

BULLETIN

Issued: 15 Nov 2024

Following the news surrounding Archbishop Justin Welby's resignation this week, Rev Leah has sent an email to our church family to share some thoughts and ways we can be praying for all involved. To read the full message click [here](#) or pick up a copy in church.

**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



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Christmas Wreath Evening – Fri 29 Nov: We are delighted that this is proving so popular and we're now fully booked.

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. Please contact the parish office on 01372 375000 or email office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk with any questions. If you could please help with refreshments, get in touch with Corinne.

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 Baber // bass "Tuneful, sincere and exciting, and it swings!"
Luke Broeck Sealey // drums The Jazz Journal

SAT 7TH DEC 7.30PM
ST MARY'S FETCHAM
TICKETS £15.00 / U18 £10.00

Book at: stmarysfetcham.org.uk

St MARY'S
FETCHAM
Raising funds for work in the local community



Footprints Baby & Toddler Group – changing to Wednesdays from January 2025: Bumps, babes and beyond, currently meets on Friday mornings. Our weekly toddler group welcomes babies and pre-school children with their parents/carers and provides the opportunity for children to play, paint, craft, enjoy a hot drink, cake, stories and singing.

Messy Church – changing to 2nd Thursday from January 2025: Join us on Friday 13 December, 3.30-5pm, where we will be exploring Christmas through crafts, stories, songs both in the church and the hall, finishing with a meal for the children. Messy Church is for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.



Message from Chris and Pauline Rickard: Thank you for the lovely flowers and wine on our 40th Anniversary. We have not sampled the wine yet, but the flowers are certainly brightening up our home.

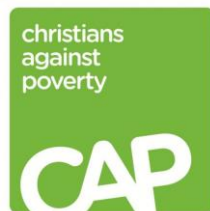
Fundraiser Coffee Morning for youngsters in Nairobi's Slums: The hall was busy with visitors raising funds for Nairobi, and the opportunity to raise money for children's and youth projects in Nairobi's slums for the Centre of Urban Mission (CUM).

Women's Breakfast – Sat 23 Nov, 9.30-11am in the hall: Our popular women's breakfast is now full. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be put on the waiting list, should spaces become available.

Afternoon Tea – Sat 23 Nov, 3-4.30pm: This is changed from the usual last Saturday because of the Quiet Day. We welcome older people in the community to come along to our church hall to enjoy tea, chat and occasional entertainment. Please do share with friends and neighbours who you think would benefit from enjoying the afternoon. We look forward to enjoying your company.

Community Fridge – Mondays 10-11am: The community fridge continues to be a popular draw for anyone in the area to fill up their bags with pastries, bread, fruit, veg, occasional flowers and whatever else the supermarkets give us!

We are delighted to be working with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) who will be running a **FREE two-part money coaching course** on Mon 18 Nov & Mon 25 Nov from 10:30 to 12.30. To book contact jenniecoles@capuk.org or call 07909 399045. To find out more visit : <https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching>





Christingle – Sun 1 Dec, 11.15 service: This is a joyful celebration bringing families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Everyone is welcome to join us for our Christingle Service, at 11.15am on Sunday 1st December this year, followed by lunchtime treats in the church hall. **If you would like to donate food for the please add your offer savoury or sweet contribution to the clipboard in church.**

Homemade Stall and Secondhand Bookstall – Sun 1 Dec: We look forward to seeing you in the hall after the 9.30 service and also after the 11.15 Christingle Service. Do please come along and buy some Christmas gifts and top up on home-baked goodies, mincemeat & Christmas cake. If you could possibly make or bake something for the Homemade Stall we will be really grateful. Pots of Christmas bulbs will be very welcome too. The Homemade Stalls so far this year have raised over £1,500 and this morning's fundraiser made another £565. Let's make the December Homemade Stall a huge success. As always, the money raised will support Homework Clubs and Apprenticeships in Nairobi's informal settlements. Thank you to all who worked so hard this morning, or who came along and spent their money so generously. Special thanks to the FM Life Group and to Footprints, for suggesting the fundraiser.

Church Christmas Card: Once again we will have a St Mary's Church Family Christmas card, featuring one of the apprentices we sponsor in Nairobi. Save the planet by not sending loads of Christmas cards within the church family, and spare the blushes, by sending Christmas greetings to all the church family, rather than worrying you may have missed someone. Card available from Sun 1 Dec.

Christmas Gift Appeal: For several years we have distributed Christmas presents for local causes. Once again we will be delighted to accept any new presents you might donate for some of Surrey's most needy individuals. Unfortunately, we are **not** able to accept nearly-new gifts. We have confirmation that four local charities and good causes would love to receive some gifts. We will be wrapping presents from 2nd December, so do please try to get your gifts to us by then to allow distribution in good time. Extra hands always welcome. For more information visit:

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



Mulled wine spices: If you are having a clear out of mulling spices (cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger etc) that are going out of date, Brian Egles will happily use them for carol services mulled wine.

LIVING HOPE
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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Christmas at St Mary's: Our postcard is available to pick up 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.

9 Lessons and Carols – Sun 15 Dec, 6pm: Everyone is welcome to join us for our 9 Lessons and Carol Service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. We look forward to seeing you and joining together.

