

BULLETIN

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The Vacancy: The closing date for applications has passed! The interview panel is now reading the applications and meeting on Zoom next Thursday evening, 9th November, to draw up a shortlist of applicants who will be invited to come to Fetcham for formal interviews on Tuesday, 28th November. On Monday 27th the applicants will have the opportunity to see the parish and meet key members of the church family with “trial by quiche” that evening, giving them the opportunity to meet informally with more of the church family.



Prayer & Praise – Thurs 9 Nov, 8-9pm running concurrently with the interview panel meeting to discuss the applications and draw up the shortlist. Everyone is invited to gather in church to pray for those making decisions. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Joint Appeal for Gaza from Archbishops Hosam and Justin Welby: Archbishop Justin Welby paid a solidarity visit to Jerusalem this past weekend in the aftermath of the Gaza War's eruption, and immediately following the bombing of our Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which he and Archbishop Hosam had visited just three days before the outbreak of the war. During this visit, **the two Archbishops decided that at this time of extreme crisis in the Holy Land, they would launch a joint appeal**, calling for prayers and donations for the hospital's vital work in Gaza, and the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem throughout the Holy Land which are also being greatly affected by the war. To that end, please find attached their [joint appeal letter](#); you will also see that Friends of the Holy Land is one of the international partners who are set-up to receive donations from this appeal.



Link to international partners [here](#)

Repair Cafe meeting - Satu 4 Nov, 2pm, church hall: It's not too late to join the Repair Cafe team. Please come along to find out how you can get involved when the project starts in early 2024.

Homemade Stall – Sun 5 Nov, 10.40-11.30am: The Homemade Stall and Second-hand Book Stall are back this Sunday. We hope to have a stall full of lovely goodies to eat and also presents for Christmas. Do come along and take a look. We would be very grateful for donations of your home-baking, Christmas planters, Christmas crafts, cards and other gifts. Without your contributions, the Homemade Stall cannot function!

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. If you would like your friend or family member to be remembered by name but cannot attend, please let us have their so we can add them to the list which will be available at the back of church on Sunday morning and on arrival at the Bereavement Service. We will then remember those named 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. All are welcome.

Resources Preparation for Remembrance Day service – Thurs 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.

The Toy Library is now open! We launched this new community opportunity on Thursday and we have our first members signed up! The membership fee allows you to borrow toys and return them so that there's something new to play with, but without the expense or clutter. This is running alongside the Coffee Shop in the Village Hall on Thursday mornings. Bring a friend and have

St MARY'S
TOY LIBRARY

A toy library is a sustainable and affordable alternative way to buying toys.

Borrow up to 3 toys for 2 weeks.
The best part is you can return the toys at any session or renew the ones you love.

Open Thursday Mornings
at the
Community Coffee Shop
9 - 11am
Fetcham Village Hall

Yearly Membership
£12

a catch up and cake! 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



Remembrance Sunday – 12 Nov, 10.45am: All are welcome to join us as we hold our usual Act of Remembrance at the Fetcham Cenotaph from around 10.45am where wreaths will be laid, and local uniformed organisations will attend. We will then follow on with a service in church.

Fundraiser Morning, Fri 17 Nov, 10-11:30am:

There is an additional opportunity to raise money for children's and youth projects in Nairobi's slums for the Centre of Urban Mission (CUM) with a fundraising morning, when the Life Group and Footprints Baby & Toddler Group have a joint venture. The homemade stall will have Christmas presents that morning too, and would love your contributions, especially as there will be lots of people, who are not regular visitors to St Marys.

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!

A colorful poster for a Fundraiser Morning on Friday 17 Nov 2023. The background is orange with illustrations of a girl, a boy, and a girl. The text includes: "Life group" logo, "Fri 17 Nov 2023", "FUNDRAISER MORNING", "Hosted at Footprints Bump, Baby & Beyond alongside Life Group", "10-11.30am", "Coffee & Cake", "Preloved Children's Toys", "Christmas Presents", "Homemade Stall", "Usual suggested £1 admission", "Donations for Centre for Urban Mission supporting children's and youth projects in Nairobi's slums", "Bring family and friends!", and a "St MARY'S" logo at the bottom.

Christmas Craft evening – Fri 24 Nov, 7.30pm: Following on from previous successful years our Christmas Craft session is back! There will be Christmas crafts to try and gifts to make - all materials and guidance provided. Also, mulled punch, tea & coffee and festive nibbles! [Pre booking](#) required and we ask for a suggested donation of £8 to cover expenses. Any remaining balance will be donated to the charities that St Mary's support at Christmas. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th November.

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 resident. Half-time refreshments provided (please alert us if any allergies). BYO gloves, sturdy footwear and bucket/trug if possible. All welcome.

Afternoon tea - Sat 25 Nov, 3-4:30pm: Don't forget to book! To help alleviate excess of food prep, please book your place on Afternoon Teas. You can do that by signing up [here](#) or contacting the Parish Office on 01372 375000 or office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk.

Church Keys: We are very grateful to Bill King who has so diligently had responsibility for the church's keys for a number of years – not an easy task! Bill is now gradually this handing over Jo Evans, our Operations Manager. However, you'd be surprised just how many keys there are out there – for the vestry, the hall, the bothy, the shed and so on. When people relinquish a responsibility, they can sometimes be less enthusiastic to relinquish their keys! So, let's have a key amnesty! If you have a church key lurking in a drawer somewhere, could you please return it to the church office asap. Thank you!

