

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Fetcham Parish Church

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We aim to be a growing community of Christian people who desire to be:

mature disciples : committed church family members : effective witnesses : caring neighbours

Who Let the Dads out?

On the third Saturday morning of each month dads and kids enjoy a fabulous morning in the hall. They munch yummy bacon butties and enjoy a great range of fun activities and games. WLTD0 has just celebrated its first Birthday and has proved to be more popular than we could ever have imagined. A massive Thank You to the team who make all the practical arrangements and to everybody who comes and has helped to make these mornings such a fantastic success. The next one's on the 19th November - so don't miss that - but note that there's no WLTD0 in December (too close to something that's happening on 25th December!).



Any Dream Will Do!

Holiday Club last week told the story of Joseph and 50 children came along to hear about multicoloured coats, fat and thin cows and a family re-union. A big Thank You to all the adult and teenager helpers without whom holiday club wouldn't happen, and a mention for Interior Fabrics and Fabric Warehouse (both in Weybridge) for their generous donations of fabric scraps. Thank You also to the church family for your efforts to supply us with bird feeders and cows' legs and noses (otherwise known as cartons, toilet roll inner tubes, jar lids and yoghurt pots!) If you missed out, you can re-live the story by coming along to Family Service on Sunday at 11am and look at the display of wonderful crafts on the notice board in the hall.



Y! News:

A group from Y! spent last weekend at Ruardean. Here's what Charlotte Glynn wrote:

"Every year, I greatly look forward to going to Ruardean, always the highlight of the October half term. I adore the close and relaxed atmosphere we share and really enjoy the opportunity to bond with people I wouldn't normally spend time with at Y! I have been going on the weekend away for the past three years and I can easily say that the trip has improved year upon year! This year we went caving, swimming and played numerous games of Uno and Slam!!



"We have amazing youth leaders who always try their absolute best to give us a fun-filled experience while talking about God. Because we all get to know each other a lot better, we can openly discuss issues and learn from different Christian perspectives. Every year does get better and better and is totally worthwhile. We all return from Ruardean wishing we could go back, we have the funnest times and the most hilarious stories from the experience! If it wasn't for our dedicated, talented and brilliant leaders, Emily, Chris and Ian, we wouldn't have been able to have such a great time! THANK YOU!!!!" and

"A massive thank you to everybody who provided food, prayers and support for us on the weekend away. We honestly couldn't do it without the support of everyone at St Mary's".

NB: Don't forget Y! starts again this evening at 6.45pm after the half-term break. Confirmation Classes for those in Year 10+ will be held during Y! - if you haven't told Emily you're interested yet, please speak to her asap.

Hot Potato Series: Aren't we blessed in having such an excellent Sermon series, addressing some of those tricky, "big" questions, and such gifted people to deliver it. Today's topic is "Has Science made Religion Redundant?" and concludes next Sunday with "I have my doubts". If you've missed any of the series or, like me, would like to hear them again, they're available, with notes, on our website, www.stmarysfetcham.org.uk.



Advent Candles: We have some beautiful, red Advent candles with 24 names by which Jesus is known in the bible marking the days in Advent leading up to Christmas when there's a silhouette of the stable scene on the base. £2.50 from the office.

Christmas Charity Post: Do support this wonderful, local charity, Practical Action, which has so far raised £67,900 to help raise people in third world countries out of poverty. Stamps will soon be on sale, price 25p, for Christmas card deliveries by volunteers in Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham. If you can help selling stamps or delivering local mail, please sign the form on the hall notice board or speak to Paul. Thank you!



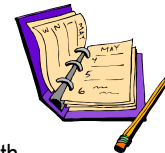
THANK YOU

- To Y! leaders for arranging a brilliant weekend for the youngsters at Ruardean and to Charlotte Glynn for writing so enthusiastically about it. Can I come next year, please?
- To Val Bradley and the team of volunteers for having the initiative and vision to transform the unsightly wasteland by the Bothy into a beautiful, productive garden. The project has just celebrated its first birthday - Congratulations!
- From Julie Partridge for the loving and prayerful support she's received while her Dad has been so poorly. Thankfully he is now much better and settling into a care home.
- To Betty Colven who's left a box of home-grown bay leaves in the lobby for you to help yourself.
- To Melanie Smith from Activ8 for her generous donation of Lego. It is a favourite activity already!
- To the WLTD0 team for organising such brilliant Saturday mornings
- To all the team for another successful half-term Holiday Club

