

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S TATSFIELD



Circa 1075

'We seek to know and share God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ'

Sunday 9th March 2025 *The First Sunday of Lent*

10am Holy Communion with hymns - led by Bishop Chris Goldsmith.

Those unable to attend this service in person are invited to join the 10am service from St Peter's, Limpsfield on line, via [St Peter's live stream link](#)

Hymns for this Sunday

- 631 Tell out my soul.
- 67 Be still for the presence of the Lord.
- 45 As the deer pants.
- 249 Great is thy faithfulness.

Readings for this Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13 & Luke 4:1-13 (Church Bible pages 203 1137 & 1030).

Collect for this Sunday

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

12.30pm - Baptism of Isabella Victoria Burr

Praying for the Parish of St Mary's Tatsfield

Week commencing 9th March we pray for those living in Rag Hill Close.

Next Sunday 16th March - The Second Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion with hymns - led by Bishop Chris Goldsmith.

Personal Prayer Requests

If you wish to have prayers said on your behalf, there is a Prayer Request Book near the Baptism Font. Or email your request to stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com

Holy Communion for the sick and house-bound

Those unwell and/or house-bound who wish to receive Holy Communion at home or place of residence can contact our Churchwardens. Details page 4.

Life Events

We welcome enquires for baptisms, weddings, funerals and interment of ashes. Further information is on our website www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys or email the Parish Office at stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church opening times

St Mary's is open for viewing, prayer or personal reflection from 9am - 3.30pm approx. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

St Mary's Lent Course 2025 'Living Hope'

Week 1 - Weds 12th March 10.30am & 7.30pm at The Dome

Week 2 - Weds 19th March 10.30am at The Dome & 7.30pm at The Rectory

Week 3 - Weds 26th March 10.30am at The Dome & 7.30pm at The Rectory

Week 4 - Weds 2nd April 10.30am at The Dome & 7.30pm at The Rectory

Week 5 - Weds 9th April 10.30am at The Dome & 7.30pm at The Rectory

Holy Week - Joint meet up to be confirmed.

Contact Revd Debra Elsdon for further details: 07436 172130 or email curate.lttm@gmail.com

Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am 'Tots on Top' in the Millennium Hall

If you would like to attend our popular Monday morning parent/carer and baby/toddler group, please contact Hedy Gulley on 07963 121 543.

Wednesday morning Prayer Time & Wednesday evening Lectio Divina

Please note these will be replaced during Lent with the St Mary's Lent Course., details above.

March edition of Diocesan Newspaper 'The Bridge'

'The Bridge' with news, stories and pictures from our Southwark's parishes and communities, is now available on line southwark.anglican.org/thebridge.

Some paper copies will be available in the church once received.

'Journeys' - Churches Together Oxted and District (CTOD) Lent Course 2025

This year's Course is set in the context of Christ's journey to the Cross and the journeys of people who have become victims of modern slavery. Groups will meet weekly for 5 weeks, from week commencing 10th March (after Ash Wednesday) and ending in the week commencing 7th April (before Palm Sunday). You can sign up via this link [Lent Course 2025](#) and fill in the form.

1.30pm - 3.30pm Thurs March 13th & 27th Oxted Bereavement Support Group

Bereaved people are welcome on their own or with a friend to chat, share experiences and discuss ways of coping. Trained volunteers are on hand for emotional and bereavement support. Oxted URC 21 Bluehouse Lane. RH8 0AA

Additional dates Lent & Easter 2025 for your diaries

Saturdays 29th March, 5th & 12th April 12noon - 2pm

Lenten 'Friendship Lunches' in the Millennium Hall. Full details to follow.

13th April Palm Sunday - 10am Service St Marys.

17th April Maundy Thursday - 8pm Service St Peter's.

18th April Good Friday - Prayer & Reflection material available all day St Mary's.

10am Service St Andrew's; 12pm Walk of Witness Oxted; 2pm Service St Peter's.

19th April - 7pm Service of Light / Easter Fire St Mary's.

20th April Easter Sunday - 10am Service St Mary's.

Electoral Roll 6 yearly revision

Every 6 years we have to renew our Electoral Roll (a list of church members). The period for doing this is in April so we will be contacting everyone and asking them to complete a form to re-apply. If you think you're not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to join, please email the church office at chrishancock12@outlook.com The Electoral Roll not only provides an accurate list of everyone who comes to church, it also holds contact details so do please consider joining if you are not already on it.

Food Deliveries

We support the local community at Westerham foodbank which has seen an increase in households referred from a variety of agencies. Some require short-term support, some intermittently over a longer time and some for extended periods. This, together with fewer donations received means they continue to need our help. We will deliver on Thursdays 13th March and 17th April. Items currently needed include: cereal, soup, baked beans, jam, pasta sauces, rice, tinned fish, meat, long-life or powdered milk, custard and rice pudding. Please donate if you can. Non-perishable food donations can be left in the Narthex at St Mary's church when open (see page 2). Monetary donations will be used to buy food. Thank you for your continued support. **Hilary Vale 01959 577864**

Hire of the Millennium Hall

Our well-equipped Millennium Hall is open for bookings. Enquiries from individuals and groups are very welcome. Sheila Cook (01959 577443).

Donations for sales table in the Millennium Hall

Donations of small suitable items for the Millennium Hall sales tables would be gratefully received. Thank you. Sheila Cook

Cash and Contactless Giving

A collection plate for personal cash donations is in the Narthex rather than circulated during services. A Contactless Giving facility is also available. If your card has no contactless function you can donate the usual way by inserting your card in the machine and using your PIN number.
Regards, Madie Langford.

Notices

Unless otherwise notified please send any notices or items of interest or enquiry by noon Wednesday each week to: stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com

Contacts

St Mary's Office: The Parish Office, High Street, Limpsfield RH8 0DG.

Phone 01883 712512 / email stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com.

Open Thurs 9.30-13.30 - emails are checked regularly for urgent matters.

Parish Administrator: Steve Tatler available as above.

Team Rector: Revd Helen Cook - 07530 609511

email: hjwcook@yahoo.co.uk (day off Friday)

Curate: Debra Elsdon - 07436 172130

email: curate.lttm@gmail.com (days off Mon & Fri)

Wardens: Marjory Broughton (01959 541059) / Chris Hancock (01959 577622)

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO): Jennifer Evans (07967 123356)

St Mary's Website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys