

BULLETIN

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The Vacancy: We're delighted to report that our Parish Profile and advertising process were agreed at our recent Section 11 meeting, together with the appointment of Janet Clark and Richard Furze as our parish representatives. Our advertisement will appear in The Church Times for the month of October and is now live on the Diocesan, New Wine and St Mary's websites. Huge thanks to the members of the New Rector Working Group for all their contributions and special thanks to Janet, Tess and Kowoon for producing a really excellent profile. Please pray for those involved in the shortlisting and interviewing process and for the person God is preparing and calling to come to Fetcham.



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

The 8am service is on as usual, but no 9.30 or 11.15. Instead, join us at Barracks Farm, Fetcham at 10.30am for a half hour celebration followed by the opportunity to chat over sausages and bacon rolls cooked on the premises, including a vegetarian option. There will also be tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Everyone is welcome, but to get an idea of numbers expected

please [sign up](#). Please let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement.

Harvest Donations - You will no doubt be aware that there has been a soaring demand for food banks. Many are struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis and feel overwhelmed and hopeless about their situation. However, the Foodbank believes that there is hope. With the right support, they know that people can be helped to improve their circumstances. They have created a video [here](#).

They have also provided a list of items they need and can be seen on page of this Bulletin. Please ensure donations are well in date, do not contain any alcohol and are sealed. They can't accept refrigerated or frozen items. You can bring a donation to Barracks Farm, to St Mary's the following Sunday, 15th October, or anytime throughout the year as we regularly take donations to the local Leatherhead Foodbank



Repair Café – Sat 7 Oct, 9:30-10:30am: Come along to find out more about how we can make this happen. Can you repair items, welcome, assist with admin, serve tea and coffee, etc? We are working together with Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club to create and support a FaB Repair Café 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. The presentation will start at 9.30am on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there but if you can't make it, please get in touch by emailing fabrepaircafe@gmail.com

Deanery Synod Meeting – Wed 11 Oct, 7pm for 7.30pm: All are invited to attend at St Andrew's Church in Cobham. On the agenda are updates on Living in Love and Faith, Eco Church and developments at Diocesan level on their new funding and strategy about Youth and Young people. You may also be interested in education in the Church. There is parking available by the church hall (Church Gate House). Please share lifts where you can.

Messy Church – Fri 13 Oct, 3:30-5:30pm – Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults involving creativity, celebration and hospitality. St Mary's Families Team organises this on the 2nd Friday of the month and would love to meet you! Please contact hannah@stmarysfetcham.org.uk with any questions.

Thursday Morning Communion Service and Coffee Morning – Thurs 19 Oct, 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.

Churchyard Working Party – Sat 21 Oct, 9-12noon: Our Churchyard needs continuous maintenance. We are heavily reliant on volunteers twice a year to bring their tools and enthusiasm to help keep the weeds at bay, trim back overgrown hedges, tidy round the car park and much more... Come along for as much time as you can. Please bring your gloves, tools and energy! There will be an ample supply of refreshments and great community spirit. Any questions please contact the Parish Office - 01372 357000 or office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE driveway closure – Tues 17 Oct: The driveway in and out of St Mary's will be closed for tarmac maintenance work. Please park elsewhere and access on foot throughout the day time.



Fetcham's Toy Library - Thurs 2 Nov, 9-11am:

We are excited to launch a library for toys, where you become a member and then borrow items for a few weeks, enjoy time playing with them and come and swap them for some others. We are including a wide range of toys and board games for you to borrow, play, and enjoy whilst being environmentally friendly. This will be based at Fetcham Village Hall in the John Rumble room, where we will also have a Community Coffee Shop open for all. All are welcome, and we can't wait to see many of you from all over the local community. If you would like some more information or would be interested in how you can support this work please contact either 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!



Bereavement Service – Sun 5 Nov, 3pm: We will be remembering and giving thanks for our loved ones who have died and all are welcome to join us for our annual special service. If you would like your friend or family member to be remembered by name we will do so during the service. On arrival you can write their name(s) on a card and place it in the basket at the church entrance. We will then remember these people during the service and pray for the family. There is no obligation to write a card, only if you would find it helpful to do so. The service will be followed by tea and cake in the hall.

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: Thank you to everyone who responded to our call for help with the Homemade Stall. Last Sunday, we raised an impressive £200. 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). From now onwards you can buy crafts, plants and edible goodies with cash or card, using the CollectTin. Do please consider whether you might be able to commit to regularly/semi-regularly/occasionally making or growing something for us. Almost anything homemade or homegrown will be gratefully received. With November and December stalls rapidly approaching, we are very keen to have donations of Christmas cards, gifts, crafts, Christmas baking, Christmas decorations and indoor pots of bulbs. Thank you!

Youth Weekend Away - Last weekend was our Youth Weekend Away at Walton Firs Activity centre in Cobham! Ten young people attended and enjoyed a mixture of activities (assault course, rock climbing, buggy building), great food, games, faith sessions and just time hanging out with friends and getting to know one another better!

It was an awesome time together and, from what the young people have said, they really enjoyed it! *You can find their own highlights pinned up on the Youth notice board in the hall.*

Our faith sessions were all about our identity as Christians; how we are all loved, chosen and forgiven - which the team took it in turns to lead. A huge thanks to all the team who came along to help and support: Chris B and Brigitte F joined Nathan for the whole weekend and Caroline S, Nigel S, Andy B and Sharon B came as day visitors with a special focus on helping with food.

It was a huge team effort and so much to be thankful for from the weather, the safety, the community spirit, the fun, the food, the chats and great memories!

And also, a huge thanks too to everyone who prayed for us as we went away! If you'd like to hear more, do ask one of the young people you see on Sunday who we're sure will be happy to chat about their time there.

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.

Around the World in 80 Churches - Sat 14 Oct, 2pm: Sarah Mackay is taking a group to this very interesting illustrated talk by Andrew Plumridge, architect and trustee, on behalf of The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust. If you would like to come, do contact Sarah asap. It's at Ruxley Church, Main Hall, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT19 0AF. Free parking on site. So far we've collected £560 from the Ride & Stride last month with more sponsorship money expected. Thank you to everyone who generously sponsored the participants. The good news is that half the money raised comes back to St Mary's.



Other news

Vacancy - Sight for Surrey - Community Engagement Co-ordinator to publicise and promote Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey across the county of Surrey, working with various partner organisations, building relations and seeking opportunities to promote their services within local communities, as well as facilitating monthly drop in social groups. Visit <https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/>

A3 Closure – The A3 will now be closed from **9pm Friday 13 October - 5.30am Monday 16 October**. You are advised to leave plenty of extra time and plan your journey. www.nationalhighways.co.uk/m25j10

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 the community is invited to volunteer to help on the day. If you can help please complete your details on <https://volunteersignup.org/XJHWP>

Coping with Dementia – Wed 22 Nov, 10:30-12noon: One of the deepest fears for older people today is the onset of dementia. In this session Robin Thomson, author of *Living with Alzheimer's: a love story* will be talking about

his own experience as a carer for his wife Shoko and how he found help along the way. There will also be an information sheet available. Tea and coffee will be provided. Bookham Library– all over 65s and their helpers welcome. Contact: Anne Milton-Worssell, The Anna Chaplain to book a place. Email ac@themeetingplace.org.uk or 07518735729 – leave a message if necessary. A £5 Donation is welcome!

Diary Dates:

Sat 7 Oct – Repair Café, 9:30-10:30am
Sun 8 Oct – Communion Service, 8am
Sun 8 Oct – Harvest Celebration, Barracks Farm 10:30am
Sun 8 Oct – Welcome Bishop Paul Davies, Guildford Cathedral, 6pm
Wed 11 Oct - 7pm for 7.30pm - Deanery Synod Meeting
Fri 13 Oct – Messy Church, 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs 19 Oct – Thursday 10am Communion & Coffee Morning/Hear Hear
Sat 21 Oct – Who Let The Dads Out? 9:30-11:30am
Sat 21 Oct – Churchyard Working Party, 9-12noon
Fri 27 Oct – Family Fun, 9:30-11:30am
Sat 28 Oct – Afternoon Tea, 3-4:30pm
Wed 1 Nov – Bereavement Café, 10:00 – 11.30
Thurs 2 Nov – Toy Library launch, 9-11am
Sat 4 Nov – Women’s Breakfast, 9:30-11:30am
Sun 5 Nov - Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books
Sun 5 Nov – Bereavement Service, 3pm
Sun 12 Nov – Act of Remembrance at 10.45 followed by service in church
St 25 Nov – Rectory Garden Working Party, 10-12:30
Sun 3 Dec – Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books

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



Latest Stats:

In **September** they fed **705** people. (*August 2023 - 777 people*)

St Mary's have collected food donations for the local Foodbank for many years. With Harvest approaching Foodbank has supplied a list of items needed which will boost stocks for the year to come.

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

 
UHT Semi skimmed or full fat milk, Powdered milk Jars of cooking sauces, Pasta sauce, Tinned meat – meatballs, minced beef, stewing steak etc Long-life juice, Long-life sponge puddings, Tinned fruit, Tinned fish, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned vegetables, Tinned tomatoes Rice, Pasta, Pulses (dried / tinned / packaged), and Baked beans
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In the meantime this week's immediate wish list is below.

Urgent (have none) : Sugar 1kg and 500g, Longlife Sponge Puddings

Also - UHT Milk full fat and semi skimmed, Powdered Milk, Long Life Juice,
Packet Soup, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Squash,
Jars of Cooking Sauce, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Pulses,
Tinned Sweetcorn, Noodles, Cereal Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise
Jam / Chocolate Spread, Crisps, Chocolate treats for adults and children,
Savoury Biscuits (Crackers etc), Nappies 6+, Deodorant, Shampoo /
Conditioner, Shaving Gel/Foam, Shower Gel

Sunday Services

8am Communion Service : said Book of Common Prayer

No 9.30 & 11.15 services on Sunday 8 October.
Join us at Barracks Farm for our Harvest Thanksgiving

9:30am Communion Service : sung Common Worship

11:15am Worship Service : informal with worship band

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

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 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, Lynn Alsop, Dean Hammond, Fay Burroughs, Gillian Mills, Anais Featherstone, John Cooper and Elaine Mead

And those in residential care: June Williams and Sheila Bramwell

Parish Office : office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk 01372 375000 (Mon-Fri 9-12)

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Hearing Aid Supplies: contact Jacky on 01372 602092 or family.breadmore@gmail.com



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