

What's On!

April

every life transformed by Jesus

St MARY'S
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At the time of writing, spring has well and truly sprung. Colour is beginning to return to my garden, and as I walk through the churchyard at St Mary's, I'm greeted by the sweet, almost playful scents of daffodils, hyacinths and jasmine drifting on the breeze. Lambs are appearing in the fields, the sun is making more frequent and welcome visits, and the air carries a gentle warmth that hints at brighter days ahead. All these signs of spring lift my heart, reminding me how grateful I am to have moved beyond winter with its long, cold, dark nights. Yet even as nature awakens, some of us may still feel as though we are living through a wintery season in our own lives or in the world around us—a season marked by heaviness, uncertainty, or sorrow.

As we approach Easter, we are invited to take courage from both the cross and the resurrection. When Jesus died on the cross, he entered fully into the depths of human experience. He knows the weight of our struggles, our griefs, and our fears. To those who witnessed it, his death did not look like victory. To his friends and followers, that first Good Friday must have felt unbearably bleak. But the cross was not the end of the story. On the third day, Jesus rose again.

On Good Friday, it seemed as though fear, jealousy, anger and hatred had triumphed. It looked as if the powers of this world had won. But the resurrection reveals a deeper truth: God's love is stronger than all these things. Jesus allowed humanity to do its worst, and still he rose. He offers forgiveness, hope, and the assurance that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God. Love wins.

So this spring, as we notice signs of new life all around us, let's not shy away from acknowledging the places of pain or grief in our own lives or in the wider world. We can take comfort in knowing that Jesus came to be with us, he understands our suffering, and remains with us in every struggle. And because we live in the light of the resurrection, we know that darkness never has the final word. In seasons of waiting, doubt, or difficulty, we can hold onto the hope Jesus offers. We can choose to trust, to invite him in, and to look expectantly for new life to break through.

As Desmond Tutu reminds us: "Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death. Victory is ours through him who loves us." Amen to that!

Revd Leah Bates

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.



**FETCHAM VILLAGE
EASTER EGG HUNT**
30th March - 10th April 2026

**Download your
clue sheet here**

Find all 11 egg numbers. Add them up.
Go to Greenwise to claim
your edible prize!

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QR FOR
ST MARY'S
CHURCH
WEBSITE

DURING THE TRAIL, YOU WILL
NEED TO CROSS SOME ROADS
SO PLEASE TAKE CARE.
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY IT AND
GOOD LUCK!

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CRAFTS - GAMES -
SONGS - STORIES -
FOR ALL THE
FAMILY

EASTER
MESSY
Church



GOOD
FRIDAY
9:30 - 11AM

MESSY CHURCH
AT
ST MARY'S

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

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Stainer's Crucifixion

Good Friday

at 2pm

Sung in St Mary's, Fetcham
with professional soloists
All are welcome!



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Welcome Tea & Cake

An opportunity to meet other newcomers and some of the church family

We are delighted to warmly welcome all newcomers to meet each other
and have a chat with some of our church family from all services on

Saturday 18th April, 3-4pm

at the Church Hall Children welcome

Please let us know any dietary requirements, but you are welcome to just turn up on the day too!

RSVP : office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or 01372 375000



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JOIN US THIS EASTER...



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We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ

EASTER SUNDAY

5 April

8am Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

10am All Together Easter Communion
followed by an egg hunt in the churchyard!



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Diary for April

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

- 30 Mar-1 April - The Easter Pathway
- 30 Mar-2 April - Midday Prayer, 12pm
- Wed 1 April - Youth Bowling, 6.45-9pm
- Thurs 2 April - Bereavement Café, 10-11.30am
- Thurs 2 April - Maundy Thursday Supper, 6.30pm (prebook)
- Fri 3 April - Good Friday Messy Church, 9.30-11am
- Fri 3 April - The Crucifixion by John Stainer, 2-3pm
- Sat 4 April - Repair Café, 10am-12.30pm
- Sun 5 April - 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Sun 5 April - 10am Easter 'All Together' Celebration
- Sun 5 April - Homemade Stall, 11am after 10am service
- Wed 15 April - the Junction (School yrs 9-13), 7-9pm
- Thurs 16 April - Thurs Coffee Morning & Hear Here, 10.30-11.30am
- Sat 18 April - Men's Breakfast Club, 9.30-11am
- Sat 18 April - Welcome Tea & Cake, 3-4pm
- Sat 25 April - Bothy Work Party, 10-12noon
- Sat 25 April - Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm
- Tues 28 April - APCM, 7.30pm

The Kitchen

6th April

8-10pm

Relax, snack &
discuss

.....and discover a
little more about
God!

For 18-35yr olds



Easter Monday

whatsapp Sharon 07443 523364

ECO CHURCH

What Is My Bank Doing with My Money?

- Bank customers are demanding more accountability and transparency from their banks - are you?
- Some banks invest heavily in fossil fuel extraction and other destructive industries without regard to the environmental consequences - does yours?

Look out for the special April focus topic on "How Green is my Bank? on the EcoChurch board in the Hall, to find out if your bank is paragon or pariah! (And how easy it is to change banks.)



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Open to all, join us for our annual APCM where reports on changes to the electoral roll, parish activities and financial matters are shared



Tuesday 28 April 2026
7.30pm - Church Hall

www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk
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JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL

SPRING INTO SUMMER!

A Retreat Day to Savour the Seasons

Saturday 23rd May
10am - 3pm at St Mary's

£10 donation per person

Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided throughout the day

Email Leah for more information about the day:
rector@stmarysfetcham.org.uk



Use the QR to find out more or to book and pay



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Archbishop of Canterbury

The Enthronement of Sarah Mullally took place on Tuesday 24th March.

She was installed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury the first woman to hold that post. It's quite a moment in history!

To watch the recording of the installation online click [here](#).



Bishop Andrew remembered

On Monday at Guildford Cathedral and across satellite services the Diocese gathered to remember and give thanks for the life of Bishop Andrew. A recording of the funeral remains available [online](#) for those who were unable to join them.



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

Alpha

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for **SUNDAY**

services

HOSPITALITY



particularly after the 9.30am service
contact the Parish Office to find out more
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Dates for the future...

[Alpha Course - starts Tues 12 May](#)
[Quiet Day - Sat 23 May, 10am-3pm](#)
[Fetcham Fair - Sat 4 July, 12-4pm](#)
[Golf Day - Thurs 23 July, 2pm](#)

There will be no Morning Prayer during Holy Week, but do join us for midday prayer from Monday to Thursday, or drop in to enjoy the Easter Pathway (details on Page 1). Morning Prayer will resume from Tuesday 7th of April at 9am from Tuesday – Thursdays. Our Monday 8.30am Morning Prayer and 10.30am Prayer & Pastries both resume on the 13th of April.

We pray for the families of David Slater and Betty Nicholls who have sadly passed away.

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

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

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

Prayer & Pastries

A short reflective space for prayer and a tasty pastry followed by church hall!

back on
Monday
13th April

Mondays 10.30am
Term time

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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



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

Monday – 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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