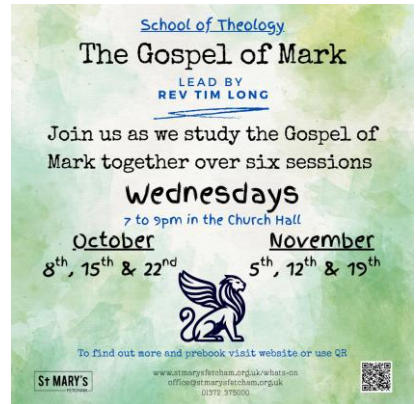


# BULLETIN

Issued: 8 August 2025

**School of Theology 'The Gospel of Mark'**  
**Wed 8, 15 & 22 Oct then 5, 12 & 19 Nov,**  
**7.30-9pm:** Led by Tim Long, join us as we study the Gospel of Mark together over six sessions. We start with an overview of the historical background to the book, then move on to consider Mark's vision of discipleship in the kingdom of God, before thinking about Jesus' miracles, Jesus' identity, and Jesus' parables. Our final session focuses on Jesus and the Torah in Mark's Gospel. Places are free, but please book to let us know you are coming. To find out more and to sign up click [here](#).



**Community Fridge & PSCO Marion Hawkins – Mon 11 Aug, 10-11am:** Marion from Surrey Police will be visiting the Community Fridge in the church hall again to listen to your concerns and give advice on various issues including ASB and Fraud, as long as she's not called elsewhere in the church hall. Please feel free to come along and chat to Marion over a cuppa. She will also pop in on 8 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov and 1 Dec.



**Summer Messy Church – Wed 13 Aug, 10-11.30am:** Join us for our Summer session of Messy Church where there will be games, crafts and fun. Please bring your own picnic - snacks and drinks will be provided. Messy Church is a church for all ages, where we explore our faith through creativity, celebration and hospitality. St Mary's Families Team organise this usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 3.30-5pm, and they would love to meet you!

**Church Hall Floor Maintenance – Mon 18 & Tues 19 Aug:** The hall will be closed from 1pm on Monday after the Community Fridge in order that the floor can be deep cleaned and polished. The liquid polish requires at least 24 hours to dry so do not walk through the hall. The office will still be open, but pop in using the back door. If you would like to help with the deep clean on Monday from 1pm please let Karen know: [office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk).

**Family Fun – Summer Play Sessions – Wed 20 & 27 Aug, 9.30-11am:** You are warmly invited to join our summer sessions in the church hall. All the family are welcome to join us to enjoy a place to have fun. There will be craft, messy play, games and more! Refreshments will be served throughout the session. We hope you can come along, no need to book, and we look forward to seeing you there! Any questions please to contact [hannah@stmarysfetcham.org.uk](mailto:hannah@stmarysfetcham.org.uk) or call 01372 375000



**Thursday 10am Communion, followed by Coffee Morning in Hear Here Clinic – Thurs 21 Aug, 10.30-11.30pm:** All are welcome to join us for our usually monthly coffee morning in the church hall, taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. You are welcome to join us after the 10am Communion Service or just come along for a cuppa and chat. At the same time we also have the NHS Hearing Aid Clinic Hear Here.

**Harvest Barn Dance – Sat 4 Oct, 7-10pm:** All are welcome to join us for a for a social evening in the Church Hall. Tickets - £5 adults ~ £2.50 under 18s. There will be a live band and dance caller which will be guaranteed to get us enjoying the evening. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake available. Pre-booking necessary as numbers are limited so [book now](#) to avoid disappointment.



