Sunday 1st November Bring & share lunch 1pm at Holy Trinity. After the morning service on **Jill's last Sunday** in this parish, 1st November, there will be a bring & share lunch in the hall.
All are welcome, even if you didn't manage to sign up

Sunday and Tuesday Refreshment Volunteers - Could this be you?
With Mark's departure and one or two others stepping down, the number of helpers for both are rather low. Please pray on this and consider if you could help out. It would be much appreciated.
Please speak to Ashley, she would love to hear from you.

With many thanks to Mark for looking after the refreshment rotas and to Ashely for taking on this duty.

St Mary's Cake and Co every Wednesday at 1.30pm .

St Mary's Gate Café **open every** Thursday 9.30am-1pm

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 or on the doorstep outside St Mary's Rectory.

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.

The Easter team
A CRUMBLY FOOD BANK PARTNER

WHO'S WHO

TEAM RECTOR: Revd Mark Davey
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Holy Trinity Church

Tilgate Link
November 2026

Sunday Services

1st November	10.30am	Holy Communion - Jill's farewell.
8th November	10.30am	Sunday Worship Remembrance Sunday
15th November	10.30am	Holy Communion
22nd November	10.30am	4th Sunday Worship
29th November	10.30am	Sunday Worship
6th December	10.30am	Holy Communion

10.30 Sunday Services are followed by coffee/tea in the lounge.
Do join us for a drink and a chat.

A *final* thought from the vicar

"See I am doing a new thing..." God is constantly at work, constantly doing something new, but do we see it? Retirement is going to be a new thing for me. Going forward without your own Team Vicar will be a new thing for Holy Trinity Church. But the big question is what is God doing. God has plans - for me, for Holy Trinity Church, for the parish and for the Tilgate neighbourhood. Sometimes we can be so busy with our own doing that we don't pause to perceive what God is doing. What is springing up from God? We can be sure that there is something. The next few weeks (or months) may be time to pause and ask, "What are you doing here God? Help me to perceive it."

That is what I shall be asking for the next 6 months as I seek to find out how I am called to be a disciple of Jesus as a retired vicar.

I have loved being part of South Crawley Parish and of Holy Trinity Church. Thank you all of you. Paul puts it well:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6



Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing!

Jill



The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Gathering Time: 7pm
Future '95% prayer' dates:
Sunday 1st November 2026 at 7pm - St Barnabas Church, Pound Hill
6th December 2026, 3rd January & 7th February 2027
Please join us - your prayers and presence truly matter.

ST MARY'S CRAFT EVENING

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER FROM 7.00 P.M.

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT OR COME AND TRY SOMETHING NEW.

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2.

Men's meals 2026 for fellowship over a meal out. Bring a friend.
The next Holy Trinity Men's Meal will be on Friday 20th November 7pm at Cinnamon, Tilgate Parade.

Save the date
Our **Christmas Ladies' Meeting** will be on Saturday 5th December in Holy Trinity Church Lounge. Please note the changed time which is **2.30-4.30pm** in order for us to clear up before the choir arrive to sing carols at 5.00pm. This is a good opportunity to bring along your non-Christian friends and neighbours for some Christmas activities.
Please sign up on the list in the lounge or contact Liz on 07438 873165

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 our 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. We plan to follow this with Carol Singing on the steps of Holy Trinity Church at the same time on at least the following two Saturdays and have invited members from across the South Crawley Parish to join us.
Please speak to Stewart for further information.

Jill's church mobile phone number *****657594 will be discontinued about a month after her retirement. This will affect calls, SMS and WhatsApp. Those who have her 'friends and family' number please be considerate about how you use this and don't pass it on without asking Jill. Her rev.jill.alderton@gmail.com email address will be retained and checked occasionally.

Discipleship Groups. The Wednesday afternoon group will cease to meet for the time being. Members are welcome to join either the Tuesday afternoon or Tuesday evening group.

Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use:

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	**Chris Witherall**	3.00pm–9.00pm	Upper Room
	Couch Quitters	6.00-7.30pm	Hall
Tuesday	**U3A**	1.30pm-3.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	**Bloom Pilates**	5.45-7.45pm	Hall & lounge
Thursday	**Couch Quitters**	6.00-6.45pm	Hall
Friday	**Complete Core Control**	9.00-12.30am	Hall

Please pray for our various community partners who use our buildings.

Church building use: As more people use our building it is important to book all uses (informal as well as 'events') through the office. This avoids the awkwardness of clashes and allows Leighann to plan when to clean the building.

Parish Communion service on Tuesdays at 10.00 a.m. Services are led in turn by the parish clergy, with lay ministers preaching at some.
The service is followed by coffee/tea and time to chat in the lounge.

In need of prayer? If you would like someone to pray 1:1 with you, please speak to the vicar or service leader after the service. Anointing for healing is also offered.

Home or hospital communion: If you are housebound or in hospital and would like to receive communion, please let the vicar know. We have a team of people authorised to bring you communion at home or in hospital as an extension of our Sunday worship.

Giving Holy Trinity church is grateful to everyone who supports our work financially. If you would like to give, there is a collection box available in the lounge. For direct bank payments the account name is 'PCC South Crawley Parish Holy Trinity', number: 51472563 bank code: 30-99-50. If your donation is specifically for the building fund, please place cash in a labelled envelope or give the reference 'Building Fund' for bank payments. For other methods of giving, please collect a leaflet in the lounge or speak with Ian Baker, our church treasurer.

Discipleship groups for learning together from the Bible and for fellowship:
Tuesdays at Terry & Liz's House are working through John's Gospel.
Tuesdays in Holy Trinity Church lounge, 7-8.30 pm with Stewart, studying the Acts of the Apostles.

December Tilgate Link Newsletter Copy Deadline
Please submit any notices for Tilgate Link by email to the Parish Office with subject heading **Tilgate Link**. Email: saintmaryssouthgate@gmail.com. December edition deadline will be **Monday 23rd November.** Please feel free to send over notices at any time during the month before this cut off date headed **Tilgate Link.**