

BULLETIN

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Heritage Open Days - Sat 16 Sept, 10am-5pm:

Discover the 'historic heart' of Fetcham with a [Fetcham Park](#) and [St Mary's Church](#) when both venues will be open for [Heritage Open Day](#), England's latest festival of history and culture. Celebrate England's history of creativity during this year's festival theme, 'Creativity Unwrapped'. To find out more click [here](#)

We need volunteers to act as stewards to welcome visitors to the Church. To help us plan please sign up [online](#) or on the clipboard in church.



Coat of Arms Preservation: Be a part of St. Mary's journey to raise funds to conserve our historic Coat of Arms, a painting on oak boards inside the Church of the Stuart Coat of Arms dated to 1660, the year of the Restoration of the Monarchy. Few such paintings have survived, making this of real historical significance. O'Brien highlights the dark appearance in his entry, and now the Church is launching an appeal to raise money to conserve this wooden panel before it becomes darker.
(pic Simon Winson)

Thursday Morning Communion Service and Coffee – Thurs 21 Sept, 10.30-11.30am:

Please join us either after the 10am Holy Communion service, or just come along to the hall. We meet on the third Thursday of the month and you are very welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat. There is also an informal 'Hear Hear' NHS hearing aid clinic where you can receive basic maintenance or change batteries.


heritage open days

Saturday 16th September
10am – 5pm

Visit our beautiful church
Join us for refreshments and a chat

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Prayer and Praise for New Rector – Tues 26 Sept, 7.30pm: You may remember we said it would be wonderful if we can all be part of the search for our new rector. So we said we would pray at each step of the process. On 26 September the PCC will meet for the Section 11 meeting to agree the final version of the Parish Profile, the advert and the appointment of our two parish representatives so we would like to support that meeting with prayer. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Ride & Stride – It's a fun day out, cycling or walking round some of Surrey's beautiful churches. You start where you want, when you want and travel as far as you like. We generally raise £1,000 which goes towards restoring and conserving Surrey Churches of all denominations. Best of all, half the money we raise comes back directly to St Mary's and we have put in an application for a grant to help towards the conservation of the King Charles Coat Of Arms, so it will be great for St Mary's to put in a good effort. Even if you don't wish to participate this time, maybe you could be kind enough to sponsor one or two of the participants. **However, in view of the forecast heatwave this weekend, Riders and Striders are encouraged to choose an alternative convenient day to complete the challenge, rather than going out on Sat 9 Sept.** You are therefore encouraged to walk/cycle on a cooler day or two and just count the churches you stop at. Don't expect there to be a Welcome Register, or drinks, or even for the church to be open but there are plenty of pubs to enjoy a break en route! Contact Sarah Mackay mackayfamily10@btinternet.com with any questions.

Life Group: This is a fortnightly group for women of all ages. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, chat about issues relating to our everyday lives and think about how our faith may help us. It is usually held in the church hall, unless shown otherwise. Please contact office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk if you would like to find out more.

Harvest Celebration – Sun 8 Oct, 10:30am: We will be up at Barracks Farm again. Please let Julie know if you are able to help serve refreshments on the day.

Life Group Autumn 2023

- Fri 8th Sept** Welcome Back Social at Bocketts Farm Tea Rooms.
From 10:30am
- Fri 22nd Sept** Introductory Session **Women & Identity** Bible Study
St Mary's Hall 2pm for 2.15pm start
- Fri 6th Oct** **Using Your Voice**
St Mary's Hall 2pm for 2.15pm start
- Fri 20th Oct** **Me, Myself and I**
St Mary's Hall 2pm for 2.15pm start
- Fri 3rd Nov** **Call the Midwife**
St Mary's Hall 2pm for 2.15pm start
- Fri 17th Nov** **Centre for Urban Mission fundraising event**
jointly with Footprints & Homemade stall teams
St Mary's Hall 10-11.30am
- Fri 1st Dec** **Wise Women**
St Mary's Hall 2pm for 2.15pm start
- Fri 15th Dec** **Christmas Social**
venue & time tbc

real life, friendship,
bible base, reflection



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Tap and Go with CollecTin: With 75% of financial transactions now being digital rather than in cash, St Mary's has purchased a CollecTin portable contactless giving station. This enables quick and easy spontaneous donations from either bank card or mobile phone. It has been set up with electronic giving "pages" for several church activities such as the Community Fridge, Messy Church, Footprints etc. It will be used primarily in the church hall but will also work in the church. The plan is to supplement the CollecTin with a second permanent contactless device in the church porch. The CollecTin is kept in the Church Office together with a user guide for event coordinators. For those wishing to donate "online" there is also now a QR code displayed in the Church Hall and the church. To seek advice or help please contact Jo Evans our Operations Manager on jo@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or 07927 468683, or Chis Rickard on treasurer@stmarysfetcham.ork.uk.