**Fetcham Community Fridge, Mondays, 10 – 11:30am – not BH Mon 25 Aug:** Primarily focused on preventing food waste from supermarkets going into landfill, the Community Fridge will continue to run throughout August, but not on the bank holiday. Alongside the Community Coffee Shop is a relaxed place to for a hot drink and something sweet. There's a small play area for babies and toddlers. Meet friends for a chat and make new ones

**Churchyard Working Party - Sat 30 Aug, 9:00am to 12:00pm:** We had an amazing turn out of volunteers for the July date. Working together outdoors is very rewarding. If you can spare an hour or so, please come along to help maintain the churchyard. Bring tools and enthusiasm!!

**Afternoon Tea – Sat 30 Aug, 3-4.30pm:** We look forward to our monthly get together with the elder members of the community. Come along to the church hall to enjoy a cuppa, cake, chat and the occasional entertainment on the last Saturday of the month. Share with friends and neighbours who you think will benefit from enjoying the afternoon.



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### From the ECO Team



**Gardening for Wildlife Photos - Cast your vote:** Have you seen the Eco Board in the church hall on the right of the serving hatch? This month you will find St Mary's photo entries for the 'Gardening for Wildlife Competition'. The photos are a snapshot of some of the good things that can happen for nature with thoughtful garden choices. You are invited to cast your vote for your favourite photo by the end of August. Simply decide on your favourite photo and note its number, tear off the corresponding number and pop it in the envelope.

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**Bereavement Café- Thurs 4 Sept, 10.00–11.30am:** Everyone is affected by bereavement in different ways. If you would benefit from a friendly supportive environment and a chance to chat with other bereaved folk, please come along. We meet in the hall on the 1st Thursday of each month. You are welcome to come along for a coffee and there is no need to book.



**Homemade Stall – Sun 7 Sept, 10.20am.** Returning after the summer break, regular contributions are needed to continue this vital work, supporting Apprenticeships & Homework Clubs in Nairobi's Informal Settlements. Visit the church hall on Sun 7 Sept after the 9.30 service and before 11.15 to see what's available to buy.

**Secondhand books** available all year round in the church hall.

**Harvest Service – Sun 14 Sept, 10am:** We are delighted the Bishop Paul will be joining us for our harvest service. Afterwards we will be offering a social brunch. More details to follow...

**Ride and stride – Sat 13 Sept:** Help St Mary's to raise a thousand pounds again by taking part in the annual Ride & Stride by walking or cycling around some of our beautiful local churches, maybe with a playground and a picnic, or a pub lunch in the middle, is a wonderful way to spend the day. If you can't take part, maybe you would like to sponsor some of our participants. Speak to Sarah Mackay this Sun 10<sup>th</sup>, email her at [mackayfamily10@btinternet.com](mailto:mackayfamily10@btinternet.com), or check out the website [SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org.uk](http://SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org.uk) for details.



**Heritage Open Day - Sat 20 Sept, 10am-4pm:** Can you help with serving refreshments, baking a cake or steward visitors in church. Signup sheets are now in the back of church for hourly slots. We open the church annually to visitors from far and wide as part of the national Heritage Open Days. The [digital brochure](#) is now available with almost 60 events taking place

**Pet Service – Sun 28 Sept, 3pm:** We are very excited to offer the opportunity to invite you and your pets to this unique service, followed by light refreshments in the church hall. More details to follow...

**Women's Breakfast – Sat 11 Oct, 9.30-11am:** We are once again delighted to invite ladies to our Women's Breakfast and will be enjoying a speaker and offering the usual delicious food for a suggested donation of £5. Please sign up [here](#) or contact the Parish Office. Numbers are limited to 60 places so please booked early to avoid disappointment. Pay on arrival. As always, we look forward to meeting old friends, and making new ones!



