

What's On!

November

every life transformed by Jesus

St MARY'S
— FETCHAM —

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Act of Remembrance

Sunday 8 November 2026

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

Let's We Forget



Do you love to sing?

We'd love you to join us this Christmas for
any or all of our special services...

We are looking for singers to join us for:
'Light Up Fetcham' on Sat 28th November,
Nine Lessons and Carols on Sun 13 December,
Family Carols and Midnight on Christmas Eve!

Email Leah at rector@stmarysfetcham.org.uk
for more info or to express your interest

As the long, dark winter evenings settle in, I often find myself yearning for the light of Spring – and, in the interim, the festive sparkle of the Christmas season! Yet, there is something transformative about embracing this season. It's a wonderful opportunity to accept the natural rhythm of life and dive into a period of quiet reflection without fearing the darkness. It's the perfect time to ask ourselves: how much room do we have in our hearts and lives for Jesus, the precious gift we prepare to celebrate together at Christmas?

To support this reflection, we have a Quiet Day planned for November 21st, led by the insightful Jane Williams, a theologian and author (and she happens to be married to a former Archbishop!). This day promises to be special, so be sure to book your spot. Additionally, there are other meaningful opportunities for quiet reflection at St. Mary's this month, including Remembrance Sunday and Prayer & Pastries, not to mention support during tough times through our Annual Bereavement Service and monthly Bereavement Café.

Alongside our November events, don't miss out on the advance Christmas dates we've lined up for your calendar. Some of these events require tickets, so make sure to secure your places early to avoid disappointment. We're thrilled to announce our Crib Festival on December 19th, where the church will be filled with nativity sets ranging from traditional to quirky, crafted from all sorts of materials like wood, Lego, and even junk modelling. Expect live music, donkeys, and seasonal treats! If you're interested in creating or lending a nativity crib scene for display during the festival, let us know. We'd also love to hear from anyone who wants to join our team in welcoming visitors and providing warm hospitality. As we look ahead to the next two months, please think and pray about how you can invite friends, family, and neighbours to experience the love and warmth of St. Mary's. Remember, our church vision is to see 'every life transformed by Jesus,' for He is the light of life.

Rev Leah Bates

**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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Diary for November

Click on individual dates for more details or email the office

Sun 1 Nov – Homemade Stall, 10.40–11.30am + 3.45pm
 Sun 1 Nov – Bereavement Service, 3pm
 Thurs 5 Nov – Bereavement Café, 10–11.30am
 Sat 7 Nov – Repair Café, 10am–1pm
 Sun 9 Nov – Act of Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am
 followed by service in church
 Thurs 12 Nov – Messy Church, 3.30–5pm
 Sat 14 Nov – Bothy End of Season Working Party, 10–12noon
 Sun 15 Nov – Farewell Lunch for Hannah, after 11.15 service
 Thurs 19 Nov – Hear Here & Thursday Morning Coffee, 10.30–11.30am
 Fri 20 Nov – Christmas Crafty Night In!, 7.30–9.30pm
 Sat 21 Nov – Advent Quiet Day, 10am–3pm
 Sat 28 Nov – Village Christmas Tree Lights On, 3.30–5pm
 Sat 28 Nov – Afternoon Tea, 3–4.30pm
 Fri 1 Dec – Christmas Wreath Crafty Night In!, 7.30–9.30pm
 Tues 15 Dec – In Anticipation of Christmas, 5–6.30pm (*prebook*)

Remembering loved ones

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Sunday 1 November 2026

3pm at St Mary's

followed by tea and cake in the hall



St MARY'S

If you can't attend this year, let us know the name(s) of those we will keep in our prayers by completing this [form](#), write on the clipboard in church or contact the Parish Office.

Sing with St Mary's Junior Choir

**First rehearsal
Thursday 5th
November**

St MARY'S
FETCHAM

Directed by Caroline Yalden

A free choir for young singers age 7+ to have fun singing, build confidence and make new friends. No auditions – just come along and give it a try!

The Junior Choir sings once a month at our 9.30am service and other special performances on a termly basis. Rehearsals are in term-time only.



Thursdays in term-time
6–6.45pm



St Mary's Fetcham
Church Hall

For more info contact: office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

Do you enjoy the idea of making crafts but never seem to have the time or don't know where to start?

Why not join us for

A CHRISTMAS CRAFTY NIGHT IN!

