

BULLETIN

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The Vacancy: Our advertisement for our new Rector is currently appearing in The Church Times, on Guildford Diocese's website and New Wine's website. Do pray for the person God is calling to come to Fetcham, that they will see the advert and be prompted to respond.

Congratulations to Linda Gaskill on successfully completing the Occasional Preachers Course run by Guildford Diocese. We pray for Linda as she joins the Occasional Preachers team and look forward to receiving all that God has laid on her heart.

Who Let The Dads Out – Sat 21 Nov, 9:30-11:30am: Join us for our monthly, men's Saturday morning get-together to enjoy bacon sandwiches, coffee and a chance to chat. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the church hall. You are welcome to come with or without children! There are lots of activities to keep everyone occupied.

Churchyard Working Party – Sat 21 Oct, 9-12noon: Our Churchyard needs continuous maintenance. We are heavily reliant and very grateful to our team of volunteers who bring their tools and enthusiasm to help keep the weeds at bay, trim back overgrown hedges, tidy round the car park and much more twice each year. Come along for as much time as you can. Please bring your gloves, tools and energy! The Who Let The Dads Out? team will rustle up refreshments and there's a great community spirit. Any questions please contact the Parish Office - 01372 357000 or office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Family Fun – Fri 27 Oct, 10-11:30am: The families team is looking forward to another family drop-in session in the church hall. Come along and enjoy some time to chat, play and have fun. No pre-booking required, just drop in any time. Any questions please contact families@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



St Mary's Church Fetcham is opening its hall doors for a session of **Family Fun**

COME AND ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY FOR FUN, GAMES, SPACE TO PLAY AND THE COMMUNITY CAFE (CHARGES APPLY)

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 10 - 11:30 AM

OPEN TO ALL AGES
NO PRE BOOKING REQUIRED, DROP IN ANYTIME

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Foodbank delivery plea: Can anyone help deliver the Harvest donations we have collected at St Mary's and from Fetcham Infants School and take them to the HQ off Ruxley Lane in Ewell? Please contact Julie@stmarysfetcham.org.uk to get more details.

Creating Community for everyone: St Mary's is delighted to be able to offer so many ways for people to get together during the week as well as at weekends.

Mondays 10-11.30am *Community Coffee Shop in the church hall alongside the Community Fridge.*

Thursdays 9-11am (term time only) *Community Coffee Shop in the John Rumble Room at Fetcham Village Hall.*

3rd Thursdays 10.30am-11.30am *church hall – monthly coffee morning after communion. Hear Hear, hearing aid clinic also present.*

Last Saturday 3-4:30pm *Afternoon Tea in the church hall.*

Why not come along and bring your friends or make new ones!

No Tricks just Treats – Tues 31 Oct, 5-7pm: We are looking forward to welcoming Fetcham for a hot drink and a chance to say helloooooo outside Greenwise. You can pick up a treat and something bright.

Resources Preparation for Remembrance Day service – Thurs 2 & 9 Nov, 10-11am: The Children's and Families Team would really appreciate some help and support to cut out and glue some Poppies for our Remembrance Day Service and Messy Church. All resources will be provided as well as some refreshments. Please come to the Community Coffee Shop at Fetcham Village Hall Thursday 2nd and 9th November 10-11am.

Toy Library Launch - Thurs 2 Nov, 9-11am: We are excited to launch a Toy Library at Fetcham Village Hall alongside the Coffee Shop in the John Rumble room. We are still collecting good condition toys. If you have any you would like to donate please let us know; or if you would like to volunteer to help with this venture in any way, please contact Hannah; hannah@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or Julie; julie@stmarysfetcham.org.uk





Women's Breakfast – Sat 4 Nov, 9.30-11am:

We are once again delighted to invite ladies to our Women's Breakfast. Our speakers will be discussing the topic of women and identity, and we will offer the usual delicious breakfast for a suggested donation of £5. Please sign up [here](#) or contact the Parish Office. Numbers are limited to 60 places so please book early to avoid disappointment. As always, we look forward to meeting old friends, and making new ones!

Repair Café – Sat 4 Nov, 2pm: After a very successful open morning, we are delighted that 40 people from the community have signed up as volunteers. This means that we are on target to be able to launch the Repair Cafe in February 2024. It's not too late to sign up as a volunteer. Please follow the link to register your interest [here](#) or come along to the next volunteer afternoon at the church hall on Sat 4 Nov at 2pm.

