

What's On!

March



Issued: 28 February 2026

At the time of writing we have just stepped into Lent, a time when we are gently invited to pause and reflect on the rhythm of our daily lives. In the midst of busy schedules, never-ending to-do lists, and the constant hum of modern living, it is all too easy to rush from one moment to the next without truly noticing the presence of God in our midst. Lent, however, offers us a precious opportunity to slow down, to step away from distractions, and to make intentional space for God to speak to us, guide us, and refresh our spirits.

This season is not simply about giving things up or ticking boxes; it is about opening ourselves to God's loving presence in a way that transforms us from within. By choosing to slow our pace, we allow ourselves to become more attentive to the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Whether it means taking time for silent prayer, reflecting on Scripture, or simply walking in nature and marvelling at God's handiwork, each act of slowing down creates room for God to work in us.

This Lent I have committed to spending 5 minutes every day being still and silent. No matter how full any particular day may seem, I will intentionally spend 5 minutes in the middle of the day simply sitting quietly in the presence of God who loves me. Not 'doing', just simply 'being' with God. Perhaps you'd like to join me in carving out just 5 minutes each day to do this?

Do come along and join us for 'Still' from 7.30-8.30pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent if you are able. This is another opportunity to intentionally create space to stop and simply 'be'. For as we make space for God, He meets us with grace, peace and a renewed sense of purpose. God reminds us of our true identity, as His beloved children. We are enough as we are. Unique and wonderfully made. We are reminded who we are as we remember whose we are.

Let us take this sacred invitation to slow down, listen deeply, and allow God's presence to shape our lives in profound ways.

Revd Leah Bates



Do you love singing?

Would you like to come and join us to sing 'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer on Good Friday?

Email Leah to find out more:
rector@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



A woman led global ecumenical movement

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March

10.30am St Mary's Church, Fetcham

7.30pm Eastwick Road Church, Bookham

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
Matthew 11:28-30

prepared by
Christian Women of Nigeria



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**
for
**SUNDAY
services**
HOSPITALITY



particularly after the 9.30am service
contact the Parish Office to find out more
office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk
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St MARY'S

18-35yr olds

March 2nd, 8-10pm
(first Monday of each month)

The Kitchen

Drinks, snacks and sofas,
A space to unwind,
Come to The Kitchen
And that's what you'll find...

A relaxed "Pause for Thought"
Or a juicy "Deep Dive"
Join us to see how
God wants us to thrive!



what3words: sugars.local.angel
WhatsApp Sharon 07443 523364

Join us for
**A CRAFTY
NIGHT IN!**

Do you enjoy the idea of making crafts but never seem to have the time or don't know where to start? Come along and enjoy a social evening with our craft advisers on hand to help.

**Friday 13 March
Jewellery Making**

7.30pm - 9.30pm : £10 a ticket
includes all materials and complimentary
glass of wine or soft drink
All abilities welcome (18's and over only)

St Mary's Church Hall

BOOK ONLINE
stmarysfetcham.org.uk/whats-on/

St MARY'S

Is there more to life than this?

The **Alpha Course** is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting in a series of weekly sessions. Each session includes a **meal**, a short **film** and time to **discuss**. That's it! No judgement. No pressure. It's free!

Starts Tuesday May 12th
7pm in St Mary's church hall

for more info or to register your interest:
office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



Join the Alpha Team!

Do you have a heart to serve others?
Would you love to be part of a team that creates a safe space for people to explore the Christian faith and ask their questions about life, faith and meaning?

Yes? Then we need you!

