

What's On!

January.

St MARY'S
FETCHAM

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As we embark on the journey into a new year, many of us find ourselves asking how we want to live differently – what rhythms we want to carry forward, what habits we hope to leave behind, and where we will find both the guidance and the strength we need. Christmas has just reminded us that God is not distant, but rather, steps into our world to be close to us. The wonder of the Incarnation (Jesus, God with us) isn't meant to fade with the decorations; it's meant to shape the way we walk into the days ahead.

With this in mind, over three Sundays in January we will be preaching on the new Vision, Values and Mission for St Mary's. In our next What's On, we'll follow up with a simple printed summary. But our hope is that as we begin this new year, we might keep Jesus at the centre – the one who transforms our lives by lighting our path, reshaping our priorities, and teaching us how to love. If Christmas has stirred something in us – a renewed hope perhaps, a softened heart or a longing for deeper peace – let's carry that forward with courage. May this coming year be marked by a steady, deliberate turning toward Christ in all that we are, and all that we do. **Revd Leah Bates**

St MARY'S
FETCHAM

building -
create -
story -
songs -
food

MESSY CHURCH
does
BRICK CHURCH
for
January 8th 2026
3:30 - 5pm

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Church Hall
The Ridgeway, KT22 9AZ

www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Bereavement Café

8 January 2026
In Church

A place to talk
with people who understand

St MARY'S
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Introductory session 26/1/26

The Kitchen

If you want somewhere comfy to sit and to chat,
That isn't a pub or a park or your flat....
Then come to "The Kitchen" where drinks are all free,
And other young adults are happy to be!

We'll relax, have a laugh, also pause to think through
How God might fit in to all that we do....
So do come and join us with queries and doubts
And together we'll help to figure things out!

No charge!

For 18-35yr olds

whatsapp Sharon for more info: 07443 523364 **St MARY'S** From 8-10pm (what3words: sugars.local.angel)

Churches Together in Bookham

January 18th -
January 25th 2026
Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
2026

Community Fridge and
Coffee Shop will
continue to run every
Monday into the new
year at the usual times.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Come and help yourself to surplus bread,
fruit, veg and other goodies

MONDAYS 10-11 AM

COFFEE SHOP

Enjoy a cuppa, cake and chat together,
also relaxed seating & children's area

MONDAYS 10-11.30 AM

CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS

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NEW YEAR - NEW OPPORTUNITIES



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poverty
CAP
Mole Valley



Fetcham
United
Charities

ARE YOU
LOOKING
TO GET
INVOLVED
WITH THE
WIDER
COMMUNITY?

[CLICK HERE TO
FIND OUT MORE](#)

Job Opportunity - Could you join us in this important ministry to those in debt, either by becoming our new **Debt Centre Manager** (a paid role), or my joining us as our **Bookkeeper/Treasurer**, (a new role voluntary role)

Diary for January

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

- Sat 3 Jan - Repair Café, 10am-12.30pm
- Sun 4 Jan - Sunday services as usual (8am, 9.30am and 11.15)
- Mon 7 Jan - Footprint Baby & Toddler Group starts back
- Mon 7 Jan - Jane's Reading Group starts back, 2pm
- Thurs 8 Jan - Bereavement Café in church, 10-11.30am
- Thurs 8 Jan - ~~Messy Church~~ does Brick Church, 3.30-5pm
- Sun 11 Jan - Sunday Youth starts back
- Mon 12 Jan - Youth Drop-In starts back
- Mon 12 Jan - Prayers & Pastries starts, 10.30-11am
- Wed 14 Jan - the Junction starts, 7-9pm
- Thurs 15 Jan - Thursday Coffee Morning inc Hear Here, 10.30-11.30am
- Sat 17 Jan - Men's Breakfast Club, 9.30-11am
- 19-24 Jan - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 8.30-9am varied venues
- Mon 19 Jan - St Mary's hosting Prayer for Christian Unity, 8.30-9am
- Wed 21 Jan - Youth Night starts back, 7-8.30pm
- Mon 26 Jan - The Kitchen Introductory Session, 8-10pm
- Wed 28 Jan - Youth Band starts back, 7-8pm
- Sat 31 Jan - Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm

ECO CHURCH

A new year – fall in love with nature in a new way



- Birdwatch – take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch: 27-29th Jan
- Write about or draw something that inspires you in nature
- Take a wildlife quiz – see WWF's selection of fun-filled quizzes
- Spot winter wildlife – take a walk on Bookham common or in Norbury Park, or listen for the sounds of the night in your own garden
- Try out a scrumptious new meat-free recipe
- Visit an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK
- Volunteer for a nature project



the Junction

Location:
St Mary's Church Hall

School Years:
9-13

Time:
7-9pm Monthly

Dates:
14th Jan
11th Feb
11th Mar

- Café-style atmosphere
- Games to play together - Feel free to bring your own
- Chat about life & explore faith

Dinner provided at 8pm (Hot Dogs, Pizza, Pasta etc...) Dietary needs catered.
Come along, bring friends & join the fun!

Spring Term Dates: 12th Jan - 9th Feb, 23rd Feb - 23rd Mar

THE DROP-IN

Youth club
For school years 7-13

Every Monday during the school term
St Mary's Church Hall, Fetcham **4-5.30pm**

table tennis - baking - table football - board games - sofas
pool - Nintendo Switch - cake - pool - creativity - (all free!)