EcoChurch – Sat 16 Sept, 10am-4pm, Green Fair at St Nicolas Church, Bookham: Find out about what and where you can reduce, reuse, refill and repair locally, plus other useful environmental information. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available.

Repair Café – Sat 7 Oct, 9.30am: St Mary's and Bookham & Horsley Rotary Club are working together to create and support a FaB Repair Cafe in early 2024 (monthly Saturday mornings). Repair Cafés are free meeting places and they're all about repairing things instead of throwing them away. At the Repair Café you'll find expert volunteers with repair skills in all kinds of fields that may include clothes, electrical appliances, bicycles, woodwork, IT, toys, etc. We are looking for people who can help us make this happen: welcome, repair items, assist with admin, serve tea & coffee. If you are interested in finding out more, please come to our open meeting with the presentation starting at 9.30am.

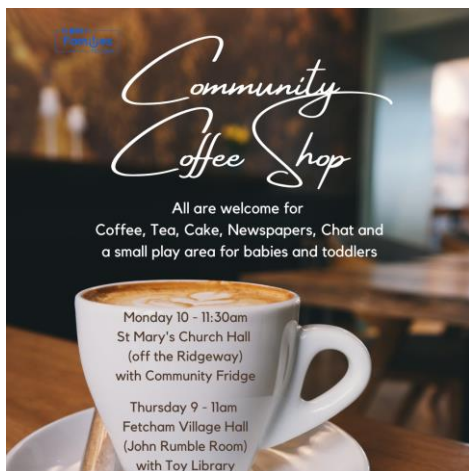
Reading Group Restarting – Thurs 28 Sept, 2.30pm: After having had a short break, Jane Bishop is restarting this small relaxed social group. They have read The Little Coffee Shop of Katul and Sensible Shoes, also short stories by Geoffrey Archer and Charles Lamb. If you would like to find out more about joining the group please speak to Jane or contact the Parish Office. Collection for anyone who cannot make it on their own steam can be arranged.

Home Groups at St Mary's: St Mary's has nine active home groups - all different! Some have been running for over 20 years, where people have gone through life's stages together and built a strong base of pastoral support. Others are much newer. Almost all are at maximum capacity so, to accommodate new members, new groups are needed. The good news is that several new groups are forming. When and where they will meet is still being worked out.

But for one group we know the time and place! This will be a study of the gospel of Mark over 6 weeks in October and November. The group will meet in **Fetcham Park House on Thursday evenings, from 7pm to 8.45pm** and will follow the Community Bible Study format, which involves a modest but essential discipline of individual Bible study ahead of each study. There are 24 places. To join a Home Group please complete this online [form](#) or contact Karen in the Parish Office, stating your availability and what kind of group you are looking for, and we will get back to you.

Our Community Coffee Shops are now running on Mondays at the church hall 10-11.30am AND Thursdays 9am-11am in the John Rumble room at Fetcham Village Hall. Children's play area for pre-schoolers at both venues.

ChurchSuite Unavailability: Please remember to enter unavailability into your MyChurchSuite. This can be done at any time and as far in advance as you wish. It is extremely helpful to have this information visual when building or swapping rota dates.



Bereavement Service – Sun 5 Nov, 3pm: Please join us for our annual special service, followed by tea and cake in the hall. We will be remembering and giving thanks for our loved ones who have died and all are welcome to attend.

Jill Gray has now moved permanently into Liberham Lodge Care Home in Bookham (formerly Gracewell). She would love to have visitors and telephone calls. Her details are on MyChurchSuite or contact the Parish Office for the number.

Youth Weekend Away - 29 Sept to 1 Oct: We're super excited to be having a Youth Weekend Away! It's for any young people in school years 7-13 to come away for a super fun weekend of activities, a chance to unwind and make some great memories!

