Welcome to St Mary's Reigate

Building a Community to Reach a Community with the Love of God

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Vicar's Introduction

Welcome to St Mary's Church – we're really glad you're here!

St Mary's is a large and lively church close to Reigate town centre. Some of us also meet at the Heath Church off Flanchford Road, and in summer months at the Mill Church next to Reigate Heath Golf Club. Our stated purpose is to 'build a community to reach a community with God's love'. We'd love you to come and join in!

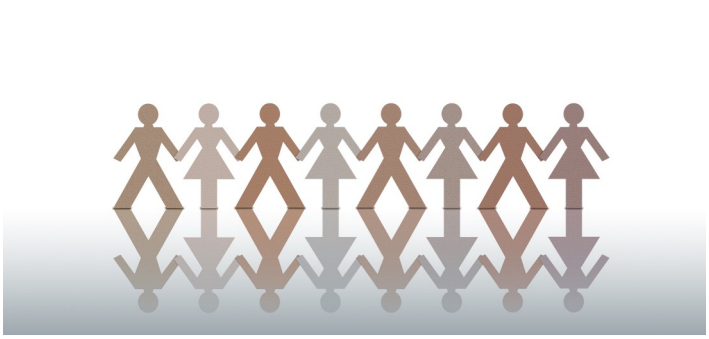
If you haven't been before, the best way to get to know us is to come to a service on a Sunday. We span traditions with a choice of traditional Holy Communion services through to less formal and family friendly expressions of worship. Details of services and other events and activities are all in this booklet. If you still have questions, please do give our friendly team a call in the parish office during weekday office hours – they would be delighted to help you.

Coming to church for the first time can be a very daunting experience but please feel free to join in at your own 'pace'. There are no rules at all about where you sit or how you dress or how much you need to understand about the Christian faith. Just come as you are and (even if the sermon doesn't do anything for you!) enjoy a cup of coffee with us after the service.

Our hope is that visitors will glimpse the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and the joy of knowing him. Why not consider joining us?

Richard Wilson (Vicar) and Kate Capper (Associate Vicar)

Revd Richard Wilson (Vicar)
Revd Kate Capper (Associate Vicar)
of St Mary's with the Heath Church



Our Community: A 'Snapshot'

Over 60 women regularly attend our **Jigsaw Women's Group** on a Wednesday morning to grow in faith and friendship.

We now regularly host a **Winter Night Shelter** at St Mary's providing refuge for homeless people through the coldest months of the year.

Over 550 adults and children attend one of our **3 Sunday Services** each week.

We run many **Courses** each year at St Mary's from discipleship & bible study programmes to Parenting, Marriage Preparation & Restored Lives courses for the divorced & separated.

Between 40 and 50 guests attend our annual **Alpha Course.**

We support a number of **Mission Partner Individuals and Families** around the world and have funded many overseas projects including a health centre & girls safe house in Burundi, East Africa.

We get over 60,000 visitors through our **Church Centre** during

We have over 2,000 visitors each year at our Christmas **Market.**

We have 530 **Children and Young People** signed up for our children's groups.

Our **Easter Project Community Meal** (organised by volunteers) serves a free 2-course lunch tor around 80 people every Saturday through the year with over 120 guests joining us for a Christmas Day Celebration Lunch.

Holiday@Home is a week-long program of events through the summer for local people, bringing people together for workshops, visits and activities over the holiday period. Up to 100 people attend the different activities over the week.

Our Purpose

‘Building a Community to Reach a Community with the Love of God’

Our Part : We believe that God has called us into PARTNERSHIP with him to see our Parish & Wider Community TRANSFORMED by His Love. We are committed to playing our part as …

A WELCOMING Community

A church that seeks to be open & accessible to all, inviting everyone to experience God’s infinite love & welcome.

A Caring Community in which the needs of others are recognised and acted upon.

A LIVING & LIVELY Community

In which REAL LIFE is shared, lived out & celebrated

Where life in all its fullness (John 10:10) is something we work towards together

Where worship is marked by a sense of God’s presence & life-changing power.

A SHARING Community

Where LIFE, FAITH & HOPE are freely shared & lived out in our wider community

An OUTWARD looking, mission minded community that cares for the needs of others.

A church that seeks to live out the gospel message of love, of freedom, of equality and of justice, both locally & globally.

