What's On! September



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Welcome to our new look newsletter. Schools are preparing for their new year and it seems a good time to revamp our newsletter. 'What's On!' will be issued monthly and will focus on the coming month. Click each image to find out more or contact the office!



Ketchup/Brown sauce/Mayo

Tinned meat

Cereal (not porridge)

UHT semi skimmed or full fat milk

Powdered milk

Dried Noodles (not pot or instant)

Pulses (dried/tinned/packaged)

Long-life sponge puddings

Chocolate sweet treats / Biscuits

Jam /Honey /Marmalade

Peanut butter / Chocolate spread

Squash

Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant

Shower gel

Adult toothpaste

Harvest wishlist



We would be grateful for your donations, which help to keep our foodbank centres and pantries stocked for those in our community experiencing financial hardship.















Jars of cooking sauces
Pasta sauce
Tinned soup

Tinned fish
Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables

Tinned tomatoes
Tinned potatoes
Rice pudding
Custard
Rice
Pasta
Instant mash

Long-life juice Instant coffee Tea (bags)







Charity No. 1197493

Creationtide

7 Sept Creator and The Created

14 Sept Grateful

10am Harvest Celebration with Bishop Paul

21 Sept Seeing God in Creation

Guest Speaker Alison Moulden (9.30 & 11.15) Guildford Diocese Environment Officer

28 Sept Seeing God in Creation



Harvest Celebration

We are delighted that Bishop Paul (Bishop of Dorking) will be joining us on Sun 14 Sept, 10am after which there will be a brunch where we are offering bacon butties cooked on the premises, including a vegetarian option. There will also be tea and coffee.

To get an idea of numbers please sign up here. Let us know any specific dietary requirements.

Feel free to bring non-perishable food donations for Foodbank. Fresh food donations will be given to our Community Fridge the following day.

Welcome Joe

Hello St Mary's! Thank you so much for the warm welcome. It's a real blessing to join a church so passionately invested, both spiritually and practically, in its young people. I'm excited to be your new Youth Minister and can't wait to kick off all that's ahead this term; we've definitely hit the ground running!

I grew up in Cambridgeshire with my English dad, Brazilian mum, and my amazing twin sister. In my downtime I enjoy exploring the countryside, gaming (board and digital), singing, playing guitar, and love problem solving, be it tech or otherwise. I also love food, particularly spicy curries or pizza.

Thank you for welcoming me into the church family. Please pray for me as I settle in with the team and invest in our young people this term. *Joe*



Diary for September

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

Thurs 4 Sept - Bereavement Café, 10.00–11.30am

Sat 6 Sept – Repair Café, 10-12.30am

Sun 7 Sept – Homemade stall & Second-hand books

Wed 10 Sept – Footprints Baby & Toddler Group starts, 10-11.30am

Wed 10 Sept - Jane's House Reading Group, 2.30pm new book

Thurs 11 Sept – Messy Church, 3.30-5pm

Sat 13 Sept – Ride & Stride (details alongside, right)

Sun 14 Sept – Harvest Service with Bishop Paul, 10am

13/14 Sept - Pop Up Repair Café at Polesden Lacey, 10am-5pm

Thurs 18 Sept – Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30-11.30am

Sat 20 Sept – Men's Breakfast, 9.30-11.30am

Sat 20 Sept – Heritage Open Day, 10am-4pm

Mon 22 Sep – Eco Church Supporters' Group, 7.30-9pm

Sat 27 Sept – Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm

Sun 28 Sept – Pet Service, 3pm followed by refreshments



A great opportunity to walk/cycle to some of Surrey's beautiful churches and to raise money for St Mary's and the <u>Surrey Churches Preservation Trust</u>. Of the money we raise 50% comes straight back to St Mary's and the rest is available as grants for church repairs, such as the conservation of our Royal Coat

church repairs, such as the conservation of our Royal Coat of Arms. If you'd like to participate, and/or sponsor somebody, speak with Sarah, or email the office.