7.30 - 9.30pm | St Mary's Church Hall

Fri 20th Nov – Crafts and Gifts – £10
(aged 10+ with adult supervision)

Tues 1st Dec – Christmas Wreath – £20
bring please bring scissors or secateurs (18's and over only)

includes all materials plus complimentary festive drinks and nibbles!
All abilities welcome

remaining monies towards
St Mary's Christmas Gift Appeal

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

NATIVITY CRIB FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church will be filled with nativity sets, from the traditional to the quirky, small and large, made from everything from wood to Lego, pine cones to junk modelling. Live animals, live music and seasonal refreshments. Come and enjoy this celebration of Creativity, Community and the Christmas story!

If you would like to contribute a nativity set to be displayed at the festival please email office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk

St Mary's CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

We are welcoming donations of Christmas Gifts

- Gifts for young children and teenagers
- Edible treats for goody bags for young and old
- Tesco or Sainsbury's Gift Cards

For more info pick up a letter or visit www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk/connect-us/mission-charitable-links/

**NO ALCOHOL
NEW GIFTS ONLY**



Drop off at St Mary's Church Hall latest by
Monday 7th December

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ECO CHURCH

How could you make a difference to the world this Christmas by the choices you make?



Chocolate - Encourage overseas farmers to farm more sustainably by ensuring your Advent calendar and any Christmas chocolate is Fairtrade.



Christmas tree - Help reduce the 6-8 million real Christmas trees that go to landfill each year by:

- renting a tree or
- dressing up a living tree in your garden or
- choosing an organic, FSC certified tree grown by the British Christmas Tree Growers Association (several options in Surrey) or locally grown trees.



Decorations - Choose a natural wreath and decorations. Get creative and see what material you can find on a walk, sourcing mainly from what has already dropped: pine cones, small branches, ivy trails, holly sprigs, rose hips etc.



Tags and Wrapping - Reuse old Christmas cards to make Christmas tags, reducing the number of Christmas trees used for this purpose. Decorate recycled brown paper for wrapping, lowering your ecological footprint.



Gifts - Create homemade gifts such as baked goods, or buy gifts from a charity shop such as an attractive glass to fill with chocolates. Give a 'gift of time' voucher: cooking a meal, baby sitting, cleaning, gardening, car washing or whatever.

More ideas to come next month!

'In Anticipation of Christmas'

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, come and join together with others for a time of seasonal live music, song, story, and poetry, followed by mulled wine/soft drink and canapes

Led By: Sharon Seal

When: Tues 15 Dec

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall

Time: 5pm-6.30pm

Cost: £10

(booking essential)



contact the Parish Office to find out more
office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk
01372 375000

The light has come

Sat 5 Dec Jazz Concert 7.30pm * (prebook))

Sun 6 Dec Christingle 11.15am

Thur 10 Dec Christmas Messy Church 3.30pm

Sun 13 Dec 9 Lessons and Carols 6pm

Tue 15 Dec In Anticipation of Christmas 5pm* (booking essential)

Sat 19 Dec Nativity Crib Festival visit anytime 1-4pm

Sun 20 Dec Carols in The Bell Pub 6pm

Thur 24 Dec Family Sing-a-Long Nativity 3pm

Family Carols 5pm

Midnight Service 11.30pm

Fri 25 Dec All Together Christmas Communion 10am

Sun 27 Dec Said Communion Service 8am

All Together Communion 10am

**Tickets available on our website or contact the Parish Office*

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Weekday morning prayer is open to all on Monday to Thursday at 9am in church.

Prayer & Pastries meets in term time on Mondays at 10.30am.

We remember in our prayers the family of Barbara Grant who sadly passed away early October.

We continue to pray for those who are unwell:

Lynn Alsop, Monica Barron, Val & Steve Bradley, Val Burton, Martin Carlton-Ward, Sheila Duffill, Irene Irving, Bill King, Ed McGrath, Elaine Mead, Gillian Mills, Vicky Puttock and Lucy Sandys

And for those in residential care:

Shirley Bevis, Penny Dodds, Denise Fisher, Jill Gray and June Williams

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

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

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

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
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Dear Community,

HERE IS OUR CHRISTMAS
WISH LIST

Thank you!

Christmas cake

Christmas Selection Boxes

Savoury Christmas snacks / Biscuits

Tinned Ham / Salmon

Yule logs / Chocolate Tubs

Packet Stuffing

Mince Pies

Custard

Christmas Sweets

Donations needed by 20 November.
Containing no alcohol, please.

with love,

GOOD COMPANY
TEAM & VOLUNTEERS



Scan to donate online between 1st
- 8th December to double your
donation



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Online public consultation re the next Bishop of Guildford

A public online consultation will take place on:

Wednesday 25 November 2026, 7-8pm : Online via Microsoft Teams

The Teams link will be circulated nearer the time. Click [here](#) for more info.

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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