

What's On!

May

every life transformed by Jesus

St MARY'S
FETCHAM

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Now that our Easter celebrations are over, this month is a little quieter at St Mary's. We have two bank holiday Mondays to look forward to, and our schools will be on half term in the final week of May. Don't forget that Community Fridge doesn't meet on Bank Holidays, but Prayer & Pastries will still meet on Monday the 4th of May.

Later this month we have a fabulous Retreat Day taking place on Saturday the 23rd of May led by Brian Draper. Brian is the author of books such as 'Less is more: Spirituality for busy lives', 'What matters most?: Finding spiritual treasure in everyday life' and 'Soulful nature: A spiritual field guide'. There will be a mix of prayerful contemplation, guided reflections, time spent outdoors together and there will also be time for individual personal space. The day will offer us an opportunity to reconnect with God and with the beauty of nature. If you've never attended a Retreat Day before, I'd encourage you to give it a try – intentionally setting some time aside to slow down, to become more aware of God's presence in your life and in the world around you, can be incredibly life-giving and faith-building. You can book your place and find more information here.



SPRING INTO SUMMER!

A Retreat Day to Savour the Seasons

Saturday 23rd May

10am - 3pm at St Mary's

with Brian Draper, author and spiritual director

£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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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



We also have an Alpha Course starting this month on Tuesday the 12th of May. Alpha is a chance to ask questions and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, no-pressure environment. Each session includes food, a short video, and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. Our course will run over 8 weeks, with the option of a Saturday in the middle. You can find more details, or sign up here. Do think and pray about whether there is anyone you could invite to come along.

Although our church life is less busy this month, many young people have GCSE and A-Level exams about to begin. As a ministry team we are holding all those about to move into exam season in our prayers. If you'd like to join us for Morning Prayer as we lift the needs of our church family, our wider community, and our world to God, we'd love to see you (8.30am and 10.30am on Mondays, or 9am Tuesday to Thursday). There is no pressure to pray out loud. If you have a prayer request, do send us an email or you can drop a prayer card into the church or the office.

We are here to pray for you.

Revd Leah Bates

Diary for May

Click on individual
dates for more details
or email the office

Sat 2 May - Repair Café, 10am-12.30pm
Sun 3 May - Homemade Stall, 11am after 10am service
Mon 4 May - The Kitchen, 8-10pm
Thurs 7 May - Bereavement Café, 10-11.30am
Tues 12 May - Alpha course starts, 7pm
Wed 13 May - the Junction (School yrs 9-13), 7-9pm
Thurs 14 May - Messy Church, 3.30-5pm
Thurs 21 May - Thurs Coffee Morning & Hear Here, 10.30-11.30am
Sat 23 May - Retreat Day 'Savour the Seasons' - 10am-3pm
Wed 27 May - Family Fun, 10am-12noon
Sat 30 May - Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm

Baptism



By getting baptised, we make a public commitment to follow God throughout our lives.

You can be baptised at any age!

Baptism services happen throughout the year at St Mary's, and we hold termly information/prep sessions where you can come to find out more.

Our next Baptism Prep and Information afternoon is on Saturday 6th June from 2-4pm in the church hall. Email office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk to let us know if you'd like to come along.

ECO CHURCH

The Big Plastic Count Results Are In!

A number of St Mary's members took part in the Big Plastic Count in March. The results make sobering reading: UK households throw away an estimated 82 billion pieces of plastic packaging every year! Most is NOT recycled. Over half of it is burned, right here in the UK, adding to atmospheric pollution. A staggering 82% of UK household plastic waste comes from food and drink packaging.

What should I do? AVOID SINGLE USE or SHORT LIVED plastic. Choose unwrapped fruit and vegetables wherever possible and let the retailer know why you are making that choice. If they only have wrapped items, don't surrender your principles – go to another shop!



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
4th & 25th May
BANK HOLIDAY

St Marys Church Hall
10A The Ridgeway, Fetcham, KT22 9AZ
www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk



Sign up through the St Mary's sign up Form

YOUTH CATALYST
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10th JULY 2026
CHRIST'S CHURCH
WOKING



Save the Dates

DEVELOPING YOUNG WORSHIP LEADERS AND MUSICIANS

BAND NIGHTS

VENUE
EMMANUEL CHURCH, STOUGHTON, GUILDFORD
AT
7:00PM — 8:45PM
DATE
3rd JUNE 2026

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH CATALYST
WORSHIP

14th JUNE 2026
ST PAUL'S CHURCH
DORKING

A Prayer for Our Young People this EXAM Season

Lord, we lift up all young people preparing for exams. As they prepare, calm their anxious thoughts and quiet their minds. Grant them the ability to recall what they have studied and prepared for. Please give them wisdom in answering difficult questions.

Lord, surround them with your peace and reassure them of their worth. May they know that they are loved and supported, that their identity is not based on success or failure. Give them strength to focus and confidence to finish strong, knowing you are with them always,
in Jesus' name
Amen



SIR GEORGE GILBERT SCOTT & ST BARNABAS, RANMORE

Illustrated Talk by Professor William Whyte (Oxford)



Saturday 4 July 2026 • 10.30am–12 noon
St Barnabas Church, Ranmore, Dorking RH5 6SP

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Free refreshments • Free parking

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Join Leah, Julie & Joe at **New Wine Festival 2026!** 28 July – 2 August, Bath & West Showground

New Wine Festival is a six-day event, with around 14,000 people joining from across the UK and beyond for an incredible week of worship, teaching, ministry, and community. It's a time to encounter God afresh through the Holy Spirit, grow deeper in faith, and make lasting memories as church family. To get a taster of all that New Wine Festival is you can watch a video, by clicking [here](#).

Leah and her family, Julie & Joe will all be going along this year, and would love to be joined by others from the St Mary's church family! 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.



Dates for the future...

Baptism Course – Sat 6 June, 2–4pm
Fetcham Fair – Sat 4 July, 12–4pm
Golf Day – Thurs 23 July, 2pm

All are welcome to join us for a short time of Morning Prayer on Mondays at 8.30am, and Tuesday to Thursday at 9am. Prayer & Pastries meet on Mondays at 10.30am, and will do so on 4th May, but not in half term on 25th May.

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

We continue to pray for those who are unwell:

Lynn Alsop, Martin Carlton-Ward, Debbie Cole, Sheila Duffill, Barbara Grant, Bill King, Ed McGrath, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills, Vicky Puttock and Lucy Sandys

And for those in residential care:

Shirley Bevis, Penny Dodds, Jill Gray and June Williams

Prayer & Pastries
A short reflective space for prayer and tasty pastries, followed by church hall!
Bank Holidays Monday
4 May
~~25 May~~
Mondays 10.30am Term time
St MARY'S FETCHAM

volunteer to help on the tombolas
Please offer to help St Mary's for an hour as we help by running the tombola stalls
FETCHAM FAIR
SATURDAY 4 JULY 2025
OPEN AT 12:00 - 16:00
COCK LANE REC FETCHAM (NEXT TO SCOUT HUT)
For More information and to sign up www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk/whats-on/

Thy Kingdom Come
You are invited to join the global ecumenical prayer movement
God with us
14th-24th May 2026
Find free resources here thykingdomcome.global

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 – The Kitchen, 8–10pm (1st monthly)
- 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 – 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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