Heritage Open Day

A few more volunteers to help at the on Sat 20 Sept, 10am to 4pm, would be much appreciated. Please sign up on the clipboards in church, or contact the Parish Office



Eco Church Supporters' Meeting



All are invited to the Eco Church supporters' meeting on 22 September at 7:30pm in the church hall. This is an opportunity for anyone and everyone who is interested in how St Mary's is becoming more environment-friendly. The Eco Church Core group will update you on progress across a range of fronts

from churchyard management to installation of solar panels, and progress towards achieving Silver under the A Rocha Eco Church scheme.

It is also an opportunity for YOU to tell us of positive steps for Nature that you have been taking in your own home and garden, and for you to contribute new ideas for eco-friendly initiatives at St Mary's.

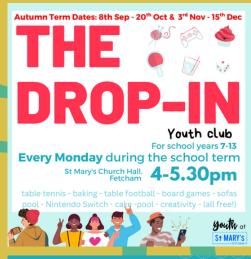
Coming up...

(click on dates for more info)

Sat 4 Oct – Harvest Barn Dance, 7-10pm Mon 6 Oct - PSCO visiting Community Fridge, 10am Wed 8 Oct - School of Theology, 7.30-9pm Sat 11 Oct - Women's Breakfast, 9.30-11am Sat 18 Oct – Churchyard Working Party, 9am-12pm Fri 31 Oct - No Tricks just Treats, 5-7pm

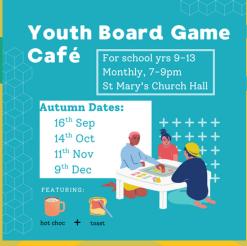


















Gardening for Wildlife Photo Competition

A big thank you to all those who shared photos for the Eco Board.

Visitors to the hall over the summer have been able to enjoy interesting and beautiful images of nature which show how making our gardens attractive to wildlife can have a positive effect.

Votes came in for all photos! However, it was the blue butterfly that captured the hearts of the most voters so we send our warmest congratulations to Sarah Mackay!

There are currently lots of blue butterflies on the slopes at Newlands Corner if any enthusiasts fancy a visit.



Prayers

Weekday morning prayer starting back from Mon 1 Sept. Mondays 8.30am, Tues - Thurs 9am

Church is open for private prayer Mon to Sat 9am to 3pm

We continue to pray for those who are unwell:

Lynn Alsop, Linda Baily, Christopher Bishop, Barbara Grant, Ros Lilley, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills, Lucy Sandys and Jenny Wick **And for those in residential care:** Jill Gray and June Williams

A short 20 min reflective space for prayer and quiet in the church, followed by tasty pastries and a cuppa in the church hall! Starts 1st Sept Mondays 10.30am Term time

Regulars

Monday - Community Fridge 10-11am (not Bank Holidays)

Monday - Community Coffee Shop 10-11.30am (not 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) 1st and 3rd monthly 7-8.30pm

Wednesday* - Footprints Baby & Toddlers 10-11.30am

Thursday – Bereavement Café (1st monthly) 10-11.30am

Thursday - Messy Church (all the family) 2nd monthly 3.30-5pm

Thursday - Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30-11.30am

Thursday* - Youth Band Rehearsal, 7-8pm - details on flyer

Saturday - Repair Café (1st monthly), 10-12.30am

Saturday - Men's Breakfast Club (3rd), 9.30-11.30am

Saturday - Afternoon Tea (last monthly) - 3-4.30pm

Sunday – Homemade stall & Secondhand books (1st monthly) 9.40-11.30am

Sunday* - Activ8 for under 11s and Sunday Youth for 11+ during 11.15 service

*Running in Term Time

Services

<u>Sundays</u>

8am Communion Service said Book of Common Prayer

9:30am Communion Service *sung Common Worship*

11:15am Worship Service informal with worship band

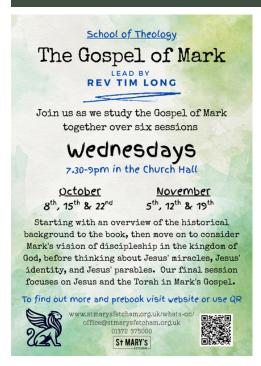
Thursdays

3:30-5pm Messy Church (2nd monthly)

10am Communion Service (3rd monthly)









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