

BULLETIN

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Bereavement Service – Sun 3 Nov, 3pm: Please join us for our annual service, followed by tea and cake in the hall. We know how important it is to have the opportunity to give thanks for happy memories whilst also acknowledging our sadness. On arrival we will build a floral tribute to those we have loved and lost. You are invited to bring a single stem flower to add to the floral display in memory of your friend or family member if you would like to do so.

Bereavement Café – Wed 6 Nov, 10-11.30am: Bereavement affects everyone in different ways. If you would benefit from a friendly supportive environment and a chance to chat with other bereaved folk you may like to come along to our Bereavement Café at St Mary's, supported by Princess Alice Hospice. This takes place on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.00am – 11.30am (changing to Thursday from 2 January 2025). The Bereavement Café provides space for those who have been bereaved to relax over a coffee and cake and talk about their loss, any emotions they are experiencing and the unforeseen challenges of their changed situation. This is not a counselling service but an opportunity to share and be supported by people who will listen. There is no need to book.

Remembrance Sunday – 10 Nov, 10:45am: All are welcome to join us as we hold our usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial from around 10.45am where wreaths will be laid by various local groups, including uniformed organisations. A service in church follows immediately afterwards.

Act of Remembrance

Sunday 10 November

10.45am at the
Fetcham War Memorial
off the Ridgeway
Followed by service in church

Lest We Forget



Harvest Donations – Thank you! We donated 8 generous crates of non-perishable food and toiletries which has gone directly to the foodbank food reserves and will in turn support people in need over the coming year. Sadly there is an increased demand and the harvest donations are no longer enough to last the whole year. St Mary's continues to collect food donations for the Foodbank in Leatherhead and will take the items directly there. A wish list is usually contained with the Bulletin with items in need.

Homemade Stall & Secondhand Bookstall – Sun 3 Nov, between the 10.40 and 11.30 services: We look forward to seeing you in the hall this Sunday. Please be extra generous with your baking, as we are offering tea after the Bereavement Service this Sunday afternoon. It is also a good opportunity to divide up some perennials or to give an extra pot of Spring bulbs. There is a delightful update from Simon Peter on the hall noticeboard, showing what a difference St Mary's makes to those with difficult lives in Nairobi's informal settlements.



The Homemade Stall team have been given a beautiful handmade cotton and lace baptism gown to sell for a donation - approx. chest size 20". Do you have family or friends with a new baby? Speak with one of the team.

Messy Church – Fri 8 Nov, 3.30-5pm: Join us for a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. We will be exploring caring for ourselves and others through crafts, stories, songs both in the church and the hall, finishing with a meal for the children.

Fundraiser Coffee Morning for youngsters in Nairobi's Slums – Fri 15 Nov, 10-11.30am: Our Footprints Baby & Toddler Group and the Life Group have very generously offered to do a Fundraiser for Nairobi again. Have a think about whether you could make something for our extra Homemade Stall that day. Could you make something that would be a good Christmas present; mincemeat, chutneys & pickles, cards, tree decorations, present tags, or pots of bulbs for Christmas? Could you possibly also make some cookies or a traybake to be served at the hatch that morning? We'll be so grateful!



This is an additional opportunity to raise money for children's and youth projects in Nairobi's slums for the Centre of Urban Mission (CUM) and is open to all. There will be some independent sellers too! The usual £1 entry to Footprints will be donated as will donations for coffee and cake. Bring your friends, everyone welcome!

Women's Breakfast – Sat 23 Nov, 9.30-11am in the hall: Our popular women's breakfast is back! Another delicious breakfast and inspiring speaker have been lined up. Suggested donation for the morning £5. Please book in to reserve your place [here](#).

Churchyard Working Group Success: A huge thank you to the churchyard working group who turned up in very soggy conditions to rake and trim, clean and weed. Graham from 'Who let the Dads out' warmed all those who ventured indoors with his delicious hot breakfast rolls and cups of tea!

Goodbye to the Ghinn Family: We said a sad farewell to Nathan, Esther and the boys last Sunday with a wonderful bring'n'share lunch. Leah presented them with some gifts from the church family and we've been able



to transfer a sizeable sum into the Ghinn bank account, thanks to everybody's generosity. We are so grateful to God for calling the Ghinns to Fetcham and for Nathan's work and commitment to our young people. We wish them every blessing in their new ministry in Worthing – but we'll really miss them! Thanks to everybody who contributed to a wonderful occasion.