## Services

**Sun 8am Communion Service :** said Book of Common Prayer

**Sun 9:30am Communion Service :** sung Common Worship

**Sun 11:15am Worship Service :** informal with worship band

**Thurs 10am: (3<sup>rd</sup> monthly) Communion Service**

**Mon 10.30am Prayer & Pastries:** Celtic daily prayer reflective space  
(term time)

## Other News

**Mole Valley District Council is running the first stage of a Community Governance Review (CGR).** As part of this, they are inviting existing parish councils, residents' associations, neighbourhood organisations, individual residents, people who work in our district and other interested parties, to put forward suggestions for areas in Mole Valley and have their say on how they should be represented. The consultation is open for 12 weeks and will finish at 5pm on the 17 October. Further information and the survey can be viewed here [Community Governance Review - Mole Valley District Council](#).

## Have Your Say on Local Representation



Help shape how decisions are made in your community.

Survey closes 17 October  
[molevalley.gov.uk/cgr](https://molevalley.gov.uk/cgr)



Community Governance Review



**Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Fri 24 Sept, 10am-2pm:** Jacquie Waller warmly invites you to Fetcham Park House to support a fundraising coffee morning. Donations by cash or credit card on the day. Please bring a friend or two! She looks forward to welcoming you.

**Peppermint Sticks of Rock £1 each:** Available to buy at the kitchen hatch in the hall, this unique product would make great gifts for friends or a lovely sweet treat whilst supporting 1<sup>st</sup> Fetcham Group's fundraising. The price has been slashed by 50% to £1 each to reduce waste and spend. Purchase using the QR codes straight to 1st Fetcham. Also available at The Bell, Harringtons and Greenwise.

### **Living Well in Older Age – [Anna Chaplaincy](#) for older people:**

Over 65s and carers welcome. Tea & coffee provided. Suggested donation £2. Contact Lizz Tapp – [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) or 07518 735729.

**Wed 24 Sept – 10.30-12pm - Planning your future part 1** (Bookham Library)

*Why planning for the future is important, Staying independent and at home, Help for carers*

**Wed 22 Oct – 10.30-12pm - Planning your future part 2** (Bookham Library)

*Care costs & help with these, Sources of extra income, Making sure your voice is heard – wills & Power of Attorneys*

**Wed 19 Nov - 10.30-12pm - Are you aware of...** (Bookham Library)

*The Wellbeing & Community Responder Service, and Transport Bus Services*



**Bishop's PA vacancy (6 month contract)** – Guildford Diocese is seeking a person to provide excellent administrative support. Click on this link for more info: [Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Guildford in Willow Grange, Jacobs Well | Church of England](#)

## Epsom & Ewell Foodbank (Good Company)



In July they supported 398 people, 139 were children. Stocks are low, with many of our essential items in the **urgent** category. Please help us as we support people experiencing financial hardship in our community. Donations dropped off at St Mary's are taken directly to the Leatherhead hub every month. Our collection box is located at the front of the church hall. This week's Wish List:

### Urgent (have none) - Long Life Juice

**Urgent:** Instant Mash, Instant Coffee, Sugar (500g), Powdered Milk Jam / Honey / Chocolate Spread/ Peanut Butter / Marmalade, , Toilet rolls, Washing up Liquid, Sponge Pudding, Rice Pudding

**Also:** Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Cooking Sauces, Dried Pasta in Sauce, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Sweetcorn, Pasta/Beans with Meat, Microwave Rice, Packet Soup, Rice, Tea (bags), Squash, Ketchup/Mayonnaise/Brown Sauce, Porridge, Custard, Chocolate, Chocolate Biscuit Bars, Biscuits, Savoury Biscuits, Non Dairy Milk, Male / Female Deodorant, Shaving Foam, Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Washing powder/ tablets, Nappies size 6

