REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

Monday	Songbirds Choir	Rehearsals in hall
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at **Holy Trinity Tilgate**
	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Church at **Christ the Lord**
Wednesday	1.30pm	Cake & Company
Thursday	9.30am-1pm	The Gate Café
Friday	10.30am	St Mary's Weekly Prayer Meeting (in Upper Room)

Dates for your Diary

11th November (Wednesday) 1.30pm Cake & Co Organ Recital
11th November (Wednesday) from 7pm St Mary's Craft Evening
14th November (Saturday) 7.30pm Tearfund Big Quiz Night 2026
15th November (Sunday)) 10.30am Morning Prayer Reading: Colossians 4:2-6
19th November (Thursday) Emma Finister Age UK pop up session at The Gate Cafe
21st November (Saturday) 10am-12noon Autumn Church Garden Clear up
5th December (Saturday) 5pm Songbirds Holy Trinity Church Carol Singing
6th December (Sunday) 7pm The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Gathering – venue TBC
13th December (Sunday) No morning service at St Mary's – come instead to the Carol Service at 4pm
13th December (Sunday) 4pm Carol Service
15th December (Tuesday) St Mary's host the local school Christmas Events
20th December (Sunday) 10.30am Nativity Service
24th December (Thursday) 11.15pm Midnight Communion at Holy Trinity
25th December (Friday) 10.30am a Joint St Mary's and Holy Trinity Christmas Day Holy Communion Service at St Mary's
27th December (Sunday) 10.30am a Joint Holy Trinity and St Mary's Service at Holy Trinity Tilgate

WHO'S WHO

TEAM RECTOR Revd Mark Davey 01293 200112
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Debby Gregory **Liz Hunter**
Pat Miller **Sharon Richards**
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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 11 November**

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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 8th November

10.30am	Morning Prayer
Theme:	Remembrance Sunday
Reading:	Philippians 4:2-9
Leader:	Philippa Piper
Preacher:	Graham Piper

Welcome to St Mary's

As we continue our journey through what the Bible teaches about prayer, this week we hear from St Paul and his heartfelt pleas to the Christians in Philippi to rejoice and to pray always. But how do we start to rejoice when we are struggling to make sense of what is happening directly to us and our loved ones, or the world around us? Does prayer really make a difference in every situation? We can be mightily encouraged that Jesus is constantly interceding for us and longs for us to talk to him and for us to be aware that our Heavenly Father loves us more than we can ever know.

Graham

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'

Philippians 4: 6

Organ Recital - Wednesday November 11th 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.



NEXT CRAFT EVENING

CHRISTMAS THEMED ACTIVITIES

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.



St. Mary's Tearfund Big Quiz Night 2026
Saturday 14th November - 7.30pm-9.30pm (ish!)

Come for an evening of quizzing fun to raise money for a great cause.

Bring a team or join one on the night. There will be prizes for the winning team. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Entry by donation to Tearfund (if you are able to do so - otherwise just come along anyway!). Donations can be made here:
justgiving.com/page/stmarysbigquiz26 or scan the QR code below.

If you are able to help with setting up before the quiz or packing down afterwards, please speak to Lesley or Andrew Davies. Thank you!

Jill and Mark wish to thank all who joined us for our retirement lunch on Sunday and/or who contributed to the very generous gifts. It was lovely to have so many people from our church family together with us. The wine glasses, wine and carafe were put into use the same night. The telescope has been set up by the patio door so that we can practise using it before we take it on a field trip. We are going to have a lot of fun with that. Most of all, thank you for your love. It has been a joy to serve alongside you as disciples of Jesus in South Crawley. God bless you all.

In preparation for Ann Dutton's 'retirement' from the flower rota, Ann is looking for 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.

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.



Please REMEMBER completed Shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child need to be back in church **THIS Sunday 8 November - Thank You.**

Easter Team Food Collection Requests

The Easter Team – A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

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.

The team would very much appreciate **sugar, UHT milk and tinned food for vegetarians please**.

Autumn Church Garden Clear up We shall be having an autumn clear up around the church grounds on Saturday 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.



Comfort & Joy – An Advent Devotional

Make space this Advent to pause, reflect and prepare your heart for Christmas!

Comfort & Joy is a lovely little devotional book exploring Isaiah chapters 40–55 through 25 short, accessible reflections to encourage and inspire us as we journey towards Christmas.

Just **£1 a copy!** Books are available in church, so grab one while you can – once they're gone, they're gone! Mark



Before you shop this Black Friday and Christmas, please do something special for PCC St Mary's Church Crawley and install the easyfundraising app.

Use it when you shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we get free cashback donations AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU.

Install it this month and we get an instant £2 donation! Get it here and follow the quick steps to join for free. Thank you!
https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/pccstmaryschurch/E3TZYU/2pae/9NkZC5EM/2PA02/sharetext/

The next Age UK pop up session at The Gate Café is Thurs 19 November.

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