

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

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

Happy New Year Best wishes for 2018

Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 5th January FM Life
- Friday 12th January Footprints
- Thursday 18th January Coffee will be served in the hall along with the Hearing Aid Clinic
- Friday 19th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – St Mary’s Church – 8.30am – 9.00am
- Saturday 27th January Who let the Dads out
- Friday 2nd March Women’s World Day of Prayer

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

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 January

- Sunday 7th No Evening service
 Sunday 17th Choral Evensong at 6.30pm
 Sunday 21st Restore Café @ Greenwise at 7pm
 Sunday 28th Service of Reflection at 6.30pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 - Churches Together in Bookham are marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by providing a daily opportunity to meet together for Bible reading and prayer. We will meet at 8.30 am each morning for about half an hour, except on Saturday when we will serve a simple breakfast (beginning at 9.30 am) and stay longer to hear some news of our churches and to pray for our local outreach to the community.

- Thursday 18 Jan Bookham Baptist Church
 Friday 19 Jan St Mary’s, Fetcham
 Saturday 20 Jan BREAKFAST at Eastwick Road Church
 Monday 22 Jan St Nicolas, Bookham
 Tuesday 23 Jan Bookham Baptist Church
 Wednesday 24 Jan St Nicolas, Bookham
 Thursday 25 Jan Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham



All are welcome.



Sunday morning crèche – Due to lack of demand there will be no crèche organised from January for children 3 years old and under. As always, there are books and toy bags in the church for the little ones and the crèche room is always available. If anyone would like a crèche provided on a specific Sunday including for grandchildren, or would be wanting to use a crèche regularly, then please contact Carolyn Halsey (01372 374352), The Church Office, or Jenny Smith.



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 2018: Sat 27 January. Time: 9.30-11.30am and then the 3rd Sat of the month (not July, Aug or Dec)

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. Returning on January 5th and then fortnightly.



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, returning on January 12th and then fortnightly.

Restore – Café Church. Held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm at Greenwise in Fetcham village. Restore Cafe Church is a great place to bring friends, family and neighbours. Our hope and prayer is that Restore will give people an opportunity to think about the big questions of life in a relaxed and friendly setting.



Update on our ministers in training - As you know we are delighted to have three of our St Marys congregation training for licenced ministry. Graham Day is in his third and final year as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) and will be away on placement at St Pauls Dorking from 1 Jan to 8 April. Corinne Braid continues her training as an LLM in year 2, and Julie Partridge is now well into her year 1 training as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM). As part of their training, Corinne, Julie and Graham (when he returns from placement), will continue to preach and lead our formal and informal services. In particular they will be conducting the first part of the communion services as part of their training programme. Please welcome their many and varied ministries as we support, encourage and pray for them and their future here at St Marys.

Collecting presents for our four local causes has resulted in a total of 110 presents. 17 children's presents for the CAP (Christians against poverty) Christmas lunch party this weekend - a great present for every child coming. 38 presents for Surrey's vulnerable teenagers. 41 presents for many of the guests coming to the Village Hall Christmas Day lunch 14 shoe boxes stuffed full of goodies and toys and treats for some of B@titude's (10) & Graham Peddie's neediest families (4). Just a wonderful response! Thank you to our incredibly generous congregation.

Thank you - All presents have been delivered fairly across the six Homelessness Hostel sites across Surrey, a massive thank you to all the Parishioners that so kindly contributed. Take care, Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Kind Regards, Gordon



Thank You!



Ride and Stride 2017 - £1005 was raised this year just £30 short of last year's total. We raised more than any other church in Surrey. In addition £910 was gift aided which is a tremendous result. Around £10,000 is raised across the country and we directly receive 50% back and are entitled to apply for grants for repairs as we need them.

The new Archdeacon of Surrey has been installed and welcomed to the Diocese of Guildford at a service in Guildford Cathedral (10 December 2017). The Venerable Paul Davies (44) was previously an Archdeacon in the Church in Wales.

December Bumper December Home-made Stall and Christmas Raffle - £442.46 was raised this month taking our year total to £1940 - our best ever! Do remember £1,940 goes so much further in the slums of Nairobi, than it does here. Do please pray that they will continue to support The Centre for Urban Mission in Kibera and the vital work it does, especially with the youngsters in Nairobi's informal settlements.



A big thank you to:

- You all for supporting The Ride & Stride – we have raised in excess of £1000
- Joan and the choir for their hard work over this festive period
- Linda and the flower team for the beautiful arrangements
- Everyone who contributed gifts for our four local causes – resulting in 110 presents.
- From CAP – we were mentioned in their prayer letter – “Thank you to St Marys in Fetcham for providing gifts for all the children of our clients”

Please pray for:

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

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

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