### Strong shopper bags and bags for life

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

*Thank you!*



## **Diary Dates 2025**

Thurs 14 Aug – Summer Messy Church, 10-11.30am  
Wed 20 Aug – Family Fun Summer Session, 9.30-11am  
Thurs 21 Aug – Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30-11.30am  
Wed 27 Aug – Family Fun Summer Session, 9.30-11am  
Sat 30 Aug – Churchyard Working Party, 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Sat 30 Aug – Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm  
Thurs 4 Sept - Bereavement Café, 10.00 – 11.30 in the hall  
Sat 6 Sept – Repair Café, 10-12.30am  
Sun 6 Sept – Homemade stall & Second-hand books  
Wed 10 Sept – Footprints Baby & Toddler starts Autumn Term, 10-11.30am  
Thurs 11 Sept – Messy Church, 3.30-5pm  
Sat 13 Sept – Ride & Stride  
Sun 14 Sept – Harvest Service with Bishop Paul, 10am  
Thurs 18 Sept Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30-11.30am  
Sat 20 Sept – Heritage Open Day, 10am-4pm  
Mon 22 Sept - EcoChurch Supporters' Group, 7.90-9pm  
Sat 27 Sept – Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm  
Sun 28 Sept – Pet Service, 3pm followed by refreshments  
Thurs 2 Oct - Bereavement Café, 10.00 – 11.30 in the hall  
Sat 4 Oct – Harvest Barn Dance, 7-10pm  
Sat 19 Oct – Churchyard working Party, 9:00am to 12:00pm

## **Regulars**

Monday – Community Fridge 10-11am (not open on Bank Holidays)  
Monday – Community Coffee Shop 10-11.30am (not open on Bank Holidays)  
Monday\* - Prayer and Pastries, 10.30-11am  
Monday\* - The Drop-In (School Yrs 7-13) 4-5.30pm  
Tuesday\* – Youth Night (School Yrs 7-13) 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly 7-8.30pm  
Wednesday\* - Footprints Baby & Toddlers 10-11.30am  
Thursday – Bereavement Café (1<sup>st</sup> monthly) 10-11.30am  
Thursday – Messy Church (all the family) 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly 3.30-5pm  
Thursday – Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30-11.30am  
Thursday – Café Church (4<sup>th</sup> monthly) 3.30-5pm  
Thursday\* - Youth Band Rehearsal, 7-8pm – details on flyer  
Saturday - Repair Café (1<sup>st</sup> monthly), 10-12.30am  
Saturday - Men's Breakfast Club (3<sup>rd</sup>), 9.30-11.30am  
Saturday – Afternoon Tea (last monthly) – 3-4.30pm  
Sunday – Homemade stall & Secondhand books (1<sup>st</sup> monthly) 9.40-11.30am  
Sunday\* – Activ8 for under 11s and Sunday Youth for 11+ during 11.15 service

## Prayers

Each day there is space for free prayer for us to bring whatever is on our hearts to God, but you don't need to pray out loud. All are welcome to join us during these times of prayer, whether you prefer to pray quietly in your heart, or out loud. All are welcome to join us at St Mary's for:

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

***Weekday morning prayers back in September:*** The usual 30 mins prayers sessions in church on Mon to Thurs are not taking place in August. The church will continue to be unlocked 9am-3pm and you are welcome to visit for private prayer at any time.

**We continue to pray for those who are unwell:** Lynn Alsop, Linda Baily, Christopher Bishop, Fay Burroughs, Sally Dart, Barbara Grant, Elaine Mead and Gillian Mills.

**For those in residential care:**

Jill Gray and June Williams

**Prayer & Pastries – Mondays term time,**

**10.30am:** Everyone is welcome to join us in church from 10.30am. After about 20 minutes we then head over to the church for tasty pastries, a cuppa and a chat! Back in Sept.

**Diocesan Calander of Prayer:** In August we pray for the Guildford Deanery.



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## Keep up to date with St Marys:

Website: [www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk](http://www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchfetcham/>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmarysfetcham/>  
X (Twitter): <https://twitter.com/StMarysFetcham>  
My ChurchSuite: [Log in](#)

**Hearing Aid Supplies:** contact Jacky on 01372 602092 or [family.breadmore@gmail.com](mailto:family.breadmore@gmail.com)

**Recycling – No more Milk Bottle Tops please**

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