Bereavement Service – Sun 5 Nov, 3pm: Join us for this annual service where we will be remembering and giving thanks for our loved ones who have died. All are welcome. If you would like your friend or family member to be remembered by name but cannot attend, please write their name clearly so we can add them to the list. If you can attend, you can write their name(s) on arrival at the service. We will then remember these people during the service and pray for the family. There is no obligation to write a specific name, only if you would find it helpful to do so. The service will be followed by tea and cake in the hall.

Fundraiser Morning, Fri 17 Nov, 10-11:30am: The Life Group and Footprints Baby & Toddler Group are hosting a fundraiser morning for the Centre of Urban Mission (CUM). Come along and browse the preloved toys, books, homemade stall and pick up some Christmas gifts for suggested donations. The usual £1 entry to Footprints will be donated as will donations for coffee and cake. Bring your friends, everyone welcome!



Rectory Garden Working Party – Sat 25 Nov, 10am-12.30pm: Please help us tidy the Rectory garden so it's ready for spring maintenance and a new occupant!! Half-time refreshments provided (please alert us if any allergies). BYO gloves, sturdy footwear and bucket/trug if possible. All welcome.

Homemade Stall – Sun 5 Nov: As always, we are raising money to support youngsters in Nairobi's slums, with apprenticeships and Homework Clubs, through The Centre for Urban Mission (CUM). You can buy crafts, plants and edible goodies with cash or card, using the CollectTin. We are very keen to have donations of Christmas cards, gifts, crafts, Christmas baking, Christmas decorations and indoor pots of bulbs. Thank you!

Ride & Stride. This year's Ride & Stride raised a magnificent £860. Half of that money will come back to St Mary's while half goes to the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and is awarded to churches across Surrey for restoration. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to our wonderful sponsors. The Ride & Stride doesn't usually take place on the hottest day of the year!

Royal Arms Conservation: We have been informally notified that the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust has awarded St Mary's a £2000 grant in support of our Conservation Appeal to conserve the 400-year-old oil painting in the Church of the Stuart Royal Arms which celebrates the Restoration of King Charles II in 1660. Still a long way to go, but this is a significant contribution towards our £10,000 target.

Plastic Bag Recycling – Please do not leave plastic bags to be recycled. The person who used to collect them stopped taking them at the start of Covid. Please put them in your own bins or take them to be recycled at a supermarket. **Milk Bottle Tops** are still being collected.



This week's wish list. 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) - Long Life Sponge Puddings, Long Life Juice
Urgent- UHT Milk full fat and semi skimmed, Tinned Vegetables, Powdered Milk, Squash, Packet Soup, Instant Mash, Marmalade,
Chocolate Spread, Toilet Rolls
Also - Sugar (All sizes), Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise, Crisps, Nappies 6+,
Washing up Liquid, Female and Male Deodorant, Shaving Gel/Foam

St Mary's have collected food donations for the local Foodbank for many years. Our Harvest donations will go to the Epsom & Ewell HQ and will be used throughout the forthcoming year

Other news

St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon lunchtime concerts:

Thurs 26 Oct, 1pm – Baritone **Jonathan Eyers** and pianist **Nathan Williamson** present a recital of songs from Suffolk, including Nathan Williamson's recent song-cycle 'Grey and Green are all my Light', which sets poems based on tales of Suffolk fisherman taken from Robert Jellicoe's recent book 'Shorelines', and more..! Free entry with a retiring collection towards the cost of the concert and music at St Mary's.

Sun 5 Nov, 6pm – Queenes Chappell concert entitled "Monteverdi: The Secret Lives of Venetians". This should be a very exciting programme exploring the rich inner emotional lives of 16th and 17th century Venetians. Tickets available [here](#). Tickets also available on the door as usual.

Oakfield Fireworks Night – Fri 3 Nov, from 5.30pm – Tickets are on sale at the Kit Shop in Fetcham (cash only) or online at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CPDH> (please remember to add postage and packing as tickets will be sent by post). This year you can pre-order glow toys and Krispy Kreme doughnuts! This is a whole community event and everyone is invited to volunteer to help on the day. If you can help please complete your details on <https://volunteersignup.org/XJHWP>

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE Community Fashion Show – Fri 27 Oct, 7:30-9:30pm: Built on the success of the previous show in July when 23 local people modelled pre-loved clothes from Bookham's charity shops, at St Nicolas Church in the centre of the village. This year's audience will be immersed again when Bookham's businesspeople join local people strut their stuff along the catwalk in pre-loved clothes. They'll raise the roof of St Nicolas church to a playlist which will get the audience rocking. This is Bookham showing off its talent for change in the community – a new way of thinking, a more sustainable lifestyle, a pre-loved culture, a passion for the planet. More info click [here](#)

Wintershall – The Nativity Journey, 13-18 Dec 2023: Enjoy the real Christmas story with an unforgettable experience that brings the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family. For more details visit www.wintershall.org.uk/

A message from Guildford Diocese - Israel and Gaza:

When Hamas launched its wave of rocket attacks and stormed into Israel it led to the biggest escalation in violence seen in the region.

