonia is putting together a Crawley church group again for this year's **Big Church Festival**, featuring an incredible lineup including **For King & Country, Elevation Rhythm, Bethel Music, Rend Collective, LZ7, Cheeky Pandas and so much more!** It's a fantastic weekend of worship, music, and community, and we'd love for you to join us at St Mary's pink gazebo.

New for 2026: Day tickets are not available, as the festival is designed as a full, three-day weekend experience. However, weekend tickets offer total flexibility, allowing you to come and go as you please, even if you can only join us for a single day due other commitments.

Ticket Pricing & Details:

- **Adults:** £95
- **Youth:** £70
- **Children:** £60
- **Parking:** £15 per car (one-off charge covering land rental and environmental reinstatement).

Optional Add-on: Check out the **Big Church Kids and Youth Morning Programme!** It offers three mornings of unmissable fun and faith. Full details for this programme can be found on the website at bigchurchfestival.com.

Travel & Booking:

- **Lift Sharing:** Highly encouraged to save on costs and travel sustainably together!
- **To Book:** Please contact **Sonia on 07984161051** or use the **sign-up sheet** in church

Deadline: All bookings must be finalised by the **end of June**.

Let's share an unforgettable weekend together—secure your spot today!

Phoenix Choir America in Song
A picnic concert to mark 250 years of America in Song
Saturday 4 July 6pm

St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Crawley RH11 8PG

An indoor picnic to enjoy indoors or outdoors during the extended interval.

See poster on noticeboard for more details.

No more milk bottle tops

As bottle tops are now recycled with the bottle, we will no longer be collecting them in church anymore.

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