We are still open to applications for the Youth Minister. For more information click [here](#) and to apply, please contact the Parish Office on 01372 375000 or email jo@stmarysfetcham.org.uk.

No Tricks Just Treats!: We had a wonderful time in the new Coronation Garden on Halloween, giving out free hot chocolates and treats and helping families to decorate the Autumn Tree with beautiful, glowing lanterns. It was another great opportunity for the church to have a presence in the community, and we are very grateful to Fetcham Residents Association committee members for organising the tree and decorating the area. We are looking forward to being part of the next community event in the gardens on Sat 30 Nov when the Christmas Tree lights will be switched on.



Donations to DEC Middle East Appeal – The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) have launched the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal to relieve suffering in Gaza, Lebanon & other devastated countries. The orange buckets will be out again this Sunday if you wish to give, or do go on line [Disaster Emergency Committee](#) In Gaza, people are dying of hunger and disease, as well as injuries caused by the conflict. Food and clean water are desperately scarce. Ninety percent of the population are displaced, and more than 42,000 people have been killed. In Lebanon, more than a million people have had to leave their homes in recent weeks. Shelters are overwhelmed, and hospitals are struggling to treat the thousands of people injured.



Advent Quiet Day
'The Waiting Place'

Saturday 30 November
10am - 3pm | £5 Donation
St Mary's Fetcham

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided
Please bring your own packed lunch

How do we wait in everyday life in a culture that wants instant results? As we enter into Advent, we are all invited to wait. How might we do this so that we enable peace, joy, and hope to well up from within and shape us on the spiritual path that we walk upon? Local spiritual director Sharon Seal will guide us through the day.

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Christmas Craft evening – Fri 15 & 29 Nov, 7.30pm: Following previous successful years our Christmas Craft sessions are back!

****[Craft Evening Session](#) - Friday 15th November from 7.30pm****

****[Christmas Wreath Session](#) - Friday 29 November from 7.30pm****

There will be Christmas crafts to try and gifts to make - all materials and guidance provided. Also, mulled punch, tea, coffee and festive nibbles! Please bring scissors or secateurs.

Pre booking required (click on links above) and we ask for a suggested donation of £8 to cover expenses (or £15 if you are attending both evenings) paid on the day. Any remaining balance will be donated to the charities that St Mary's supports at Christmas.

If you are interested in joining our Christmas Wreath making session we request that you sign up for that separately so we can order the right number of wreaths. Places are limited so don't delay! We look forward to seeing you!



ST MARY'S FETCHAM CHURCH HALL

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENINGS

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER - 7.30PM
Christmas crafts and gifts to make
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER - 7.30PM
Christmas wreath making
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING SCISSORS OR SECATEURS

MULLED PUNCH, TEA & COFFEE
AND FESTIVE NIBBLES

Pre Booking for each evening required
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SUGGESTED DONATION £8 PER SESSION (£15 FOR BOTH)
Remaining balance to Christmas Charities

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Christmas at St Mary's

Our postcard is available now and on the last page of this bulletin, in church and in the hall. Please feel free to take a few to pass on to friends and neighbours, although expect one through your door with the Fetcham Residents Association newsletter soon. To find out more, visit our website [What's On](#) page where there are more details about each date.

Christmas Jazz Concert - Sat 7 Dec,

7.30pm: Come along to St Mary's to enjoy this concert to raise funds to support our work in the community. Please purchase tickets [here](#). Mulled wine and mince pies available in the interval. Any questions please contact the parish office on email office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or call 01372 375000

Planet friendly Christmas Tips: Gift ideas

1. Choose gifts that have as little packaging as possible or where the packaging is at least recyclable.
2. Go for quality rather than quantity, picking an item that will last a long time. Second hand/vintage items save on resources needed to make new products.
3. Consider the materials in potential gifts, avoiding single-use plastic and look for ethically produced things like Fairtrade or Organic-certified food and clothing.
4. Gift an experience or tickets to an event/show. Adopt an animal as a gift. Get creative and make a unique voucher book for a homemade meal, a day out together or give a gift card.
5. Consider buying sustainable gifts which support nature such as WWF or Surrey Wildlife Trust - see their online shops.