Contact Nathan for more info and booking details:
youth@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Other news

A3 Weekend Closure – Fri 29 Sept, 9pm to Mon 2 Oct ,5:50pm:

The A3 will be closed in both directions between the B2215 and M25. This is so they can safely install the beams for the new Wisley Lane bridge. The existing pedestrian footbridge will also be closed at this time. They advise you to leave plenty of extra time and plan your journey. www.nationalhighways.co.uk/m25j10

Choral Evensong to mark the retirement of the Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams, Guildford Cathedral – Sun 24 Sept, 3pm: An exceptional and poignant Choral Evensong is planned to celebrate Dianna's ministry. The service will take place in the Cathedral and will be followed by a reception at the back of the Nave. Dean Dianna is planning to retire as Dean of Guildford at the end of her ten years of service as the fifth Dean of Guildford. To book tickets to attend this very special service, please visit via this link: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/692>

Bishop of Dorking welcome service at Cathedral - 8 Oct, 6pm: details still to follow. In the meantime if you wish to attend the consecration for our new at Westminster Abbey on Fri 29 Sept, 11am: you can book tickets directly on <https://OrdinationofBishopsAbbeyFriends.eventbrite.co.uk>





WOW what a summer and year it has been so far for all we do for Families and Children here at St Mary's Church.

We have thoroughly enjoyed all the Family Fun and Coffee Stop events during the summer break. It has lovely to see so many of you, especially the drop in play sessions in the church hall. It is great to see many of all generations, mix with the youth whilst we have come together to play, chat and have fun. We look forward to more throughout the rest of the year.

Messy Church also enjoyed a great summer fun and games session, it has been lovely to see this grow and all the families enjoying time together to make, play and worship in our church, We have lots more planned for this school year too, starting Friday 8th September, see you there.

Footprints is back for this term every Friday 10am, why not come along and have some fun too. Friday 15th September we will be having a Nutritionist as a guest speaker - Save the Date!

More has been planned so Keep your eyes peeled– it looks like its going to be lots of fun!!

If you want to know more about what happens at St Mary's for Families and Children or how you can get involved, please contact, hannah@stmarysfetcham.org.uk





Over the summer holidays we ran 4 socials for young people! Here's a little summary from each of the events:

The free Car Wash saw church family and the local community come along with their dirty cars...and left with sparkling clean cars! It was a great atmosphere and team spirit amongst the young people...the sunshine and summer tunes definitely helped! (Plus the BBQ that followed)

Games in the Park was an awesome combined effort from the Families and Youth team. It was a super hot day so the afternoon was a mix of cooling off in the shade and then playing games such as rounders, Spikeball and frisbee!

A memorable afternoon was our **walk from Bookham to Downside** and back - half the time it was drizzling but when we arrived to Downside Common we were blessed with enough blue sky for

Board Games & Pizza - a great recipe for unwinding on the last week of the holidays. The afternoon was super chilled with just the right level of competitive spirit, snacks, tasty pizzas and a welcomed distraction from the end of the holidays!





If you want to know more about what happens at St Mary's for the Youth or how you can get involved, please contact, youth@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



Oakfield Fireworks – Fri 3 Nov evening: The Friends of Oakfield are asking for volunteers to help steward on the night. If you like to help please contact Friends@oakfield.surrey.sch.uk

New Trustees Needed at 1st Fetcham Scout Group: This is thriving and busy Scout Group, behind the scenes of which are the Trustees supporting by keeping the finances, building maintenance, membership and other matters running smoothly. They are looking for new people to join the Trustees Board which meets six times a year, including a new Chair. No scouting experience required. Do you know anyone who can bring life experience and their time that will benefit the young people of Fetcham within the Scouting community and beyond? Their AGM is taking place on Thurs 21 Sept, 8pm. Please contact karen.jordan@1stfetchamscouts.org.uk

Round the World in 80 Churches – Sat 14 Oct, 2pm: An illustrated talk by Andrew Plumridge, architect and trust at Ruxley Church, Main Hall, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, KT19 0AF. Free parking on site. Contact Sarah if you'd like to come along, £5 per ticket for groups of 4 or more - <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/scpt/>

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Bishop of Guildford Communities Fun Sponsored Walk – Sat 16 Sept:

Our newly-installed Bishop of Dorking, Bishop Paul will now be joining walkers on the walk to raise funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund. Bishop Paul will be walking with the party from Godalming, while Bishop Andrew will walk with those from West Byfleet. This charity provides grants for parish outreach projects which help the poorest, the marginalised and vulnerable in our diocese. This year we are walking the Wey towpath with walks of varying length starting from West Byfleet, Send and Guildford – to find out more click on this [link](#) where you will find information about the routes, timing and how to sign up.

