What's On! October



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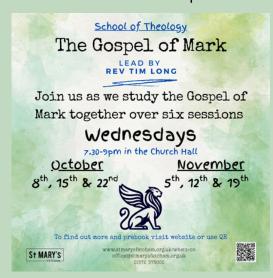
We were joined at our Harvest Celebration in September by Bishop Paul - Bishop of Dorking. One of the things he commented on is how badly the world needs joy, and how we as followers of Jesus, can be counter-cultural by being full of joy. He spoke of the powerful encouragement of knowing people who have a 'glass-half-full-attitude' to life, and he encouraged us to practise gratitude – or go to the 'gratitude gym' - by intentionally looking for and counting our blessings. He used a lovely visual aid of a jug half full of water... then added more and more conkers (which represented our blessings) to the water. Eventually so many conkers had been added to the jug that the water overflowed. We too will overflow with joy as we learn to count our blessings. Encouraged by +Paul's message to us this Harvest, let's keep being intentional about noticing and giving thanks for our many blessings, so we overflow with gratitude and joy.

Revd Leah Bates

School of Theology

Led by Revd 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. You might like to bring a bible and a notebook/pen along with you. Tea/coffee will be available.

To book click here.





We are thrilled to have been awarded Silver in the A Rocha Eco Church Scheme. Well done to everyone at St Mary's Church for all the hard work and for each thoughtful act on behalf of Creation! Together we've made a difference, helping to restore the natural world and protect the climate. Along the way we have encouraged and inspired each other.

In September the Eco Team was boosted by a creative and resourceful group of supporters from our congregation, meeting to discuss where we have got to, and sharing ideas for the future. Whether or not you were at the meeting, all are invited to join in the journey to Gold!

As part of our Eco Strategy we are really pleased to announce that the PCC have approved a project to install solar panels on the church hall roof. To prepare for this, work will first be done to refurbish the roof. Work will start in the Autumn.

Diary for October

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

Thurs 2 Oct - Bereavement Café, 10.00-11.30am

Sat 4 Oct - Repair Café, 10-12.30am

Sat 4 Oct - Harvest Barn Dance, 7-10pm

Sun 5 Oct - Homemade stall & Second-hand books

Mon 6 Oct - PSCO visiting Community Fridge, 10am

Wed 8 Oct - Gospel of Mark (School of Theology), 7.30-9pm Session 1

Thurs 9 Oct - Messy Church, 3.30-5pm

10-13 Oct - Youth Weekend Away

Sat 11 Oct - Women's Breakfast, 9.30-11am

Wed 15 Oct - Gospel of Mark (School of Theology), 7.30-9pm Session 2

Thurs 16 Oct - Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30-11.30am

Sat 18 Oct - Churchyard Working Party, 9am-12pm

Sat 18 Oct - Men's Breakfast, 9.30-11.30am

Wed 22 Oct - Gospel of Mark (School of Theology), 7.30-9pm Session 3

Sat 25 Oct - Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm

Fri 31 Oct - No Tricks just Treats, 5-7pm

from 5-7pm on Friday 31st October



TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT:

www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk/whats-on 01372 375000 or office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Bring your friends and neighbours



Harvest Donations

Thank you to all those who donated at the Harvest service earlier in September. All the longlife food has been taken to The Good Company's HQ in Ewell where it will be stored and distributed throughout the year at the Foodbanks. They are heavily reliant on the Harvest and Christmas collections and hope the stock lasts a year, but sadly due to increased demand it runs out sooner than they'd hope. Here at St Mary's we collect food donations all year round. Our drop off point is at the front of the hall and is emptied and taken directly to the Leatherhead hub once a month. Follow this link to their ongoing wishlist



The final working party for 2025. We are heavily reliant on volunteers several times a year to bring their tools and enthusiasm to help keep the weeds at bay, trim back overgrown hedges, tidy the car park and much more...

Come along for as much time as you can. Please bring your gloves, tools and enthusiasm.

There will be an ample supply of refreshments and great community spirit.



Come along to our Silent Disco. Book in advance to not miss your chance to dance.

Filled with glowsticks, music and dancing. Bring your song requests and best dance moves.

> Children and Families 3-5pm >HERE<

> > Young (Yr7-Yr13) 7-9pm >>HERE<<



St MARY'S

Act of Remembrance

USING THE QR CODE

Sunday 9 November

10.45am at the Fetcham War Memorial off the Ridgeway

Followed by service in church

Lest We forget





Join us for our popular Christmas Craft evening on Friday 14 November, 7.30pm in the Church Hall to enjoy a selection of Christmas craft and gifts to make with our craft advisors on hand to help. All abilities welcome (aged 10+ with adult supervision). Costs £10 per person includes all craft materials required. To secure your place please prebook and pay.

Following on from our Christmas Craft session we are holding a Christmas Wreath making evening on Friday 28th November from 7.30pm. Again, all materials will be provided, but please ensure you bring scissors or secateurs. Prebooking required and we ask for a suggested donation of £20 to cover expenses.

There will be complimentary mulled punch, tea & coffee and festive Remaining balance donated to charities that St Mary's support at Christmas.

Coming up...

(click on dates for more info)

Sat 1 Nov - Silent Disco, Family, 3-5pm

Sat 1 Nov - Silent Disco, Youth, 7-9pm

Sun 2 Nov - Bereavement Service, 3pm

Mon 3 Nov - PSCO visiting Community Fridge, 10am

Fri 7 Nov - Fundraiser Morning for Kibera, 10-11.30am

Sat 8 Nov - Bothy Garden Work Party & Social, 10-11.30am

Sun 9 Nov - Act of Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am

followed by service in church

Fri 14 Nov - A Crafty Night In! Christmas Craft, 7-9pm

Fri 28 Nov - A Crafty Night In! Christmas Wreath, 7-9pm

Sat 29 Nov - Quiet Day, 10am-3pm

Sat 29 Nov - Fetcham Village Christmas Tree Lights



Advent is a season of waiting in hope for the coming of our Saviour. As we make room for God, we begin to wake into the fullness of our being. In our longing, we meet the God who is always longing for us. Through the witness of the prophets and the wisdom of spiritual guides across the centuries, we will explore how opening ourselves to God can bring about the renewal of our lives.



Sign Up





8.30am, and Tuesday to Thursday at 9am.

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

<u>office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk</u>

We continue to pray for those who are unwell: Lynn Alsop, Linda Baily, Christopher Bishop, Barbara Grant, Ros Lilley, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills and Lucy Sandys

And for those in residential care: Jill Gray, June Williams and Shirley Bevis

Prayer & Pastries A short 20 min reflective space for prayer and quiet in the church, followed by tasty pastries and a cuppa in the church hall! Mondays 10.30am St MARY'S **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

Tuesday - Youth Board Games Café (School yrs 9-13) 2nd monthly 7-9pm

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





Sundays

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)











Sun 26th Oct



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