

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 1 November
10.30am First Sunday Celebration
 Join us for our especially family friendly
 All-Age service of the month.



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

TEAM RECTOR Revd Mark Davey 01293 200112
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 Day off Saturday

Pastoral Care Team
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Sylvia Brophy **Louise Cook**
Debby 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

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 28 October**

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 |

St Mary's Southgate family matters

Worshipping Jesus, Sharing His love, Making Him known

Sunday 25 October

10.30am **Holy Communion**
Theme: **Teach us to pray**
Readings: **Exodus 16:1-16**
 Matthew 6:9-14

Leader &
Preacher: **Mark Davey**

Welcome to St Mary's

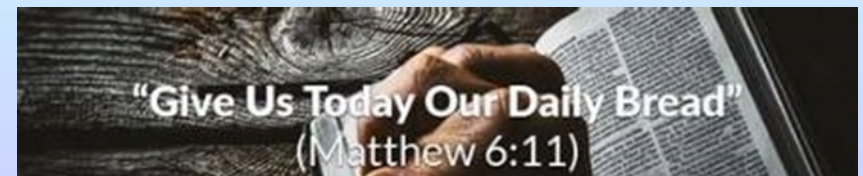
What are your three greatest needs? Better health? More money? A secure future? A happier life?

This Sunday we're looking at the final section of the Lord's Prayer. In these verses, Jesus gently challenges us to think about what we really need most. He teaches us to pray for God's provision, God's pardon, and God's protection.

These simple requests remind us that every day we depend on our heavenly Father. He is the one who provides what we need, forgives our sins through Jesus, and helps us stand firm when life is hard and temptation comes.

As we reflect on these words together, I pray we will be encouraged to trust him afresh and discover the peace that comes from placing ourselves in his loving hands.

Mark





St. Mary's Big Quiz Night Fundraiser for Tearfund
St Mary's will be hosting a Big Quiz again this year on
Save the date: Saturday 14th November 7.30-9.30pm.
More details soon!



After much thought and prayer Ann Dutton has made the decision to step back from preparing the amazing flower displays in church, and will be finishing at the end of December.

This will mean we shall need volunteers to take over. Ann is preparing an information sheet for her successor(s) and wishes to offer a demonstration of how the arrangements are done.

Ann is kindly preparing next year's rota for distribution – this is the donation rota to cover the cost of the flowers and materials – for which Ann gives you her thanks for your support over the last 40 years.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Ann for her wonderful work, and to her team of helpers, including Sylvia who particularly helps with special arrangements. Ann and Sylvia have kept our church looking florally beautiful with their talents and we thank them heartily for their service.

Would those of you who would be happy to help with flower arranging please put your name on the list on the table in the hall. You do not have to commit to a month, but it would be useful to have some idea. We also need someone to keep an eye on it all. Please speak to Ann Dutton for more information.

Vacancy for a Centre Manager for the Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Horsham Please see noticeboard for advert for a Centre Manager for the Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Horsham. Please note that the deadline for applications is 31st October 2026.

St Andrew's Furnace Green Cornerstone Cafe Vacancy

St Andrew's Cornerstone cafe cleaner of twelve years leaves at the end of October. As one of the reasons the cafe maintains its 5-star hygiene rating, they would like that to continue and are looking for someone from November who has a heart for the ministry of the cafe and would like to serve in this way. This is a paid post for 9 hours during term time from 2:00pm to 5:00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For further details please contact Lynne Poole, Cafe Manager.

Cafe@standrewscrawley.com

The sign up sheet for the **Biblical Counselling UK - Growing a Culture of Care Conference** in Haywards Heath on Saturday 7th November (10:00am - 3:30pm) is on the welcome table. This conference 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. 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/>

Easter Team Food Collection Requests

We gathered a good collection for The Easter team as part of our Harvest Celebrations, thank you to everyone who was able to donate.

We continue to collect for the Easter Team throughout every week, if you are able, please bring something from the list below, there is a collection box for The Easter Team in church, do ask if you can't see it or speak to Debbie Gregory.

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.theeatersteam.org

Autumn Church Garden Clear up

We shall be having an autumn clear up around the church grounds on Saturdays October 31st and November 21st from 10-12.

There will be piles of leaves to clear from the grass amongst other tasks so suitable for all ages and gardening abilities. Please wear suitable shoes as may be muddy and bring gloves if you have them.

If you can't make a Saturday but are able to help with church garden please speak to Claire Jordan.

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.**

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

Holy Trinity would like to remind us of their exciting plans for carol singing at 5pm on the first three Saturdays in December - they 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. Additional support, particularly for the 12th and 19th December will be gladly welcomed.** For any further information please contact Stewart Harper stewart@harperaccountancy.co.uk

St Mary's Shoebox Collection for Samaritans Purse

Don't worry if you missed Thursdays Shoebox get together, there are lots of details on the noticeboard about how to get involved and pack your Shoeboxes. Liz Hunter will also have some items to help get you started on your Shoebox contents and is happy to chat to you about any questions you may have.



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