A church where generosity flows in response to God’s generosity - where all are encouraged to give as well as receive.

A GROWING Community

A church with a desire to know God better, where there is a hunger to engage with the Bible & to grow in prayer & service

A community with a desire to learn with & from each other as fellow disciples of Jesus Christ.

A church growing spiritually & numerically, & growing in confidence as we experience God working in & through us in his world.

Our Church Services

*During these services the children begin in church then go to their

St Mary's Church

Our Normal Sunday Services Pattern

9.00am	Traditional Holy Communion following the Book of Common Prayer	
10.30am	1st Sunday	All Age Service
	2nd & 4th Sunday	Holy Communion *
	3rd Sunday	Morning Praise *
	5th Sunday	All Age Communion
6.30pm	Evening Praise (Holy Communion 1st Sunday)	

* For these services children and young people join the service at the start and then are invited to join age related groups in the Church Centre or St Mary's School. See 'Children and Youth' section for details.

Weekday Services

Tots Praise	10.00am	Term Time (See 'Children and Youth' for details)
Choral Evensong	5.00pm	Most Mondays & Thursdays during term time with St Mary's Prep School Choir

The 9am Sunday Service follows the Church of England Lectionary Readings as the basis for the sermon, with thematic sermon series at the 10.30 and 6.30 services. Each service has its own style with a more traditional 9am service, a blend of older organ led hymns and band led newer songs at the 10.30 and a more contemporary feel to the 6.30 (which is occasionally held in the Church Centre). Coffee & Tea are served before the 10.30 and 6.30 Services (and after the 10.30 service).

The Heath Church

Morning services are held at 10:30am every week.

Evening services are held at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. In the winter months evening services are held monthly at 4pm. Please check our Heath service programme for latest information.

The Heath Church on Flanchford Road, Reigate Heath is part of the Parish of Reigate. The congregation includes many (though by no means all) who are retired and who enjoy the slightly more traditional worship style and the more intimate setting of a smaller church than St Mary's.

The morning services make use of both the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship liturgies. The evening service makes use of a wide variety of liturgies, sometimes including more contemplative approaches from other traditions including Celtic Prayer and Taize.

Whilst the Vicar of St Mary's is also the Vicar of the Heath Church, it is generally overseen by one of our Associate Vicars.

The Mill Church

The Mill Church on Reigate Heath (next to the Golf Club Club-House) is thought to be the only windmill in England consecrated as a church. Like the Heath Church, it falls within the Parish of Reigate. Regular monthly services are held in the Mill Church during the summer on a Sunday evening, as well as occasional services throughout the year. The church also holds a popular afternoon Christmas Carol Service each December. See our Heath Service Programme for latest information.

Special Services

Baptism & Confirmation

We welcome enquiries about **Baptisms** (sometimes known as Christenings) of either children or adults, or services of **Thanksgiving** for the birth of a baby. **Infant Baptism** is a joyful event that takes place during our family services (on the first Sunday of each month).

Services of Adult Baptism are normally held at least twice a year, and a **Confirmation** service (following a short preparation course) is arranged annually with one of our Bishops, normally in conjunction with other local churches.

Weddings

We welcome enquiries about being married at St Mary's. Getting married in church is a wonderful way to start married life, welcoming God to be at the centre of your new life together. There are quite clear national guidelines about who can & cannot get married in a particular parish church – normally you will need either to be resident in the parish or regularly worship with us and be on our electoral roll.

More details on weddings and baptisms can be obtained from the Vicar's PA,

St Mary's in the Community

24/7 Prayer

24/7 Prayer week is held in the Church each year generally in the week before Easter. During this week the church is open 24/7 for people to come to pray quietly and reflect. It's a time when we all have the opportunity to 'draw aside' and spend time in God's Presence. Jesus, himself often drew aside on his own to spend time with his Father. The focus changes each year & there are plenty of materials to draw you in to contemplative prayers.

Bellringers meet on Wednesdays at 7.45pm for practice, and the team have the pleasure of ringing for services on almost every Sunday during the year as well as on special occasions. There are opportunities for people new to bellringing to start to learn. Newcomers & visitors are always welcome on practice night or on Sundays.

Community at the Centre meets weekly on Thursdays at 10.30am and has a varied programme of talks, activities , lunches and a monthly Communion service, to which all are welcome. It's an excellent opportunity to get to know new people.