We have an **Alpha Course** starting on Tuesday May 12th in the church hall, and we need: welcomers, hospitality and catering team, help with set up/pack down, small group facilitators and prayer support.

for more info or to let us know how you could help, email:
office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



Diary for March

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

- Sun 1 Mar - Homemade Stall, 10.40-11.15am
- Wed 4 Mar - Still for Lent, 7.30-8.30pm wk 2
- Thurs 5 Mar - Bereavement Café, 10-11.30am
- Sat 7 Mar - Repair Café, 10am-12.30pm
- Wed 11 Mar - the Junction (School yrs 9-13), 7-9pm
- Wed 11 Mar - Still for Lent, 7.30-8.30pm wk 3
- Thurs 12 Mar - Messy Church, 3.30-5pm
- Fri 13 Mar - Crafty Night In!, 7.30-9.30pm
- Wed 18 Mar - Still for Lent, 7.30-8.30pm wk 4
- Thurs 19 Mar - Thursday Coffee Morning inc Hear Here, 10.30-11.30am
- Sat 21 Mar - Churchyard Working Party, 9-12pm
- Sat 21 Mar - Men's Breakfast Club, 9.30-11am
- Schools Walk Through Easter - 23 & 24 March, am + pm
- Wed 25 Mar - Still for Lent, 7.30-8.30pm wk 5
- Sat 28 Mar - Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm
- Mon 30 Mar - The Easter Pathway begins
- Mon 30 Mar - Midday Prayer, 12pm

... for other Holy Week & Easter dates see info on page 2.

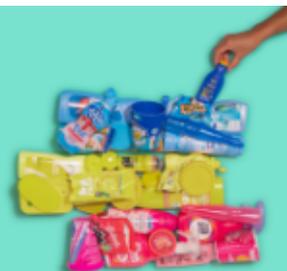
ECO CHURCH

Take part in the UK's biggest plastic investigation! Join 35,013 people and count your plastic for one week from 9 to 15 March.

Thousands of people from households, schools and communities across the country will take part in the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>

**THE BIG
PLASTIC
COUNT
9-15 MARCH**



Join The Big Plastic Count
thebigplasticcount.com

HOMEMADE STALL

Do bring your Mothering Sunday gifts, cards and baking along on Sunday 1st March, or come and browse for some tasty treats. We are particularly looking for Spring bulbs, pots of plants and early seedlings.

We will also have the late Christmas Present Amnesty, so if you were given a gift you can't make use of, do gift it to us, to raise further funds for youth projects in Nairobi's slums.

**Dates for
the future...**

Bothy Work Party - Sat 25 April, 10-12
APCM - Tues 28 April, 7.30pm
Fetcham Fair - Sat 4 July, 12-4pm
Golf Day - Thurs 23 July, 2pm



**HOMEMADE
STALL
and
SECONDHAND
BOOKS**

Raising funds for Kibera

All money goes to help CUM (Centre for Urban Mission) who depend on our annual contribution to run its Apprenticeship Scheme and Homework Clubs.

HOMEMADE DONATIONS WELCOMED

Church Hall
9:40 - 11.30am

1ST SUNDAY

EVERY MONTH
(except Jan & Aug)



An invitation to join our Rector Leah Bates at New Wine Festival 2026...
28 July – 2 August, at the Bath & West Showground

Every summer, churches from across the UK come together at the New Wine Festival to worship, to learn, and to experience God's power as one body. I have already booked tickets for me and my family to attend this year, and I'd be delighted if any of our church family would like to come along and join us there - it's a great space to encounter Jesus, to be inspired and renewed in our faith, to spend time with friends and family, and to have lots of fun! The festival is designed with all ages in mind and the provision for children and young people at New Wine is brilliant, so do consider coming along (and bringing your children or grandchildren with you), whatever your age or stage of life!

If you will be camping or bringing a caravan/motorhome, select 'St Mary's, Fetcham, Surrey' at the point of booking (under 'camping with my church'), and you should be added into our area of the campsite. If camping isn't your thing, you can buy an 'off-site' ticket and stay in a local hotel, B&B, or with friends, and you can still attend the full New Wine Festival programme at a discounted ticket price.

Bookings are open on the New Wine site, and you can also find more information there about camping ,off-site options, the programme, ticket prices and more:
www.festival.new-wine.org

Leah Bates



Can you come and help at
Walk through Easter 2026

This is a session for children from our local schools, led by volunteers from our Church. The Easter story is shared in a creative way helping the children engage with it using their 5 senses.

