

## Prayer bulletin

Give thanks for:

- The gift of the Holy Spirit
- Your neighbours
- This church family

Pray for:

- Messy Church; especially for the new families who came last month to feel part of the Messy Church family.
- 5 people you know to come into God's Kingdom.
- Awe at the wonder of God's Spirit living in us, and a fresh experience of that reality.
- Wisdom for how we, as individuals and as a church can advance God's loving Kingdom here in Crawley.
- The business of our Parish – the APCM (9<sup>th</sup> May and the meeting of the new PCC (23<sup>rd</sup> May)



The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (for the whole parish of South Crawley) will be held at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Tilgate on Thursday 9 May. This is Ascension Day and will begin with a celebration of Holy Communion.



**The Gate Café** at St Mary's is open every Thursday, 9.30am to 1pm.

**House Group** meets alternate Tuesdays at Andy' & Sue's house for bible study and prayer.



**Film night 10<sup>th</sup> May** 6 p.m. Bring a cushion if it will improve your comfort. The film is '15.17 to Paris'. There will be a tea break mid evening. This is the last film night before we take a break over the summer.

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May 2024**

**Joel 2:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> "And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days. "

## Sunday Services

5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at <b>St Mary's</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	3.30p.m.	Messy Church
19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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26 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10.30 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at <b>St Mary's</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

**Thought from the vicar:**



Bible readings for the last three Sundays have focused our thoughts on LOVE. Not the romantic love sought after and idolised by society, but the powerful, all-encompassing love of God. The love that took Jesus to the cross to die for us is the same love that sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon and live within each believer at Pentecost and ever since. This is the love that never leaves us or forsakes us. This is the greatest intimacy we can ever know.

This is also the love that we are commanded to show to one another and to proclaim to those who don't yet know Jesus.

This Easter-Pentecost season let's stop to reflect on the wonder of the intimate love of God's Spirit living in us and pray for more people to know that love.

## Easter Team

Please keep your kind and generous donations for the Easter Team coming. This month's top requirements are **pasta and rice**. Other essentials are always welcome. The team would also be grateful for money donations for tins of essential food, if you are able please put any donations in an envelope clearly marked for the Easter Team. Donations can be brought to the service in Holy Trinity on Sunday or Tuesday mornings or left in the crate on the Rectory doorstep in Forester Road at any time (envelopes with donations should be posted through the Rectory letterbox please).



**Messy Church** will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We will be learning that 'God speaks my language'. Crafts, activities, bible story, songs, prayer and tea for all generations. Children must bring a supervising adult.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship** Our 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays are when we 'do worship a bit differently'. There will be a time of extended sung worship leading into Bible teaching which leads us into prayer with time to invite the Holy Spirit to speak to us and work among us.

**10.30 arrivals:** We are a family at Holy Trinity, and when families get together, they chat, and if visitors come in, they are welcomed. When coming to worship God, some people like to be quiet for a while before the service begins. In order to make both of these possible, I would encourage those who are ready to chat to do so in the lounge (where we now have heating) and those who want to be quieter to come into the church.

**Thy Kingdom Come** From Ascension to Pentecost each year we are encouraged to join a global movement of prayer for God's kingdom to come. We think of five people and pray that they will come to know Jesus as king. There will be some prayer booklets available at church. Smartphone users may like to download the 'Thy Kingdom Come' app for daily readings and reflections.

**We will conclude 'Thy Kingdom Come' with a day of prayer** both in church and in our homes. The church building will be open from 8.30 am-6.30 pm.

**THANK YOU:** to all those who helped at the work day. Shrubs and hedges have been pruned and a bush is in the process of being moved; the entrance lobby was brightened up with fresh paint, kitchen cupboards were cleaned and sorted, and fire exit signs updated. We now have both lounge toilets in working order with hot water in the taps! Breakfast was served, and numerous cups of tea and coffee were produced and drunk. Lots of hard work and good fellowship!

**Confirmation.** Bishop Ruth will be conducting a confirmation service, for churches in our Deanery, at Worth Abbey on 12<sup>th</sup> May. We don't have any candidates this time. If you have not been baptised or confirmed and would like to be, talk to Jill about it.

**Free lunchtime concert at Christ the Lord, Broadfield** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May Andria, Mario and friends join Ensemble Reza this month for a lunchtime of lively Brazilian music. Please come for coffee and chat from 12noon and the music starts at 12.30. **All welcome.**



## Church Hall, Lounge & Upper room regular use:

Day	Group	Time	Location
Monday	Chris Witherall	3.30pm-9.00pm	Upper Room
Tuesday	U3A	1.30pm-3.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	Max Lewis	4.00pm-5.00pm	Upper Room
Thursday	Choir & Ko	7.30pm-9.45pm	Hall (term time only)

Please check this list and advise Janet if you are planning a church activity in the building.

**Please pray for our various community partners who use our buildings.**

We currently have some spare capacity for **hall bookings**, so if you know of an organisation looking for a venue, encourage them to contact the Parish Office.

**10.30 Sunday Services are followed by coffee/tea in the lounge.** Do join us for a drink and a chat.

**Parish Communion service on Tuesdays at 10.00 a.m.** Services are led in turn by all three vicars in our parish, with lay ministers preaching at some. The service is followed by coffee/tea and time to chat in the lounge.

**In need of prayer?** If you would like someone to pray 1:1 with you, please speak to the vicar or service leader after the service. Anointing for healing is also offered.

**Receiving Communion** If you are a baptised believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we welcome you to receive the bread and wine (or just the bread, if you prefer). Come forward to the communion rail when invited. If you would like a prayer of blessing instead, come forward and keep your hands folded.

Please let the welcomers know when you arrive if you require gluten free bread or need to have communion brought to you at your seat.



**St Mary's craft evening is Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm**  
All welcome. Refreshments will be provided. More information from [eann.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:eann.wilson@gmail.com)

## Events this month

**17<sup>th</sup> May: Men's meal out** at the Hillside Inn, Balcombe Road 7pm.

**18<sup>th</sup> May: Ladies' cream tea.** 2-4pm. A birthday tea for the church at Pentecost.

**18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May: Day of prayer.** Sign up to commit yourself to a one-hour period of prayer in the 24 hours. Church will be open from 8.30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m. Suggestions for prayer will be available for use at home and in church. This is our commitment to seeking God's guidance for us as individuals and a church; to seek his vision for Holy Trinity Church and for Tilgate; to ask 'God, what are you asking of me?' and 'What is the next step that I/we should be taking?'

## Dates for your diary - next month

**15<sup>th</sup> June: Muses of the Mind.** 2-4pm. An afternoon to slow down and mindfully muse on poetry and prose contributed by church members