Dates for your Diary

- Sun, 6th Nov Family Service at 11.00am
- Tue 8th Nov 7.30 for 8.00pm, Matrix presentation in the hall, preceded by coffee
- Fri, 11th Nov Footprints at 10.00am in the hall
- Sun, 13th Nov Remembrance Sunday, see article
- Tues, 15th Nov Women's Group meets at 8.00pm in the hall, "Viceroy Special". Take an illustrated train journey with Paul Whittle. This is an open meeting – all welcome.
- Thu, 17th Nov Thursday Coffee at 10.30am in the hall
- Fri, 18th Nov Horizon at 10.00am in the hall, with free crèche
- Sat, 19th Nov "Who let the Dads out?" 9.30 – 11.30 in the hall. Incredibly popular breakfast with lots of activities for Dads and kids
- Sat, 19th Nov Fairtrade Christmas Craft Fair, 2 – 5pm, Dorking Christian Centre, Church Street, Dorking
- Sun, 20th Nov Luke Roberts is to be baptised during the 9.30 Service which will be a Service of the Word
- Sun, 20th Nov The Eleven at 11.00!
- Fri, 25th Nov Footprints at 10.00 in the hall
- Sun, 27th Nov Advent Carol Service at St Mary's at 6.30pm with our friends from the Church of the Holy Spirit
- Sun, 12th Dec Christingle at 4.30pm, followed by goodies in the hall

Info on events at Guildford Cathedral is on the notice board in the hall.



Don't forget:

- Homemade, Traidcraft and Book Stalls in the hall today. The stalls will have a Christmas flavour as Christmas approaches so start your Christmas shopping in the hall today!
- Matrix presentation at 7.30 for 8.00pm this Tuesday 8th Nov in the hall on the work they do supporting youth work in our local schools. We support Matrix as part of our regular annual giving and they will explain what their work involves and the charity's other activities. Relational youth workers from Howard and Therfield will be there too and the meeting will start with coffee.
- Activ8 urgently needs more leaders and helpers if we're to offer a teaching programme for the children during the 9.30 and 11.00 services weekly starting in the new year. Come and have a great time with the kids and encourage them as they learn all about Jesus and our Christian faith. Interested? Speak to Paul or Marion on 375000 or Pam on 383143
- To speak to Marion, Julie David or Sue McKinlay if you have children aged 0 – 10 and are interested in the new Parenting Course planned for the New Year. Make sure you complete one of the cards indicating when you're free and help the team establish the most convenient time to hold the sessions. A lot of interest has been expressed already which is really great.
- The Craft and Social Evening in the hall on Friday, 2nd December. More details soon but make sure you've got the date in your diary and start making a list of friends to invite.
- To get your Bike Ride sponsorship money to Sarah Mackay this week, please. So far a terrific £760 has been gathered in!

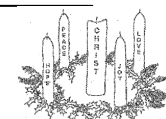
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Remembrance Sunday – 13th November

8.00am Holy Communion (said) as usual. The 9.30 Service will be a Service of the Word (ie no Holy Communion). The Act of Remembrance is at 10.50 at the War Memorial (The Ridgeway end of the church drive) and is immediately followed by the Service of Remembrance in church.



Advent Sunday - 27th November: The shared service with our friends from The Church of the Holy Spirit will be held at 6.30pm at St Mary's. Our respective choirs are already rehearsing the music. It's going to be a wonderful service and particularly special as we can take advantage of worshipping with our Roman Catholic friends. The service will be followed by goodies in the hall. (No, I can't believe it's that time of the year already either!)



Christmas Cards: Our neighbours at Fetcham Park House had some wonderful professional photographs taken of the house and St Mary's when the owners' daughter, Laura, was married on the Saturday before Christmas last year on the day of a very heavy snow fall. They have offered us the opportunity to buy cards of different sizes and designs with the photo of choice on the front. For more details visit our website, email fleur@takingtimecards.co.uk or phone 01483 811975 / 07973 307325.

Please pray for:

- Those who are sick, including Barry Welch; Maureen Harris and Graham Alsop
- Luke Roberts who is to be baptised at St Mary's on the 20th November, his parents and godparents
- Youngsters beginning their preparation for Confirmation
- Our PCC meeting on the 16th November
- The Fetcham Link editorial team meeting this week to finalise the Christmas edition



We remember those who have died recently, including Isobel Douglas, Roy Morrin and Stanley Murison and surround their families and friends with our love and prayers. Stanley's funeral is on Tuesday, 8th November at 3.30pm at Randalls Park and Isobel's is on Monday, 14th November at 2.00pm, followed at Randalls Park at 2.45pm.

Sunday Readings: (Year A)

6th Nov, 3rd before Advent
13th Nov, Remembrance
20th Nov, Christ the King

First Reading

Luke 1: 1, 1 John 1: 1-3
1 Thess 5: 1-11
Eph 1: 15 – end

Gospel

Matt 25: 1-13
Matt 25: 14-30
Matt 25: 31- end

8 o'clock

Trinity 20
Trinity 21
Trinity 25

St Mary's, Fetcham Parish Church: Rector: the Reverend Paul Boughton, 10a The Ridgeway, tel 01372 375000. Please submit copy for inclusion in the Newsletter by the Wednesday preceding publication to Corinne by e-mail (newsletter@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or corinne.braid@ntlworld.com), post (12 Long Copse Close, Gt Bookham, KT23 3PX) or via the tray in the vestry.