We'd love more volunteers to help set up, lead groups of children from year 2 or year 5, or a combination of both.

DATES

Set up on Sun 22nd March in the afternoon,
 School groups attending on Mon 23rd & Tues 24th March morning and afternoon

If you would like to be a part of this exciting and creative ministry to our schools, Please speak to Hannah or email hannah@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



St MARY'S
CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sat 21 Mar	BRING YOUR OWN GARDENING TOOLS/GLOVES REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
Sat 18 July	
Sat 17 Oct	

9-12noon
 any questions contact
office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk
 01372 375000



Christians Against Poverty
MOLE VALLEY

We're recruiting a
DEBT CENTRE MANAGER

Up to 21 hrs per wk | £30k pro rata

We are seeking a dynamic, creative & justice driven individual to lead this important work. They will need to be self-motivated, organised and a good communicator.

Email: cap.molevalley@crossways.info
 to request a job pack or to arrange an informal conversation about the role.

There is a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practicing Christian.



FETCHAM VILLAGE
EASTER EGG HUNT

30th March - 10th April 2026

Get your clue sheet from
 St Mary's Church Website
<https://stmarysfetcham.org.uk/>

On each egg, there is a number and a QR Code.

Find all 11 numbers.

Add them up to find the total hand in at the end to Greenwise.



LENT HOLY WEEK & EASTER

LENT

is the period of 40 days before Easter. It is a time of reflection as we prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18 February, 11.30am and 7.30pm

On the first day of Lent, Christians mark their forehead with ash as a symbol of sorrow for their sins and as a sign of their identity in Christ. We observe this tradition in our Ash Wednesday services at 11.30am and 7.30pm, and share Communion.

'STILL' - AN INVITATION TO SLOW DOWN

Wednesdays - 25 February, and 4, 11, 18 & 25 March

7.30-8.30pm in St Mary's Church



Join us this Lent to explore different ways to slow down and be still. See the back page for more details.

LENT MESSY CHURCH

Thursday 12 March, 3.30-5pm



Time to explore our journey through Lent with crafts and a short service to help us prepare for Easter. Our time together ends with a meal in the Church hall.

Come and join the fun!

HOLY WEEK

We journey with Jesus to the cross



THE EASTER PATHWAY

Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April

Come and walk this creative prayer trail at your own pace; follow the images on the Easter Pathway carpet, with inspiring words to guide you, and gentle background music to set the scene, as you reflect on Jesus' final journey from Jerusalem to the cross. Drop in anytime between 10am-3pm from Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week, or between 7.30-8.30pm on Wednesday evening. A short time of led prayer will take place at midday each day (see below).

MIDDAY PRAYER

Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April, 12pm

Join us in church for a short time of led prayer and meditation

Monday - led by Revd Julie Partridge

Tuesday - led by Iain Whitlam

Wednesday - led by Jo Starke

Thursday - led by Revd Hugh Greer

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

Thursday 2 April, 6.30pm, £10 per ticket

A hot meal and informal Communion in the church hall. Booking is essential for catering purposes via the website or parish office. The evening will end with candles being lit and Compline being sung as we prepare to depart and sleep.



GOOD FRIDAY - 3 APRIL

Messy Church, 9.30-11am



Easter-based craft in the church hall to start, followed by a short service in church for all the family focusing on the Easter story in an interactive way. Our time together ends with brunch in the hall.

The Crucifixion by John Stainer, 2-3pm

A moving musical meditation on the passion of Christ, with choir, organ and professional soloists.

