

What's On!

October

every life transformed by Jesus

St MARY'S
— FETCHAM —

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What a September we've had at St Mary's celebrating Creationtide! Throughout the month in our Sunday services we've had a focus on God's creation and we have reflected together on our role as stewards of creation. We welcomed guest speaker Becky Wood (who has an MSc in Sustainability and Adaptation) to our 8am and 9.30am services. She left us with a wonderful list of suggestions for ways we can look after our world. If you missed out on hearing Becky you can pick up a print-out of Becky's suggestions at the back of the church, or click [here](#) if you are reading a digital version of What's On.

We have also enjoyed additional services and events such as Messy Church goes Wild, Harvest at the Farm, Wild Church and a Pet Service. These increased our awareness of the natural world and the creatures that walk the earth. A huge thank you to Steve Conisbee, Dean and all the team at Barracks Farm for welcoming us on Harvest Sunday for a BBQ and tours of the farm. Thanks also to the Eco-Team, and all who have been part of creating, organizing and hosting events and services this Creationtide. We worship God the creator of all things, and it has been a wonderful month celebrating the intricacy, beauty and majesty of the world we live in, considering how we might discover more of God in and through creation, and in the words of the Church of England's 5th Mark of Mission, reflecting together on how we can "safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth."

October is a quieter month, but all our regular groups and services continue as normal and you'll find some dates for your diaries in November as you read on!



Rev Leah Bates



Wild Church

September Highlights!

some pet service visitors



and some Creationtide Photo Competition entries (below)



Wild Church

Click here for Becky Wood's
'Suggestions for caring for creation'

School of Theology

Glimpses of Genesis

LEAD BY
REV TIM LONG

We start with an overview of Genesis and think about how the whole Bible rests on the shoulders of this important book. Then we will zoom in to look at the creation stories, sin, and we'll cover three of the Patriarchal stories: Abraham, Jacob and Joseph.

Tuesdays

7.30-9pm in the Church Hall

September

October

5th, 12th & 19th

13th, 20th & 27th

To find out more and prebook visit website or use QR

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Diary for October

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

Thurs 1 Oct – Bereavement Café, 10-11.30am

Sat 3 Oct – Repair Café, 10am – 1pm

Sun 4 Oct – Homemade Stall, 10.40-11.30am

Thurs 8 Oct – Messy Church, 3.30-5pm

Tues 13 Oct – Last 3 School of Theology, 7.30-9pm

Fri 16-Sun 18 Oct – Youth Weekend Away

Sat 17 Oct – Churchyard Working Party, 9-12am

Thurs 15 Oct – Hear Here & Thursday Morning
Coffee, 10.30-11.30am

Sat 24 Oct – Women's Breakfast, 9.30-11am

Sat 31 Oct – No Tricks Just Treats, 5-7pm

Sat 31 Oct – Afternoon Tea, 3-4.30pm

Church Growth Conference 2026

Thursday 8 October

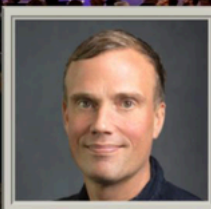
Welcome Church, Woking

Keynote speakers:

Ruth Bushyager

Gavin Calver

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Bishop's Prayer Network

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Bishop Paul has made intentional prayer one of his three foci as our Acting Bishop and has invited all those willing to pray with him for our diocese to join the Bishop's Prayer Network. This will entail receiving a prayer bulletin every two months, invitations to pray online with Bishop Paul, should you so wish, six times a year and to join him in two half-nights of prayer. All are welcome to join at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/prayernetwork



ECO CHURCH

Here is some good news from the Global South. China is often held up as the reason why it's pointless limiting our own emissions, but China has taken the climate threat seriously for decades, knowing that floods, droughts, heatwaves and famine could de-stabilize the country. To read more visit :

[Notes from a Warming World: How countries of the Global South are powering ahead](#)



Remembering loved ones

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Sunday 1 November 2026

3pm at St Mary's

followed by tea and cake in the hall



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This special service is on Sunday 1st November at 3pm, followed by tea and cake in the hall. We are changing the format of our service this year, and rather than reading a list of names aloud during the service, we will be inviting those who attend to write the name(s) of those they have come to remember on a heart to hang on our prayer tree and to light a candle in their memory. If it is not possible for you to join us on 1st November, but you would still like us to keep you and your loved one(s) in our prayers, do let us know by completing this [form](#), write on the clipboard in church or contact the Parish Office. Although we won't be reading names aloud in the service this year, we will include your loved one's name on the prayer tree if you would like that, and we will light a candle in their memory. For more information visit [click on the image or visit our website's what's on page](#).

End of Season Bothy Garden Working Party

**Saturday 14th November
10-12noon**

Promoting the benefits of community gardening together

Act of Remembrance

Sunday 8 November 2026

10.45am at the
Fetcham War Memorial
off the Ridgeway
Followed by service in church

Lest We Forget



**Advent Quiet Day
with Jane Williams**

**"The past, present and future mercy of God:
praying through the Advent Season"**

Saturday 21 November

10am - 3pm in the church hall

Jane will be using some pictures from classical Christian art to help us to reflect, and to help us respond with our hearts and imaginations as well as with our minds to the themes of Advent

Bookings and further info

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Dates for the future...

Sun 1 Nov - Bereavement Service, 3pm

Sun 9 Nov - Act of Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am followed by service in church

Sat 14 Nov - Bothy End of Season Working Party, 10-12noon

Fri 20 Nov - Christmas Crafty Night In! Evening

Sat 21 Nov - Quiet Day, 10am-3pm

Sat 28 Nov - Village Christmas Tree Lights On, 3.30-5pm

Fri 1 Dec - Christmas Wreath Crafty Night In! Evening

Weekday morning prayer resumes in church on Tuesday 1st September and continues ongoing Monday to Thursday at 9am.

Prayer & Pastries meets in term time on Mondays at 10.30am. The first session following the summer break is on Monday 7th September.

The church is open for **private prayer Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 3pm**

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

We remember in our prayers the family of Debra Cole who sadly passed away in September.

We continue to pray for those who are unwell:

Lynn Alsop, Monica BarronVal Burton, Martin Carlton-Ward, Sheila Duffill, Barbara Grant, Irene Irving, Bill King, Ed McGrath, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills, Vicky Puttock, Lucy Sandys and Jane Young

And for those in residential care:

Shirley Bevis, Penny Dodds, 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

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Diocesan Calendar of Prayer - October

Donations for Foodbank Continue All Year

Thank you to all those who kindly donated food in our Harvest service for the Foodbank - this year totalling 116.4kg! This equates to an amazing 49 meals for those in need in the community.

It has all been delivered to the Ewell HQ and will help restock the much needed resources for the year, including the Leatherhead Hub. However, stocks will only last so long and so St Mary's continue to collect non-perishable items in the green box outside the hall throughout the year. These donations are taken straight to the Leatherhead hub for the 2nd Saturday monthly.



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, 2.30pm

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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