Planet Friendly Christmas Tips: Wrapping: A bit of thought and forward planning about how our Christmas gifts might be wrapped could make our Christmas environmentally kinder, as well as fabulously unique!

1. Choose recyclable wrapping paper. Shiny or glittery paper may be pretty, but can't be recycled! The good news is that some local garden centres and stores now have a bigger range of eco wrapping paper than before. Or let your creative juices flow and make your own using plain brown paper, and jolly it up in a creative, sustainable way, perhaps finishing it with some seasonal greenery and last year's cards cut up to make tags.

2. Choose a non-plastic way to secure your wrapping (Sellotape is made of plastic). Ecofriendly sticky tape is available, and some tapes can even be composted at home. Alternatively, natural string or ribbon you have saved during the year could come in handy. Natural raffia made from the raffia palm can also look very attractive, but be aware that the synthetic type contains plastic.

3. YouTube has some great 'how to' videos on making your own biodegradable/reusable boxes for your gifts. Some origami ones don't even need glue or tape. Gather some friends, put on some music, and have fun perfecting a new skill together as you reduce landfill and take another step towards living sustainably!

4. Investigate the Japanese art of Furoshiki which uses squares of cloth to wrap gifts. It isn't difficult and the results can be beautiful. Or look into recycled sari gift wrap where the elegant 'gift wrap' can also be used again as a scarf!

5. Shredded paper is a great alternative to polystyrene to protect breakables.

Next time: Food



Bereavement Service: Our annual service on Sunday, 3rd Nov was very well attended. Everybody was invited to bring a single stem flower to add to the floral display shown here in memory of friends and family members,



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

Other News

Fetcham Infants & Pre-School Christmas Fair - Sat 23 Nov, 11am-2pm:

Fun for the whole family; meet Santa, facepainting, fun and games, market stalls, café and much much more.

Combat Stress Christmas Fayre – Wed 20 Nov, 4-8pm: This local charity supports veterans with mental health, Oaklawn Road, Leatherhead, KT22 0BX. Expect around 30 stalls featuring on-of-a-kind gifts and ideas. Enjoy tea, coffee and seasonal treats, or indulge in a glass of mulled wine.

Leatherhead Rotary Quiz Night – Wed 27 Nov, 7pm: In aid of international disaster relief boxes they are hosting a quiz at St Mary's Church Hall. BYO drinks and food, £6 per tickets, max 6 per team. Contact graham.ryding5@outlook.com or 01372 370048.



Christmas Wishlist 2024
Please donate by 10th December

We cannot accept items containing alcohol.

- Christmas Cake
- Christmas Selection Boxes
- Savoury Christmas Snacks
- Yule Logs
- Chocolate Tubs
- Christmas Biscuits
- MincePies
- Custard
- Tinned Ham
- Packet Stuffing
- Christmas Sweets
- Yorkshire Pudding Mix

<https://goodcompany.org.uk>
Registered Charity Number 1197493

Logos: Good Company PANTRY (Epsom & Bonstead), Epsom & Ewell Foodbank (Together with Bonstead), and good company.

In October they supported **570** people, **242** were children.

The countdown to **Christmas 2024** has started, please help them as they support people experiencing financial hardship in our community, throughout December.

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

Diary Dates

Sat 16 Nov – Who Let The Dads Out? 9.30-11.30am
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
Sun 1 Dec – Homemade stall, 10.40am-1pm
Sun 1 Dec – Christingle @ 11.15am service, followed by lunch
Wed 4 Dec – Bereavement Café, 10.00 – 11.30 in the hall
Sat 7 Dec – Repair Café, 10-12.30pm
Sat 7 Dec – 'The Infant' Jazz Concert, 7.30pm
Wed 11 Dec – Youth Board Game Café, 7.30pm-9pm
Fri 13 Dec – Christmas Messy Church, 3.30pm
Sun 15 Dec – 9 Lessons and Carols, 6pm
Tues 24 Dec – Crib Service, 3pm
Tues 24 Dec – Family Carols, 5pm
Tues 24 Dec - Midnight Service, 11.30pm
Wed 25 Dec – All Together Christmas Communion, 10am
Sun 29 Dec – All Together Communion 10am

2025

Thurs 2 Jan - Bereavement Café, 10.00 – 11.30 in the hall
Sun 5 Jan – NO homemade stall
Thurs 9 Jan – Footprints Baby & Toddler Group returns, 10-11.30am
Thurs 9 Jan – Messy Church, 3.30pm
Sat 18 Jan – Who Let The Dads Out? 9.30-11.30am
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
Friday* - Footprints Baby & Toddlers 10-11.30am (Wed 2025)
Friday – Messy Church (all the family) 2nd monthly 3.30-5pm (Thurs 2025)
Sunday* – Activ8 for under 11s and Sunday Youth for 11+ during 11.15 service

Running in Term Time

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

And for those in residential care:

Jill Gray and June Williams.

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Website: www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk
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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmarysfetcham/>
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Hearing Aid Supplies: contact Jacky on 01372 602092 or family.breadmore@gmail.com

Recycling – No more Milk Bottle Tops please

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