Community Debt Advice

Run in conjunction with other local services, our Community Debt Advice service offers practical, non-judgmental, free help to those who need it.

Cuppa Club takes place at the Heath Church on the fourth Thursday morning of the month. We enjoy light refreshments and have themed sessions such as poetry, gardening, WW1 etc. as well as gentle quizzes and fun activities. Everyone is welcome whether a church member or not.

Easter Project

Easter Project hosts a free 2-course meal for all-comers every Saturday of the year from 12 noon. The project has been running for over six years now and there is a really strong sense of community each week as between 60 & 80 people come to enjoy a meal prepared by volunteers. Easter Project also celebrate on Christmas Day with a wonderful celebration, meal and entertainment for around 120 guests.

Football Wed 7.30 to 8.30 for people who are 16 years old and above. Join us for 5-a-side in the Prep School Gym. It's a fun way to get the different generations together.

Global Café An international coffee morning for anyone who speaks another language or who comes from another part of the world. The café runs every 3rd Thursday of the month from 10-12 in the Church Centre.

Holiday At Home A week of fun activities and outings aimed at anyone who cannot get away for a holiday.

Lunch Is Served

Enjoy a 2 course home-cooked lunch in the Church Centre. The start time is 12.30pm and the cost is £7.50 per head. Lunch is served once a month, usually on the first Monday, Please book in advance by calling 221100 or email admin@stmaryreigate.org

Pop Up Restaurants happen through the year at St Mary's. A wonderful 3-course meal is served in the lovely setting of our Church Centre.

Vintage Afternoon Tea happens monthly in the church centre on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2.30pm. Those who come along are treated to a lavish afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes & treats & a very warm welcome.

Walking Together is a walking group that meets for country walks at different times through the year.

Winter Night Shelter

St Mary's regularly hosts the local winter night shelter for a number of nights over the coldest months of Winter. Guests are welcomed with an evening meal prepared by and shared with volunteers who are on hand to provide companionship and support. At the end of the season it is hoped to have found a way forward for the guests to find more permanent shelter through other organisations.

More Information

See our website www.stmaryreigate.org or our weekly newsletter 'Pew News' for details of all that's going on. If you would like Pew News emailed to you each week, email admin@stmaryreigate.org

If you don't see a group you're interested in why not talk to us about starting one up?! There are new groups starting up all the time.

Courses at St Mary's

The following are amongst the courses run on a regular basis through the year:

Alpha

The Alpha Course is a wonderful means of introducing people to the basics of the Christian faith and inviting them to explore and investigate spirituality and faith in a safe and supportive environment. The course runs for 9 or 10 weeks and includes a free delicious meal, a talk on a different aspect of the Christian Faith each week and a chance to discuss, debate, listen and disagree with others in a small group where no question is 'out of bounds'. At St Mary's we have seen many come to faith through the course as well as many more grow in their understanding of their faith.

Lent & Advent Courses

These interactive courses, often led by Rev Mike Fox, take place twice a year at the Heath Church on a Thursday morning. They are open to anyone who is interested. The subjects covered so far include: The Passion according to St John; "Is Everything Going to Get Better?" (II Thessalonians); "Psalmotherapy" (Psalms); "The Confessions of St Augustine"; "The Bible and Poetry" (A Pilgrimage with George Herbert); "Jesus in Jerusalem"; "Sacred Places".

Man with a Pan

A 4-week beginners cookery course which runs annually at St Mary's, open to all who'd like to improve their cooking skills. People are invited to come along & learn to prepare a 2-course meal to take home with them at the end of the session. Women are also welcome!

Marriage Course

We periodically run a Marriage Course at St Mary's. The course is run over 7 weeks and is aimed to help couples grow closer and build healthy, enriched relationships to last a lifetime. Participants enjoy a romantic, candlelit meal whilst listening to practical talks that are both informal and fun. There is no group work on the course & no sharing anything about your relationship with anyone apart from your partner.

Marriage Preparation Course

This course is offered to all couples getting married in St Marys. A very informal three session course where couples are invited to take time out from busy wedding preparation and consider the bigger picture. We discuss such topics as the importance of good communication, spending time together and finances, along with the more tricky things like dealing with in-laws! The course is light-hearted and fun whilst also focussing on the importance of Christian marriage.