CHRISTMAS JAZZ AT ST MARY'S

THE **TIM BONIFACE** QUARTET

THE INFANT

A JAZZ SUITE FOR CHRISTMAS
+ a second half of jazzy Christmas favourites

Tim Boniface // sax	"Beautiful and uplifting"
Phil Merriman // piano	Will Todd
Ed Babar // bass	"Tuneful, sincere and
Luke Brueck Seeley // drums	exciting, and it swings"
	The Jazz Journal

SAT 7TH DEC 7:30PM

ST MARY'S FETCHAM

TICKETS £15.00 / U18 £10.00

Book at: stmarysfetcham.org.uk

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Raising funds for work in the local community



Next time: Wrapping

2024 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 6 months to just 18 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 and some younger children on SCC's books, in care or coming out of the top of the care system, the homeless, those suffering from addictions and with extremely difficult home circumstances. For some 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/lighters/candles.

4) **The Meeting Room & The Leatherhead Community Hub** are hosting a lunch for around 45 clients and would love to be given boxes of chocolates, packs of biscuits, multipacks of Haribos or chocolates and boxes of mince pies for goody bags that their guests will be sent home with.

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 receive your presents until **Monday 2nd 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 from 2nd December, so do please try to get your gifts to us by the 2nd December at the very latest, to allow distribution in good time. Extra hands always welcome!

Other News

Bookham Choral Society's concert - Sat 9 Nov, 7.30pm: Come to St Nicolas Church, Bookham for their autumn concert featuring performances from Haydn's Little Organ Mass, Purcell's O Sing Unto the Lord' Mozart's Ave Verum and Jake Runestad's The Hope of Loving'. For more info and tickets £17 adults and £5 under 18s visit : <https://www.bookhamchoralsociety.co.uk/>

Surrey Churches Preservation Trust Annual Talk - Sat 16 Nov, 10:30am-12:30pm: If you are interested in church architecture join a fascinating talk on George Edmund Street: Mastermind of the Victorian Gothic Revival. George Edmund Street was one of the most creative of Victorian architects. St Mary's Holmbury St Mary was one of the last buildings he designed and one of the most personal. All funds raised will be used by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust to distribute across Surrey as grants to help repair and conserve the County's churches of all Christian denominations. Venue: St Mary the Virgin's Church, Holmbury St Mary - Tickets are £12 or £8 for members of the Trust. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/surrey-churches-preservation-trust>

St Mary's raised an amazing £1020 with this September's Ride & Stride, which is a tenth of the total money raised across Surrey so far! Half that money will come back to St Mary's directly. Thank you everyone for participating and for your generous sponsorship.

Evensong with St Teresa Effingham's Schola Cantorum: Under the leadership of their Director of Music, Mrs Caroline Yalden, Schola Cantorum will be singing Evensong this term on the following dates. All are welcome.

Wed 20 Nov 2024 at 5.30pm - Evensong in Chichester Cathedral

Wed 4 Dec 2024 at 5.30pm - Advent Evensong in the School Chapel
St Teresa's School, Beech Avenue, Effingham RH5 6ST

Soundbytes Choir Christmas Concert for CAP – Fri 6 Dec, 8-9pm: A mixture of Christmas songs and carols as well as a few non-Christmassy pop tunes. Tickets are FREE but that there will be a collection for CAP - an organisation which helps people out of poverty; "Our free, expert debt help will advise on the best route out of debt, and offers different types of support to help you become debt free." For more details, go to www.capuk.org The doors and bar will open at 7:15pm at Ashted Peace Memorial.

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 : (3rd monthly) Communion Service

Oakfield Junior School - Arts and Wellbeing Hub Latest News and Urgent Appeal October 2024 : The vision is to create an Arts and Wellbeing Hub for their school and the wider community. It is an ambitious and much-needed project to enhance the school and local facilities to support family well-being and promote the Arts. Currently, the old wooden huts are used to offer emotional, social and academic support and wrap-around care, but they are not sustainable.

The good news is that the School has been pledged [£100,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy](#) to support this project. Unfortunately, they were not successful in being granted an award from **Your Fund Surrey** and had hoped that this would be able to pledge a further £350,000 to £450,000 so that they could get started on the building project, but alas it's back to the drawing board. **They have already raised over £50,000 through fundraising by the Friends of Oakfield and our Governing Body.**

URGENT APPEAL- Please let Oakfield Junior School know if you can help in any way as they now need to raise a significant amount in a short time. Please consider making a personal donation as part of your charitable giving. Also, explore if your employer or company can offer match funding for this worthwhile project.