Illuminate - youth event: During the half term on Fri 29 Oct, the youth had an awesome time enjoying silly games, hot dogs, fire, toasting marshmallows and waving sparklers! A huge thanks to the team who helped make it happen and for all the young people who came along - it was great fun! Our next big social event is the Youth Christmas Party on Mon 18 Dec - more details to come...



Recycling – Please do not leave plastic bags or crisp packets to be recycled. The people who used to collect them stopped taking at the start of Covid. Please recycle elsewhere. **Milk Bottle Tops are still being collected.**



In conjunction with Fetcham Village Infant School and St Mary's, this year's Harvest donations were an incredible **170KG** - which equals **163 meals** for those in need.

Thank You for helping to create a poverty-free future for our community!

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) - Urgent- Long Life Sponge Puddings, Long Life Juice

Urgent - Powdered Milk, Squash, Chocolate Spread, Toilet Rolls, Washing Powder (Bio and Non Bio), Children's toothbrushes - ages 0-2 and 6+, Children's Toothpaste - ages 6-12

**Also) Crisps, Nappies 6+, Male Deodorant
Christmas items- No alcohol**

St Mary's have collected food donations for the local Foodbank for many years. Please continue to donate throughout the year. Donations are taken directly to the Leatherhead hub regularly.

<https://stmarysfetcham.org.uk/connect-us/mission-charitable-links/>

2023 Christmas Gift Appeal: For several years we have distributed Christmas presents for good local causes. Once again we will be delighted to accept any new presents that you might wish to give for some of Surrey's most needy individuals. Sorry but we are not able to accept nearly-new gifts. We have confirmation that four local charities and good causes would again love to receive some gifts:-

1) Children's Presents so that the Mole Valley CAP (Christians Against Poverty) can give every child, of the families they are helping locally, a present. This year they range in age from babies and infants, though to 16 & 17 year olds. Toys, games, books, chocolate or sweet collections and cuddly toys are always much appreciated.

2) B@titude has said that the most useful gift it could receive, to give to their clients, would be a Sainsbury's or Tesco Gift Card please

3) We have a link with Surrey County Council's vulnerable teenagers and have been asked if we could once again be kind enough to give presents to the teenagers on SCC's books, coming out of the top of the care system, the homeless, those suffering from addictions and with extremely difficult home circumstances. For many of these teenagers, ours will be the only presents they receive. Suitable presents are scarves, hats and gloves and other clothing items, books, vouchers, age-appropriate DVDs, chocolates, jewelry, make up, beanie hats, fizzy drinks, toiletries. Obviously please no alcohol.

4) The Meeting Room have said their clients from their lunch clubs would really appreciate gifts such as toiletries, chocolates, gloves and scarves, warm clothing, boxes of biscuits

There is absolutely no need to feel any obligation whatsoever to donate a gift; we are acutely aware that many folk are struggling to provide for their own families! If, however, you wish to give a gift, we will be delighted to collect your presents, until **Thursday 7th December**. Presents can be left in the box in the church hall. This has grown over the years as people have asked what they can give. We would love to streamline and simplify our giving, but we must respect what each local cause would find most helpful, and we feel we cannot stop collecting for each of these very worthwhile causes. We are always grateful for donations of Christmas wrapping paper, sellotape and gift tags too.

Do give your present as it is, and we can wrap it up, or do donate it already wrapped, with a tag saying who might be the most suitable recipient; 'teenage girl', '2 year old boy', for example. We will be wrapping up presents around 7th -8th December, so do please try to get your gifts to us by the 7th December at the very latest, to allow distribution in good time.

Thank you so much



Church Christmas Card: Look out for the St Mary's Church Family Christmas card, arriving soon! Don't spend huge amounts on cards for your friends at St. Mary's; sign the card for everyone instead! This raises a little more money for CUM every year and means you won't be embarrassed when someone gives you a card, and you hadn't written one for them!

Other news

St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon: Bach Evensong - Sunday 12 Nov, 6pm

A reflective Evensong service on Remembrance Sunday, featuring music from one of J.S. Bach's early and most exquisite cantatas, Actus Tragicus. Written for two recorders, two violas da gamba, organ, SATB soloists and choir, this funeral cantata reflects on the promises of life to come beyond death and the meaning behind our mortal lives on Earth. Entrance is free, but please do consider making a donation in order to cover the costs of bring high quality music to St Mary's.

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

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 between services

Sun 5 Nov – Bereavement Service, 3pm

Thurs 9 Nov - Remembrance Day Prep Poppies, 10-11am Village Hall

Thurs 9 Nov – Prayer & Praise, 8-9pm

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

Sat 18 Nov – Who Let The Dads Out?!, 9-11:30am

Fri 17 Nov – Fundraiser Morning for CUM (Footprints/Life Group) 10-11:30am

Sat 25 Nov – Rectory Garden Working Party, 10-12:30

Sat 25 Nov – Afternoon Tea, 3-4:30pm

Mon 27 Nov – Day 1 of Interviews for our new Rector

Tues 28 Nov – Formal Interviews for our new Rector

Sun 3 Dec – Homemade Stall and Second-hand Books morning

Wed 6 Dec – Bereavement Café, 10:00 – 11.30am

Fri 14 Dec – Messy Church, 3:30-5:30pm

Mon 18 Dec – Youth Christmas Party

Thurs 21 Dec – Thursday 10am Communion & Christmas lunch (prebook)

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

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

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

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for November This month we pray for the deaneries of Runnymede and Woking.

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 recently, including Rosemary Nohl, and pray for her family who are grieving her loss. Rosemary's funeral is on Tues 21 Nov, 1.30pm here at St Mary's.

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