Men's & Women's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9.45am during term time. Ladies' Bible Study meets on Friday at 9.30am during term time. The studies are fully interactive with plenty of opportunity to raise questions. The group meets at the Perretts' home, "Charys", Chart Lane (just down the hill from Reigate St Mary's Church Centre). All are welcome on the appropriate day.

Parenting Courses

St Mary's annually run parenting courses for parents of children 0-10 and a separate Parenting Teenagers Course. The courses typically run for 5 weeks.

Recovery Course

The Recovery Course is designed to bring freedom to men and women who are struggling with addictions that are causing significant problems in their life, who want to invest in their road to recovery. The course has proved itself effective in helping people with a broad range of addictions, such as drugs, alcohol, pornography, sex, gambling, self-harming, over-eating or other related compulsive behaviours.

Restored Lives Course & Support Group

Over the past years since starting in 2007, we have helped over 70 people to recover from the effects of divorce and separation. We are now running one course a year in September. The Support Group provides continuity after the course has finished, and a safe haven for people that need support when the course is not

Children and Youth

There are activities for children and youth throughout the week.

SUNDAYS

Unless it's an All-Age Service (the 1st Sunday of each month) at the 10.30am Sunday Service, we have the following groups running:

- Crèche (0-18 months old)
- Totzone (18 months – 3 years old)
- Sparklers (3-4 years old)
- Fireworks (Reception school year)
- Beacons (School Years 1 & 2)
- Lasers (School Years 3 & 4)
- Lighthouses (School Years 5 & 6)
- Pathfinders (School Years 7 to 9)

Children and **young people in years 1 to 6** meet in a variety of ways on a Sunday morning. There is a Solar Special that takes place once a month, involving sports, games and circus skills. There are times of joint group worship and also times when groups meet separately for bible exploration, fun, activities and growing together.

Young People in **Years 10 – 13** are encouraged to attend the 10.30am and/or 6.30pm services. There are many opportunities to serve at these services: helping with the children's groups, leading worship, leading prayers and so on.

Children and Young People are very important to us at St Mary's, and our vision is to see them leading Christ-centred lives.

On **Sunday mornings**, there is a 'Burnt Breakfast and Bible' session for Years 7-13 from 9-10am and Pathfinders (Years 7-9 meet from 11-12pm.

MIDWEEK

Tot's Praise

Monday 10.00am in term time in the Church

Children and parents can come and meet Monty Mouse at Tots' Praise, our fun group for Pre-schoolers. We enjoy songs, stories, games and craft (and tea and coffee for parents and carers!).

WELCOMING ALL: We aim to do our very best to make the groups for children and young people accessible to all and have provision in place to support those with additional needs. Please do contact Lynn Lobb for more information or to chat through any specific

Year 5 & 6 Satellite Group

Wednesday 4.00 to 5.00pm in term time
In the Church Centre.
We enjoy the Tuck Shop, games, chats and laughter whilst learning about God, ourselves and each other.

Year 7 & 8 Satellite Group

Wednesday (5.15-6.30pm) in term time
In the Church Centre.
The Young People are encouraged to go deeper in their faith as they have fun, learn and eat chocolate (and healthy food too!).

Year 9-13 Satellite Group

Wednesdayday 7.30-9.00pm in term time in the Church Centre.
We start off with a social time (including Tuck Shop) and then take a look at an issue, topic or passage from the Bible and explore what it means to us as Christians in the 21st Century.
We often have times to reflect, pray and wait on the Holy Spirit.
We do enjoy a good social too and have enjoyed Campfires, Human Hungry Hippos, and Slip 'n' Slide night.

Bumps and Babies

Wednesday 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Church Centre
Our bumps and babies group meets each week allowing parents and prospective parents to connect & socialise.

Toddler Group

Friday 10am in term time
In the Church Centre
Affiliated to St Mary's is the **Toddler Group.** Any pre-school age children and newcomers are welcome. Sessions cost £2 per family including refreshments.

Girls Brigade

Friday 6.00-7.30pm in the Church Centre
At St Mary's we have a thriving Girls Brigade Company for girls aged 5-18. Girls Brigade is an international organisation with a common purpose; to seek, serve and follow Christ in all we do.

TRIPS AWAY

We regularly do trips away with the youth at St Mary's. Annually we take the youth year 9-13's to Soul Survivor and have trips to Carroty Wood with the Year 7s and 8s. Soul Survivor is a 5 day event at the East England Showground where we spend time worshipping God and getting to know Him better.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our groups soon!