You can find more information on [Oakfield's website](#) where there's a link to [donate](#) to the project too.

Debbie Willemse Headteacher
Tess Trewinnard Chair of Governors



In September they fed **556** people, **231** were children.

Thank you so much for all the donations received this Harvest which are making a real difference to our food provision projects.

St Mary's continues to collect food donations for the Foodbank in Leatherhead and will take the items directly there. Please bring donations to the church hall our use the supermarket donation point at Tesco Leatherhead. **This week's wish list is:**

Cooking Sauces, Packet Soup, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Beans/Pasta with Meat, Instant Coffee, Powdered Milk, Long life Juice, Chocolate/Sweet treats, Long life Sponge puddings, Honey/Jam/Chocolate Spread, Crisps, Sugar (500g), Deodorant (Male & Female), Shaving Foam, Adult Toothbrushes, Loo Roll, Washing Powder, Washing Up Liquid

Strong shopping bags and bags for life

**Please ensure donations are sealed,
in date and do not contain alcohol.**

Please follow Good Company Surrey on Facebook
and @good_company_surrey on Instagram.

Thank you

Prayers

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

Monday Morning Prayers: 8:30am until 9:00am

Private Prayer in Church: Monday to Saturday 9am -3pm

Diocesan Calander of Prayer: In **November** we pray for the Runnymede Deanery.

St Mary's Bible Reading Plan November 2024: Click on the image or pick up a copy in church. You can also visit our website to find more information or to check previous issues <https://stmarysfetcham.org.uk/bible-reading-plan/>



We continue to pray for those who are unwell:

Linda Bailey, Graham Hill, Gordon Breadmore, Fay Burroughs, Robert Butler, Val Burton, Vera Cameron, John Cooper, Sally Dart, Anais Featherstone, Richard Furze, Kerry Gowans, Barbara Grant, Elaine Mead, David Mills, Gillian Mills and Geoff Wootton.

And for those in residential care:

Jill Gray and June Williams.

Diary Dates

Sat 2 Nov – Repair Café, 10-12.30pm
Sun 3 Oct – Homemade stall, 10.40-11.30am
Sun 3 Nov – Bereavement Service, 3pm
Sun 10 Nov – Act of Remembrance, 10.45am War Memorial
Wed 13 Nov – Youth Board Game Café, 7.30pm-9pm
Sat 16 Nov – Who Let The Dads Out? 9.30-11.30am
Fri 25 Nov - Fundraiser Coffee Morning for CUM, 10-11.30am
Sat 23 Nov – Women's Breakfast, 9-11:30am
Sat 23 Nov – Afternoon Tea, 3-4:30pm (one off 4th week)
Sat 30 Nov – Advent Quiet Day, 10am-3pm
Sat 30 Nov – Fetcham Village Christmas Tree Lights, 4-5pm
Wed 4 Dec – Bereavement Café, 10.00 – 11.30 in the hall

Thurs 31 July 2025 – St Mary's Golf Day

Regulars

Monday – Community Fridge 10-11am (not open on Bank Holidays)
Monday – Community Coffee Shop 10-11.30am (not open on Bank Holidays)
Monday* - The Drop-In (School Yrs 7-13) 4-5.30pm
Tuesday* – Youth Night (School Yrs 7-13) 1st and 3rd monthly 7-8.30pm
Thursday* - Youth Band Rehearsal, 7-8pm – details on flyer
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 3.30-5pm
Sunday* – Activ8 for under 11s and Sunday Youth for 11+ during 11.15 service

Running in Term Time

Keep up to date with St Marys:

Website: www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk
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My ChurchSuite: [Log in](#)

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

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*Christmas
at St Mary's*

Sun 1 Dec Christingle 11.15am

Sat 7 Dec 'The Infant' Jazz Concert 7.30pm

Fri 13 Dec Christmas Messy Church 3.30pm

Sun 15 Dec 9 Lessons and Carols 6pm

Sun 22 Dec Carols in The Bell Pub 6pm

Tue 24 Dec Crib Service 3pm

Family Carols 5pm

Midnight Service 11.30pm

Wed 25 Dec All Together Christmas Communion 10am

Sun 29 Dec All Together Communion 10am



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