

FIRE DRILL

Weather permitting there will be a fire drill at the end of the service this Sunday.

ALTHEA BARRATT

Althea's funeral is on Monday 14th September at 11am in Church, with refreshments in the Church Rooms after. All are welcome.

Please keep Michael and the whole family in your prayers at this time.

THE BIBLE COURSE

The Bible Course begins on Monday 21st September 7.30 – 9pm in the Church Rooms – an 8 week course looking at the bible from Genesis to Revelation and what it means for us today. Please continue to invite friends and neighbours to this great opportunity to learn together.

FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS CARDS 2026:

Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange - the charitable branch of Traidcraft) has just publicised their range of Christmas Cards and gift wrap for this year. I will be placing an order soon for myself but if you are interested and possibly to save you postage, I am happy to include any items that you would also like to order. This is the link to their website. <https://store-transform-trade.org/>

Just let me know the items you want and your contact details please. Thank you, Sally
07468886074 harrison.sally@btinternet.com

NEW SCHOOL EVENTS

Coffee Mornings, this term, we are trying Monday mornings. The dates are Monday 5th October and 9th November, both 8.45-9.30am. Can you help chat/bring cake for either morning?

Also Marianne would like to repeat the Christmas Craft Afternoon for Reception children and their carers, Monday 14th Dec 2-3pm.

Please let Louise know – thank you!

Copies of this newsletter can also be found on our website www.sendparishchurch.co.uk

DIARY

If you have questions about faith or how church can support you, do contact Rev Louise by email: vicar@sendparishchurch.co.uk, or phone 07913 843526

If you have any safeguarding queries or concerns our Parish Safeguarding Officer is - Lisa Floyd contact - safeguarding@sendparishchurch.co.uk

Morning Prayer service continues as usual

8.00am as per below

Mondays & Thursdays in Church

Tuesdays & Wednesday in Churchrooms

Why not follow Morning Prayer at home on the Church of England Daily Prayer app.

Monday 14 August

11.00am Funeral Althea Barratt in Church
All are welcome

7.45pm PCC Meet in Churchrooms.

Wednesday 16 September

10.00am Small Steps in the Churchrooms
2pm Strollers meet at Send Rec.

20 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am 10th Anniversary All Together service at Send CofE Primary School, with Bishop Paul

Monday 21 September

9.30-11.30 Coffee Shop
7.30-9.00 The Bible Course – session 1

Wednesday 23 September

9.00am Church Cleaning (see news)
10.00am Small Steps in Churchrooms

27 September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion - Fair Trade Sunday
3pm Memory Locketts in churchroom

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, or have any items to include, contact news@sendparishchurch.co.uk



Please Like & Follow Our Facebook Page:
Send Parish Church

NEWS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 13th September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

10.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Club meet at Churchrooms
6.00pm YAC meet in Churchrooms

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21 Matthew 18:21-35

NEWS

From Sunday 2nd August for every service there will be a neurodiversity basket in the porch. The basket is for young and the not so young. Please return any items after the service and please let us know if there is anything else you feel could be added to the basket.
Helen & Andy

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

If you see our church posts on Facebook or Instagram, please take a moment to click **like and maybe even share** them. If you are interested in something such as our Bible course, click “**Interested**” too as each interaction helps increase visibility and enables more people to hear about what is happening at St Mary’s if needed.

COFFEE SHOP- PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW START TIME OF 9.30-11.30am

Next time in the Coffee Shop on Monday 21st September our special stall: ‘Household goods’ in support of Shelter Box – providing emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, www.shelterbox.org

BISHOP'S PRAYER NETWORK

Following Bishop Paul’s Deanery Gatherings, the Bishop’s Prayer Network has been set up by the Diocese of Guildford. Please enter your details <https://cofeguildford.org.uk/prayernetwork> if you would like to receive the following prayer bulletins by email.

- Every two months a **prayer bulletin** from Bishop Paul and joining him in praying for the needs and opportunities which he will highlight in each of them (this will include a new style diocesan cycle of prayer)
- In the intervening months, the opportunity to **join him for a 60 minute online time of prayer**
- Twice a year, he shall be holding a **half night of prayer** to which you will be invited

AN EASY WAY TO HELP ST MARY’S, SEND

Ecclesiastical Insurance (our church buildings insurer) offers home insurance too. They will give St Mary’s a donation of £130 for every new home insurance policy.

They are friendly and easy to deal with on the phone. You can call for a quote on **0800 7830 130** and quote **Trust130** or visit ecclesiastical.com/trust130 to find out more.

SCHOOL CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY

On **20th September at 10.30am** we will be joining our worship with everyone at Send CofE primary school as they celebrate their **10th Anniversary Service 10.30am with Bishop Paul**.

The service is followed by a **Big Birthday Fair 12-3pm** with stalls, food and drink, games, bouncy castle, performances by local groups, tours of school and a chance to share memories and celebrate our future together. Please come and support this event, and if you’re available to help on the St Mary’s table then let Louise know.

SUNDAY CLUB AND YAC:

Both groups meet for the first time this coming term on Sunday 13 September. Our topic will be “Go with God” based on a passage from Exodus in which we read about God guiding Moses and the Israelites across the Red Sea and think about how we trust God to lead us, even when life is challenging. The full programme for the autumn term is in the September issue of “Outlook”. Copies of this magazine are available at St Mary’s church and in Morrisons in the village.

All children aged 3 to 12 are very welcome to join us at Sunday Club. YAC welcomes all those in school year 7 and above. If you want to get in touch about your young person coming to a meeting please follow one of these links: sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk yac@sendparishchurch.co.uk

FOOD BANK

Items particularly short in September are:

cereal, instant mash, tinned fish, tinned fruit, pot noodles, rice pudding, sponge pudding, long-life juice, custard, biscuits, coffee, shaving foam, razors, nappies, sizes 5,6 & 7, baby wipes and conditioner. Alternatively, financial donations enable the Foodbank to purchase any items in short supply so if you would prefer to make a one-off or recurring donation please use the web address below. You can also apply gift aid here if you are a UK tax payer. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13203>

SCHOOL TERM BEGINS

Send School term begins on Wednesday 2nd September. Please continue to hold all staff and children in your prayers.

Our school prayer

Dear Lord

Thank you for our church school.

Bless the whole school community as they work together and do their best.

Equip the staff in their vocations, Guide the children in their learning, and surround their families with your generous love.

Help them all to be kind, thoughtful, happy, healthy and safe.

Amen

Here’s a prayer to share with young people starting a new school year

Loving God, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places.

Make me brave when I am worried, show me how to learn from everyone around me, and help me to do my very best. Amen.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

We will be decorating the church on Saturday 10th October from 2.00pm for our Harvest Festival Service. You do not need to be experienced with arranging flowers as there is a mixture of activities. Do put the date in your diary we would love to see you there.

FLOWERS TO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER

Although we have flowers for this week kindly given by Michael in celebration of Althea’s life the following weeks require filling. Speak to Linda if you have any special dates to celebrate. Or, even if you don’t, perhaps you would like to brighten the week for others.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Everyone enjoys the coffee, chat and biscuits after the Service on a Sunday and Lorna who buys the provisions would just like to gently remind that, if you can, a small donation towards the cost of biscuits would be most welcome. The more generous we are the more chocolaty the biscuit!!