Get Involved

We are always keen to welcome adults (including parents) to help in our children's groups on Sundays or through the week. If you can offer an hour or two to help each month or if you con help with the setup & packing away for sessions then please contact one of our Children and Youth Leaders or the Parish Office .

Karen Girdler

Charles Merritt

Martin Saunders

St Mary's at Home

We are so fortunate that St Mary's is a large and lively church. But that means we need to be intentional in developing deep and supportive friendships. We also need to make sure we are taking good care of each other. There are lots of different ways to do that listed on these next few pages. If you have been at St Mary's a while or you are thinking of making your home with us, here are some ways of going deeper.

Life Groups

are a great way of meeting with other Christians in a small group setting to encourage one another in growing as disciples of Jesus. As with much of life one size does not fit all and so every group has its own character. With all the groups key elements are getting to know one another better and praying for each other, studying the Bible or a course related to Christian life and also trying to look outwards in mission and service. We currently have a total of 29 Life Groups at St. Mary's.

If you would like to join a Life Group we would love to help find the right group for you! It really is a great way to get to know others and grow in your faith. To find out more please do have a chat with Helen Fraser our Associate Vicar who heads up our Life Groups.

Pastoral care

Who cares?

St Mary's and the Heath are committed to playing our part as a "caring community in which the needs of others are recognised and acted upon". This happens in a range of ways across the parish – lots of which are outlined elsewhere. The whole church community is encouraged to "love our neighbours as ourselves" and much of our caring for each other goes on day by day without fanfare but with a great deal of love – it is so encouraging to see! Many of these caring relationships arise because somewhere along the line, folks have joined one of the many different groups within the church and made deep and lasting friendships as a result. Whether that's gathering around a particular task or meeting in a Home group, these connections are invaluable – in a large church like St Mary's it can otherwise be difficult to make such friendships. So perhaps take time to read this booklet prayerfully – how does God want you to be cared for in the context of St Mary's and the Heath, and where is he asking you to care for others?

Amity

is an outward looking group specifically for people from any background who happen to be on their own, for whatever reason (even if just for a weekend!). Amity stands for 'friendship and fellowship' and the group meets frequently to enjoy both of these together with fun and plenty of food. Why not come and join us for a pub lunch, trip to the cinema, country walk, a weekend away and more? Everyone welcome.

Bereavement Support Group

meets every 4th Friday at the Church Centre providing support for those coping with bereavement whether recent or not.

Bless Reigate

A dedicated team from St Mary's goes out in all weathers, for an hour each week, covering a designated route to pray God's blessing over the Parish. There are also others who are less able to walk, who pray from their homes.

Each week an email is sent to all taking part with the specific focus for the prayer that week along with some relevant Bible verses. We would always welcome more people to join the team.

Carers' Support

meet monthly on a Monday afternoon for mutual support, encouragement, information and prayer for those

St Mary's at Home

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whose duties for another person go well beyond normal responsibilities. Caring for another is hugely demanding with often little respite with restrictions on personal freedom. All Carers and recent past carers are welcome to a confidential friendly atmosphere.

Churches Together

Churches of all denominations across Reigate and Redhill meet to worship together under the banner of 'Church in the Park' most years, a wonderful opportunity to get together for worship in the beautiful surroundings of one of our local parks.

Lending Library

We have a small library of Bibles, Christian books and study materials in the chancel at the rear of the church which are available to anyone who would like to borrow them.

Men @ St Mary's

There is an active Men's Ministry at St Mary's promoting fellowship and discipleship amongst the men in our church and in the wider community. Activities include Sat@Breakfast a monthly breakfast meet-up, weekly football and a series of talks & events throughout the year.

NewWine
Local churches changing nations

New Wine

Each year a group go from St Mary's to the New Wine Summer Christian Festi-

val. An opportunity for hearing inspirational speakers & getting together with others to worship & grow in faith.

Parent's Library

We have gathered a library of books and resources useful for parents which are available on loan from the Church Centre.

Women's Ministry

This group is for all women in St Mary's, from teenagers to those in their nineties, to encourage, support and build them up in their faith. We meet once a term, locally in Reigate, as well as attending conferences for women held in London by Premier Radio and New Wine. Events include Women's Breakfasts & Evening events with testimonies & talks from inspirational speakers.

