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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

Dates for your Diary:

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| • Fri 29 Sept – Sun 1 Oct | National Prayer Weekend |
| • Saturday 30 th September | Churchyard Working Party – 9am – 4pm |
| • Sunday 1 st October | Harvest Service |
| • Saturdays 7 th October | Parenting Course |
| • Saturdays 14 th October | Parenting Course |
| • Saturday 21 st October | Who Let the Dads Out - 9.30-11.30am |
| • Saturdays 21 st October | Parenting Course |
| • Thursday 26 th October | Holiday Club in the Church hall |
| • Saturdays 28 th October | Parenting Course |
| • Sunday 29 th October | Bereavement Service at 6.30pm |
| • Tuesday 31 st October | Light Party from 6.30- 8.00pm in the Church hall |
| • Saturday 4 th November | New Wine Men's Day |
| • Saturday 11 th November | New Wine Women's Day |
| • Saturday 11 th November | The Bothy Garden volunteer group – 10am – 12 noon (end of season social) |
| • Sunday 12 th November | Act of Remembrance 10.50am - War Memorial |
| • Saturday 18 th November | Who Let the Dads Out - 9.30-11.30am |



Weekly Services

- Thursday:** 10.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday:** 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion
11.15am Informal Worship Service NB: First Sunday in the month when there is Gener8

Crèche for under 3s and **Activ8** for 3-10 year olds at 9.30 & 11.15 services, with the exception of the first Sunday each month.

Thursday – Mid-week communion at 10am – 3rd Thursday of the month coffee will be served in the hall along with the Hearing Aid Clinic.

Evening Services in October

- Sunday 1st No Evening service
- Sunday 8th Choral Evensong at 6.30pm
- Sunday 15th Restore Café @ Greenwise at 7pm
- Sunday 22nd Service of Reflection at 6.30pm
- Sunday 29th Bereavement Service at 6.30pm



The Fairtrade stall on October 1st will have some fresh goodies for sale. Also samples of the Traidcraft Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars will be available to look at and to order. Do come and see what we have!



Home-made stall in September raised £110, which is extremely respectable.

Our next stall is on Sunday 1st October, Harvest Festival. Do bring along your jams and chutneys as well as garden produce and especially your perennials and bulbs for the garden.

Prisons Week runs from Sunday October 8th. It aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners. Our nearest prisons are Highdown for men, and Downview and Send for women.

At Send the chaplaincy enlists help from the community for funding and volunteer time. This means, as well as supporting prisoners in faith, they:

Help sustain families by providing Christmas gifts for children: provide a parenting skills course helping break the cycle of poor parenting: provide courses such as Sycamore Tree (restorative justice), Making Sense of Forgiveness, and offer a pre-release mentoring programme: provide healing and care through individual pastoral support and courses such as Living with Loss: encourage prisoners who have no family support through small grants and prison visiting schemes: celebrate Easter and Christmas, with carol events, mince pies, small Christmas gifts for every prisoner, and extra phone credit for special phone calls at Christmas.

The more resources the chaplaincy has the more it can do. If you are interested in volunteering contact Lesley.mason@hmps.gsi.gov.uk, or if you would like to donate please go to thenazarethway.org.uk website.

Above all, please remember all prisoners and prison staff in your prayers this Prisons Week.

Footprints – is for pre-school children and their parents/carers. With a spiritual background, it provides a gentle introduction to the Church family and an opportunity to meet over a cup of coffee whilst the children play, paint, craft, sing and hear Bible stories. Footprints takes place on alternate Friday mornings during term time.



Who Let the Dads Out - Meet other Dads and talk about Dad things like tools, sport, food, beer, cars and just being a Dad! For the kids; games, music, fun and a chance to make lots of new friends, all are welcome.
Dates for 2017: Sat 21 Oct, Sat 18 Nov. Time: 9.30-11.30am

FM Life is a fortnightly group for women of all ages. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, chat about issues relating to our everyday lives and to think about how our faith may help us. It is held in the church hall from 10am - 11.30am with crèche facilities should you need it.



Churchyard Working Party - On Saturday 30th September the church are working with 1st Fetcham Scouts helping to MAINTAIN THE GRAVEYARD. If you can pop along for anytime it would be wonderful to see you, anytime between 9am and 4pm. Bring your own tools and food if you are staying for a while. Refreshments will be available.

Previous Altar Frontals for the Main Altar and Lady Chapel Can you help us? Do you know who may have given the frontals to St Mary's or perhaps a relative/ friend of the donor? Or do you know when they appeared at St Mary's? It could be about 40 years ago. We would love to hear from you. Thank you. Gill Hanson (church furnishers) Tel: 374020 email gillhanson@tecrecres.net

National Prayer Weekend – Fri 29 Sept – Sun 1 Oct

Please join in: sign up on the rota at the back of the church, take prayers cards to pass onto friends, family & colleagues.



Ride & Stride / Heritage Weekend - thank you for all that were kind enough to get involved in welcoming visitors to St Mary's over Heritage Weekend and The Ride and Stride. The church looked great and our few visitors commented on the excellent welcome. Well done to everyone who took part in the Ride and Stride. Do please try to collect all your sponsor money and hand to Sarah Mackay by Sunday 15th October. Any difficulty identifying your generous sponsors, do ask Sarah or the wardens for help.

A bright alternative to Halloween! - Calling all Year 1-6 children, we are having a 'Light' Party on Tuesday 31st October 6.30pm-8.00pm in the church Hall. Come and join us for an evening of fun and games. Fancy dress optional - with a 'Light' theme. No charge. Contact St Mary's office to book your space (01372 375000 or email: office@stmarysfetcham.org.uk)



Stewardship Sunday and Gift Day – 2017

Our Stewardship Sunday at St Mary's is an annual opportunity for us to remember how generous God is to us, in so many ways, and to see how we might also be being prompted by the Holy Spirit to respond with gratitude.

Perhaps God is asking you to;

- Make a one-off gift towards the work of the church
- Set up a regular payment by a standing order to St Mary's
- Consider the spiritual discipline of tithing (giving one tenth of your income away)



We want St Mary's to be known as a generous church that demonstrates its gratitude by what it does with its finances. You may not know that we give away 10% of the income we receive to mission and ministry activities. We also want to fund some key church projects such as; a new audio / visual system in the church and annex, employing a paid Youth Worker and freshening up the annex.



A big thank you to:

- Those who attended, provided cakes and helped on the day at the Macmillan Coffee morning.
- Great support to those who helped at our Church bbq
- Everyone who supported Heritage weekend
- Supporting and help given at the Harvest supper
- Postcard distributors for once again ensuring the community have knowledge of our events
- Anyone who came to help at the Churchyard Working party
- Brigitte and Richard Furze for all their hard work and energy put into the National Prayer Weekend

Please pray for:

Those who are sick, including; Sybil Francklow, Gordon Lake, Sebastian Nohl, Joan Nash, Humphrey Bowen, Liz Crawford, Paul Boughton, Liz Boughton, Elaine Mead, Daphne Burfoot, Nancy Hand and David Watson.

Matthew Giffith who was baptised in September as well as his parents and godparents.

Karen Jordan, our office administrator and her family at this sad time with the loss of Karen's father.

The family of Humphrey Bowen who sadly passed away.



St Mary's, Fetcham Parish Church: <http://stmarysfetcham.org.uk/> Rector: the Reverend Andrew Smith, tel 01372 375000.

Please submit copy for inclusion in the Newsletter to Tracey-Anne by e-mail (newsletter@stmarysfetcham.org.uk or tracey-anne@ntlworld.com),

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