EASTER SUNDAY

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

A short, traditional language, said service



10am All Together Easter Communion

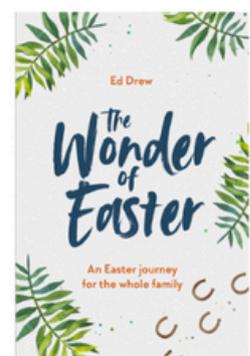
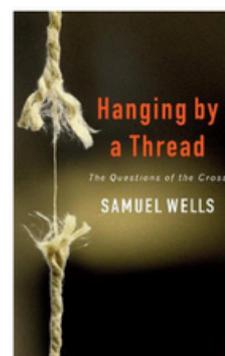
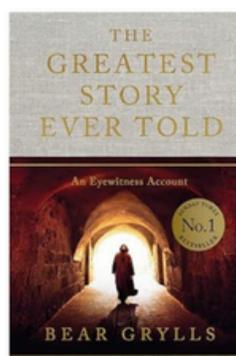
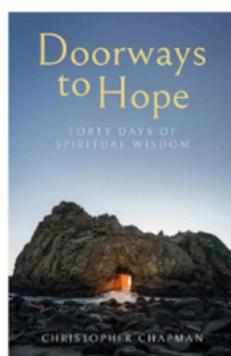
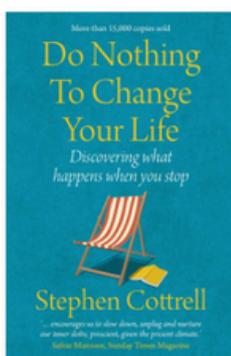
A celebratory all age communion service, with music led by a mini all-age orchestra.

The service will conclude with an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.



RECOMMENDED READING

Why not dip into a new book this Lent, Holy Week and Easter to encourage, challenge and inspire...



For more information about 'Still', our five-week invitation to slow down during Lent, read on. If you would like to know more about any of the Lent, Holy Week or Easter events and services contained in this leaflet, please contact Karen: office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Join us this Lent to explore different ways to slow down and be still

7.30-8.30pm in St Mary's Church

Wednesdays 25 February, and 4, 11, 18 & 25 March

Still... Why? (25 February)

A short theoretical and practical introduction with Revd Leah Bates considering the benefits of being still, and practising silence. The session will conclude with Celtic Evening Prayer.

Still... Come and 'be' (4 March)

The church will be open, gentle background music will be playing, images and meditative reading material will be available, to help us settle, stop, be still and reflect. The session will conclude with Compline.



Still... Taize (11 March)

Live meditative music from Taize, readings, and times of silence to help us slow down and aid our personal reflection.

Still... Come and 'be' (18 March)

The church will be open, live gentle worship music will be played, images and meditative reading material will be available, to help us settle, stop, be still and reflect. The session will conclude with a short time of led musical worship.

Still... Contemplative Prayer (25 March)

A time of meditative stillness with words, music, scripture and silence. Led by local spiritual director, Sharon Seal.

every life transformed by Jesus



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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 Brian Egles as he mourns the loss of his mum Irene

We continue to pray for those who are unwell: Lynn Alsop, Christopher Bishop, Martin Carlton-Ward, Jeremy Clark, Debbie Cole, Barbara Grant, Ed McGrath, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills, Lucy Sandys and Bishop Andrew Watson

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

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

St MARY'S
FETCHAM

WE PROVIDE A
RELAXED
ENVIRONMENT
WHERE MEN CAN
GET TOGETHER
FOR A CHAT OR
JUST A READ OF
THE PAPER,
ALONGSIDE BACON
& SAUSAGE BAPS
PLUS A DECENT
COFFEE.



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB
@ St Mary's Fetcham

9.30 to 11.30
3rd Saturday
of the Month
(not July, Aug or Dec)

We welcome
men of all ages
with or without
children



Plenty of activities to keep any children entertained however, you are just as welcome to come along alone and chill out with a coffee in our lounge area

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

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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

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)

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

Wednesday – Jane's House Reading Group, 2pm

Monday* – The Drop-In (School Yrs 7-13) 4-5.30pm

Wednesday* – Footprints Baby & Toddlers 10-11.30am

Wednesday* – Youth Night (School Yrs 7-13) 1st and 3rd monthly 7-8.30pm

Wednesday – the Junction (School yrs 9-13) 2nd monthly 7-9pm

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



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