Jigsaw

As part of our Women's Ministry, Jigsaw meets on Wednesday mornings from 9.45am – 11.30am and is for all women who want to grow in faith and friendship. We meet mainly in small groups and 5 times a term as a big group.
Jigsaw is aimed at learning to receive, hear, believe, adore, follow and obey Jesus Christ.

Worship, prayer and studying the Bible have brought us into closer "living room intimacy" with Jesus. Jigsaw meets either in the church centre (where there is a crèche facility) or in homes. All women are welcome to join us at big group and in small groups.

St Mary's Global

Supporting God's Mission Around the World

GO

Long-term Mission – we have a number of mission partners serving God overseas and would love to hear from anyone who feels God may be calling them into long-term mission work.

Short-term mission – there are many opportunities for people of all ages to go on a short-term mission trip, whether on a gap-year, sabbatical, or summer holiday. This might be using your skills (medical, teaching, construction etc.) or just giving a helping hand and sharing God's love where needed.

ENGAGE

We can get involved with overseas mission without leaving Reigate, by:

Supporting campaigns on international social issues such as human trafficking and the persecuted church

giving to/fundraising for international charities such as child sponsorship schemes, and encouraging your workplace/school/college to do the same

buying fairly-traded goods – the shopping choices we make in the UK make a difference around the world

PRAY

Please pray for our mission partners around the world, for our overseas projects in Jordan and Burundi, and for Christians facing persecution for their faith. Watch out for regular updates for prayer in Pew News, our weekly newsletter, on the church website, or sign up for email bulletins from organisations such as Release International, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, and International Justice Mission.

Through donations from the Community Building Project (CBP), we have funded the construction of a girls' safe house in Gitega, Burundi (opened July 2014), a toddler day-care centre, also in Gitega, and a church community building project in Mafraq, Jordan, to support both the local population and Syrian refugees.

Please continue to pray for these projects and for our mission partners: Pascal and Janet Fresard with Wycliffe Bible Translaters; Bruce and Sarah Clark with Tearfund; Tim and Cath Morris with World Horizons; Paul and Alison Guinness in Burundi; Helen Burningham in Uganda with CMS;

Fairtrade

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives. We seek to build awareness of Fairtrade at St Mary's by selling a wide range of Fairtrade produce during several services and special events throughout the year. With your support we'll be benefiting the communities involved.

Music and Worship

One of the joys of St Mary's as a thriving parish church is that we are able to resource such a variety of services and events with different styles of worship – but most importantly, all pointing towards God.

Our worship is supported by the stylistic breadth of our musicians, from the more traditional right through to the most contemporary. There are 40-50 regular volunteer musicians and technicians who enable all this to happen, with a variety of ages and backgrounds represented.

The Worship Team provides music and technical support for our corporate acts of worship and groups that meet during the week. This includes Sundays (with three services at St Mary's), Tot's Praise, Jigsaw, Open House, Weddings, Funerals, festivals such as Christmas and Easter, things like 24/7 prayer week and many, many more.

Much of what we are doing is geared specifically to these 'worship moments', however there are also plenty of opportunities for us to develop our skills.
We have recently spent some time together as a team (and resourcing teams from other local churches) doing the Worship Central Course. This has brought about more opportunities for us to meet together away from the preparation of events and services, and to spend time just seeking God, dwelling in His presence and being inspired by the Spirit as we worship freely.
We're excited to see how God will continue to reveal himself through these times together.

Music has enormous power to engage the emotions, and the Bible resounds with praise and thanks to God through music.

Sunday services:

The music at the 9am service each Sunday is traditional, usually consisting of hymns accompanied by the organ or piano. The St Mary's Prep School choirboys join us on occasion to help lead us in our sung worship and to sing a solo anthem as we reflect.

Our 10:30am service music seeks to reach a wide variety of tastes, with contemporary worship music and all-age songs led by the band, along with some of the best of traditional hymns sometimes led by the organ.

The 6:30pm service embraces a more modern atmosphere with a more informal style and a longer time for sung worship, led by the band.
Once a month this service is in the

Church Centre which lends itself to a more acoustic band style.

Christmas Music: The church is buzzing with extra music around Christmas time.

We have a children's choir who come together to lead us at the All-Age Carols service each year.

The Contemporary Carols Service sees more of the youth involved and some opportunity for extra people to be involved in our contemporary worship.