Prayers

We welcome you to join us at St Mary's for:

Monday Morning Prayers : 8:00-8:30am

Private Prayer in Church : Monday to Saturday 09:00 -16:00

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for [September](#). This month we pray for the deaneries of Dorking and Emly.

We also pray for:

Bill Shenton's family following Bill's death on 5 Aug. Bill's [funeral](#) will take place on 11 Sept, 2:45pm at Randalls Park Crematorium.

Gill Hanson's family following her passing on 3rd Sept. Details of arrangements to follow.

Young people in Fetcham who are off to new schools or universities and for those returning to their studies.

Our Church Family as we continue in our time of vacancy.

We continue to pray for those who are unwell:

Fay Burroughs, Dean Hammond, Vera Cameron, Matthew Aldrich Lynn Alsop, Anais Featherstone, John Cooper, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills and Barbara Grant.

And those in residential care:

June Williams and Sheila Bramwell



Latest Stats: In **August** they fed 777 people (*July 2023 – 583 people*)

St Mary's have, for many years, collected food donations for the local Foodbank. You will no doubt be aware that there is soaring demand and many are struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis and feel overwhelmed and hopeless about their situation. With the right support, people can be helped to improve their circumstances.

To watch a video by the Good Company click [here](#)

With Harvest approaching Foodbank has supplied a list of items needed which can be viewed on our [Mission and Charitable Links](#) page on our website. In the meantime this week's wish list is below.

Please ensure donations are **well in date, do not contain any alcohol** and are **sealed**. Refrigerated or frozen items cannot be accepted.

Urgent (they have none) - Coffee, Rice Pudding, Custard,
Honey, Chocolate treats both adult and children,
Children's Toothbrushes 0-2 and 6 plus,
Children's Toothpaste 0-2 and 6 plus

Urgent - Tinned Meat (ham, meatballs, curry, hotdogs etc), UHT and Powdered Milk, Sponge Pudding, Noodles (Not Pot noodles), Ketchup

Also - Chocolate Spread, Peanut Butter, Sweetcorn, Cereal

Sunday Services

8am Communion Service : said Book of Common Prayer

9:30am Communion Service : sung Common Worship

11:15am Worship Service : informal with worship band

Also, 10am Thursday : Communion Service (monthly 3rd Thursday)

Diary Dates:

Check your [MyChurchSuite](#) to see what's going on and to get more details or prebook. Here's a brief summary:

Sat 9 Sept – Ride and Stride Bike Ride (postponed due to hot weather)

Sat 16 Sept – Heritage Open Day, 10am-5pm

Sat 16 Sept – Who Let The Dads Out? 9:30-11:30am

Thurs 21 Sept – Thursday 10am Communion & Coffee Morning/Hear Hear

Sat 30 Sept – Afternoon Tea, 3-4:30pm

29 Sept-1 Oct – Youth Weekend Away

Sun 1 Oct – Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books

Wed 6 Sept – Bereavement Café 10-11.30am

Sun 8 Oct – Harvest Celebration, Barracks Farm 10:30am

Sun 8 Oct – Welcome Bishop Paul Davies, Guildford Cathedral, 6pm

Sat 21 Oct – Churchyard Working Party, 9-12noon

Sat 28 Oct – Afternoon Tea, 3-4:30pm

Sun 5 Nov - Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books

Sun 5 Nov – Bereavement Service, 3pm

Weekly Regulars

Monday – Community Fridge 10-11am (not open on Bank Holidays)

Monday – Community Coffee Shop 10-11.30am (not open on Bank Holidays)

Running in Term Time

Monday - The Drop-In (School Yrs 7-13) 4-5.30pm

Tuesday – Youth Night (School Yrs 7-13) 7.30-9pm

Thursday – Community Coffee Shop @ Fetcham Village Hall 9-11am

Friday - Footprints Baby & Toddlers 10-11.30am

Friday – Messy Church (all the family) 2nd of the month 3.30-5.30pm

Sunday – Activ8 for under 11s and Sunday Youth for 11+ during 11.15 service

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