Thousands of Israelis have been killed, and many more injured, and civilians, including women and children, were forcibly taken, making it the deadliest attack in Israel in decades.

In Gaza, thousands have been killed and many are injured. Airstrikes have caused widespread destruction of homes, schools, healthcare facilities and telecommunication installations. Hospitals that are already at breaking point are overwhelmed by casualties while hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced.

We are grieved and deeply concerned at the violence in Israel and Gaza, our hearts go out to those Israeli families whose loved ones have been targeted in the appalling terrorist attacks but also to the innocent victims of retaliatory attacks, who have been caught in the crossfire. The devastating news and images shared and the suffering of all is almost incomprehensible.

If you have not seen the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent poignant message on this, [please do have a read](#). His prayer 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee' (Psalm 122) 'is never more important at this time.

If you are looking to help, we'd recommend the following three agencies that are operating locally in Gaza, providing immediate assistance.

Christian Aid's local partners stand ready to respond with medical relief and community-led initiatives such as food, shelter, sanitation and protection. They are actively exploring ways to support Israeli civilians who've been directly impacted by the violence. Donations could make a huge difference to the conditions of those affected and [can be made here](#).

Medical Aid for Palestinians - MAP's team on the ground is releasing their entire pre-positioned stock of essential drugs, disposables and essential healthcare supplies from our warehouses to hospitals treating those injured in Israel's aerial bombardment of Gaza. More support will be needed as casualties are expected to continue to rise in the coming days, and MAP stands ready to respond.

Palestinians Children's Relief Fund - PCRf is the primary humanitarian organization in Palestine, delivering crucial and life-saving medical relief and humanitarian aid where it is needed most. Access to essential resources like food, clean water, and healthcare is severely limited. Urgent action is needed. With your support, we can continue this vital work, ensuring that the over one million children of Gaza receive the urgent care they need and deserve.

Diary Dates

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Sat 28 Oct – Afternoon Tea, 3-4:30pm
Tues 31 Oct – No Tricks just Treats, 5-7pm Greenwise
Wed 1 Nov – Bereavement Café, 10:00 – 11.30am
Thurs 2 Nov – Toy Library launch, 9-11am
Thurs 2 Nov – Remembrance Day Prep Poppies, 10-11am
Sat 4 Nov – Women’s Breakfast, 9:30-11:30am
Sat 4 Nov – Repair Café follow up, 2pm
Sun 5 Nov - Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books morning
Sun 5 Nov – Bereavement Service, 3pm
Thurs 9 Nov - Remembrance Day Prep Poppies, 10-11am
Fri 10 Nov – Messy Church, 3:30-5:30pm
Sun 12 Nov – Act of Remembrance at 10.45 followed by service in church
Thurs 16 Nov – Thursday 10am Communion & Coffee Morning/Hear Hear
Fri 17 Nov – Fundraiser Morning for CUM (Footprints/Life Group) 10-11:30am
Sat 25 Nov – Rectory Garden Working Party, 10-12:30
Sun 3 Dec – Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books morning
Wed 6 Dec – Bereavement Café, 10:00 – 11.30am

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 Stop @ 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

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)

Prayers

Prayer & Praise – Thurs 9 Nov, 8-9pm: As we approach the next junction in the vacancy process, and we continue to pray for our new rector. The shortlisting process will be taking place on Tuesday 9 November. Everyone is invited to get behind those who make the decision and pray for them in church for during their meeting. All are welcome. Looking forward to seeing many of you.



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 9am -4pm

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for October. This month we pray for the deaneries of Epsom and Leatherhead.

We pray for our Church Family as we continue in our time of vacancy.

We continue to pray for those who are unwell: Barbara Grant, Vera Cameron, Matthew Aldrich, Dean Hammond, Fay Burroughs, Gillian Mills, Anais Featherstone, John Cooper and Elaine Mead

And those in residential care: June Williams and Sheila Bramwell

And we remember those who have died including The Venerable Paul Bryers, and pray for those who are grieving their loss.

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