

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	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 11 October

10.30am Morning Prayer
 Theme: Teach us to pray
 Reading: Matthew 6:9(a)
 Leader: Mark Hales Preacher: Mark Davey

Christ the Lord Tuesday Night Church - 7pm Food - 7.45pm worship

On Tuesday evening during term time, Christ the Lord meet, have a meal together at 7pm and then worship and study God's Word, the bible together at 7.45pm. We spend quite a bit of our time chatting together in groups about following Jesus. No need to book, just come along.
 For more details check www.broadfieldchurch.org or contact CtL vicar David on 07743 556486 or vicar.broadfield@outlook.com

WHO'S WHO

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 Day off Saturday

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The Parish Administrator is available
 10am-1pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

You can find the Parish Administrator
Thursdays in The Gate Café in church

PRAYER CHAIN

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Please submit any notices for the
 next **Family Matters** to the
 Parish Office, by **Wednesday 7 October**

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

St Mary's Southgate family matters

Worshipping Jesus, Sharing His love, Making Him known

Sunday 4 October

10.30am First Sunday Celebration
 Theme: Harvest
 Reading: John 12:23-24
 Leader
 & Preacher: Mark Davey

Welcome to St Mary's

What has a tomato seed got to do with Jesus Christ? How can it help us to be thankful at Harvest time? How can it help us think about eternal life?

If you want to know the answers, come along to our Harvest Sunday service and find out!

Mark Davey

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

John 12v23-24

Lets make it amazing!

St Mary's Harvest Celebration THIS Sunday 4th October - Harvest Collection

St Mary's will be making a Harvest Collection to donate to The Easter Team again this year.

Wouldn't it be an amazing display of our Christian love for our community if we could make this a bountiful donation.

Please may we encourage you, if you are able, to bring something from the list below, that we might cover the chancel steps in produce to share with the clients of Easter Team.

Harvest Collection wish list:

Tins: fish, meat, veggie options e.g. chilli/curry, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, custard
Jars: pasta sauce, jam, peanut butter, coffee

Packets: cereal, biscuits, sugar, toiletries and sanitary products.

If you would prefer to donate money visits www.theeaterteam.org

Retirement Bring & Share Lunch for Jill & Mark Alderton

Please join us to celebrate **Jill & Mark Alderton's retirement** at a Bring & Share Lunch on **Sunday 1st November, 1.00pm** at Holy Trinity.

To help with catering, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table if you plan to attend or can bring food. **The sign-up deadline is Thursday 29th October.**

If you would like to contribute towards a retirement gift, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked **"Jill's Retirement"** and pass it to Mark. **The deadline for gift contributions is 19th October.**

A fantastic £5 per new supporter

St Mary's is very grateful to all our supporters who raise money through easy-fundraising, and you can help us raise even more.

Join us today and help PCC St Mary's Church - Crawley collect free donations with every shop, at no extra cost to you. Please use the link below.

Plus, when you reach your first £5 in donations, easyfundraising will match it:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/ccstmaryschurch/E3TZYU/c2s/eahrmirJ/CE957/textcopy/>



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The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Gathering Time: 7pm

Future '95% prayer' dates: 4th October @ Holy Trinity Church; 1st November; 6th December

Please join us - your prayers and presence truly matter.

St Mary's Shoebox Collection for Samaritans Purse

Don't worry if you missed Thursdays Shoebox get together, we are running another shoebox event on Thursday 8 October for Samaritan's purse Operation Christmas Child, where we can all share ideas, raise awareness and have some fun.

Liz Hunter will be hosting this at The Gate café, so we can grab a nice cuppa - so bring your purse (for purchases at the café) and your enthusiasm to light up a child's Christmas.

Completed Shoeboxes need to be back in church by Sunday 8 November please.



Come and Sing in Tilgate - Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th December

Holy Trinity are looking to fill the air of Tilgate with the sound of Christmas during December, leading up to their Christmas Services.

Songbirds Choir will be performing on the steps of Holy Trinity Church (or just inside if the weather is not good) for about an hour from 5pm on **Saturday 5th December.**

The congregation hope to follow this with Carol Singing on the steps of Holy Trinity Church at the same time on at least the following two Saturdays.

Holy Trinity would welcome any support that members of St Mary's can give to boost the sound. If you need any further information please contact Stewart Harper stewart@harperaccountancy.co.uk

Biblical Counselling UK - Growing a Culture of Care Conference

The God who loves us so much calls us to love those around us in his name. Scripture fleshes that out and explains that means sharing lives, weeping with those who weep, rejoicing with those who rejoice, spurring one another on to love and good works and speaking the truth in love with one another in all circumstances of life.

But how do we do that in practice? Biblical Counselling UK will be exploring this call at a conference taking place in Haywards Heath on Saturday 7th November (10:00am - 3:30pm). It will focus on the practical steps that can be taken by everyday people to grow churches that offer authentic, Christ-like care.

We are aiming to get a group of us together from St Mary's to join the conference. It costs £15 per person if **booked before 5 October as an early-bird price.** We are asking that people book their own tickets and put their name down on a sign-up sheet available at the back of church. To book, please follow the link below. If you require help with online bookings, please speak to Helena who will help you to do this. Open to everyone.

<https://bcuk.org/event/growing-and-building-a-culture-of-care-sussex/>