ST MARY'S youth FETCHAM

YOUTH NIGHT

Now on Wednesdays
7-8.30pm @ the church hall
for school years 7 - 13

COME ALONG FOR AN EVENING OF GAMES, SOFAS, HOT CHOC, SNACKS, AND A CHANCE TO EXPLORE A TOPIC AROUND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH!

Jan	Feb	Mar
21st	4th	4th
		18th

Thank you St Mary's for an incredible Christmas Gift Campaign!

We have given **B@titude £365 in Tesco's and Sainsbury's Gift tokens**, which they can bless their customers with. They send thanks saying "We see first hand the difference this kindness makes to families who are struggling – the relief on their faces, the stress lifted, and the comfort of knowing their children will feel cared for and sense normality during a difficult time. While these gifts cannot solve every challenge families face, they play a vital role in reminding them that they are not alone, and that their community cares. Just now, I was able to support a single mum of 5 who doesn't have gifts for her children. Thank you for all your generosity, kindness and care. We hope you have a restful and joyful Christmas"

We also gave an entire estate **car full of presents to Surrey CC**, for the children in care, boosted by the gifts collected by Fetcham Freebay. Sarah's car couldn't have taken another present, or I'd not have been able to see out of the windows! Lisa Wade from SCC wrote "A huge Thank you to you and all your team and wishing you a happy and healthy 2026"

We gave 8 **crates of presents to the children of CAP Mole Valley**. Jennie tells us "All the clients have been overwhelmed by the sheer generosity and kindness shown to them. One of the clients was really excited, as although they did not open the presents (can't do that before Christmas day!!), her child had been lucky enough to receive gifts last year and she said that they turned out to be the best present they had received!! This was just one of the wonderful comments I have had from many grateful people. Thank you so much to all who contributed this year – as you can see you really do put a smile on people's faces.

The Meeting Room had 2 large bags and a crate of fizzy drinks, for their clients.



Thank you so much for helping to make Christmas so much better for vulnerable children and families.

Special thanks too, to Fetcham Freebay and their donors for so generously contributing to our gift campaign.



Homemade stall

The Homemade Stall on 7th December made a wonderful £660, by far the biggest amount this year. Thank you to all the generous kind people, who gave their time, skills and crafts, thus enabling us to raise so much money. The money is already on its way to Nairobi, for the Homework Clubs and Apprenticeships.



There will not be a Homemade Stall in January, but we'll be back on 1st February, where in addition to our usual sales, we have a Christmas present amnesty; if you are given a gift, you just can't find the right place for, do please give it to February's Homemade Stall and help raise a few pounds more for Nairobi's youngsters.

Illuminated Nativity Trail and other Christmas events

This took place on Saturday the 20th of December. We welcomed 459 people round the trail which told the nativity story with a combination of lit up wooden silhouette figures and real people dressed as nativity characters to interact with. 80 volunteers helped in all kinds of roles, Mole Valley Silver Band played, Vivo and St Mary's Carol singers sang, Rob Kendall installed the magical lighting, Simon Winson kindly came and took some professional photos of the event, Jon and Katie Lane kindly donated their sheep for the event and we also welcomed 'Dashing Donkeys', the weather was perfect and great fun was had by all! Thank you to all who helped us run the event.



In addition to the Illuminated Nativity Trail, we've had all kinds of other special services and events during December, and welcomed hundreds of people through our doors and onto our church grounds. Thank you to all who have helped provide a warm and hospitable welcome, and for the many ways you have served over this past month. You are incredible!

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
Term time



All are welcome to join us for a short time of Morning Prayer on Mondays at 8.30am, and Tuesday to Thursday at 9am.

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

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, email prayer@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Please pray for Clive Meek as he mourns the loss of his mum Rose

We continue to pray for those who are unwell: Lynn Alsop, Christopher Bishop, Martin Carlton-Ward, Debbie Cole, Barbara Grant, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills, Chris Rickard and Lucy Sandys

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



The church building will be closed between Boxing Day and the 3rd of January, reopening for services at 8am and 10am on Sunday the 28th of December and all three services as normal from Sunday the 4th of January. Morning Prayer will restart in the church from Monday the 5th of January. All are welcome to join us!

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7th
FEB
2025



BE INSPIRED, BE ENCOURAGED, BE WITH FRIENDS

Women's Breakfast

SAT 14 FEB | 9:30-11 AM

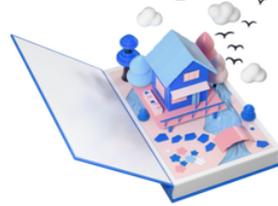
St Mary's Church Hall, Fetcham, KT22 9AZ
£5 suggested donation

TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT:
www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk/whats-on
01372 375000 or office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Bring your friends and neighbours

Reading Group

Wednesday afternoons
from 2pm



Relish listening to a book whilst with a friend in the comfort of Jane's home, whilst enjoying a cuppa and biscuits

contact the Parish Office for more details

@BOOKHAM
BAPTIST CHURCH
LOWER ROAD, BOOKHAM, KT23 4DH
BOOK A TABLE OF 8
USING THIS QR CODE



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
- Wednesday* – Footprints Baby & Toddlers 10–11.30am
- Wednesday – Jane's House Reading Group, 2.30pm
- Wednesday – the Junction (School yrs 9–13) 2nd monthly 7–9pm
- Wednesday* – Youth Night (School Yrs 7–13) 1st and 3rd monthly 7–8.30pm
- Wednesday* – Youth Band Rehearsal, 7–8pm – details on flyer
- 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
- 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

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)



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