The Carols by Candlelight brings together a choir of about 40 adults who lead us in traditional carols and also perform a number of beautiful traditional choral anthems.

Easter Choir: At Easter we bring together an all-age family friendly choir to lead us in celebration on Easter

Get Involved

If you're a competent singer or musician we would love to hear from you. Running the sound and visuals for a Sunday or midweek gathering requires skill and precision. If you are handy with computers, know your way around a sound desk, or even if you are just keen to learn, let us know. Please do be praying for God's provision and if you are interested in joining our Worship Team, please contact Ali Foulkes.

morning, along with the lively worship band and the organ.

So why are we doing this?

We believe that we're created to be worshipping beings. God calls us to worship Him, and music has played a big part in this throughout the ages and can be seen in the Bible. We can use hymns and songs to express praise, thanksgiving, prayer, intercession, adoration, the desires of our hearts and much more. We're also made as creative beings and music demonstrates this.

We're not just doing this because we like singing, playing and 'tech-ing', but we want to encourage others to worship too. We're not striving to be performers, but facilitators, ushering people into a fresh experience of God's love.

Our hope and prayer is that we can continue to go deeper in our worship, marked by a sense of God's presence; to provide an environment for all to come as they are, to facilitate an engagement and journey between the congregation and God the Father, Je-

Our Wider Community

Cranston Library

An historic library located within the church and founded by a former Vicar of Reigate.

The Trustees welcome many visitors to the library throughout the year, including during Heritage Open Day in September and the annual lecture in October.

Reigate Decorative and Fine Arts Society runs a very successful conservation project aimed at maintaining this historic library of books.

Do visit the library website, www.cranstonlibraryreigate.com, for more information.

The Godfrey Searle Choir

This historic choir sings Matins every Tuesday and Friday at 8.40 in term time, and Evensong every Monday and Thursday at 5.00pm. It also sings occasionally at the 9.00 am Holy Communion service. The choristers are pupils at Reigate St Mary's School and Reigate Grammar School. Come along for a musical treat and spiritual uplift!

National Heritage Open Day

The purpose of Heritage open Days is to make local people (and those from further afield), aware of what interesting features exist in the locality.

Both St Mary's and the Heath Church open all day to welcome visitors to these buildings of historic interest.

SparkFish

SparkFish is a local Christian charity working in most schools in the area whose vision is to inspire young people in faith hope and love. There are 6 strands of work: RE, clubs, prayer spaces, Personal, Social & Health education, mentoring and events for staff and parents. See the website for more details www.sparkfish.org.uk

Welcare

Welcare's team of Social Worker, Family Support Workers and Outreach Workers work one-to-one with referred families with young children throughout East Surrey to address specific issues of concern. For more information on the range of services we offer, visit the new East Surrey pages of our website at www.welcare.org.

Community Building Project

The Project Vision— 4 Elements, 1 Project

overseas mission projects
rebuilt organ
refurbished church building
new church centre

The Community Building Project has been running for several years and was initiated to fund the above elements in order to further the following aims of the church:

New and extended relationships with the wider church in the developing world, supporting their mission within their local community through providing buildings, resources and encouragement.

St Mary's Church Centre offering a variety of practical and welcoming accommodation for administration, pastoral care, teaching and social activities, securing our children's activities in one place and enabling informal worship in a modern and creative setting for our growing church family.

St Mary's church in use throughout the week and accessible to all as a beautiful, functional and flexible space for worship, welcome, outreach, rest, reflection, prayer and fellowship.

A historic organ fully restored to its original tone, reliably producing wonderful music to support our worship in the church.

The project is a means to an end, rather than an end in itself. The goal is to develop resources that will be available for many decades to come in our mission to Reigate.

Progress

Very significant progress has been made in the last few years with the vast majority of the project now complete, thanks to a wonderful outpouring of generosity from within the church family. The Church building has been refurbished with new flooring, toilets, comfortable seating and a much needed sound system. Our new church centre, completed in November 2014, provides fantastic resources both for St Mary's and also the wider community. Several overseas projects have been funded through the project (see 'St Mary's Global'). The main element remaining is the restoration of our historic and very impressive pipe organ.

What Can I Do?

***Pray** for the project, for the PCC and the project teams that they may make wise decisions and that funds would be released through St Mary's, trusts and events.*
***Give:** please prayerfully consider what you could give towards the remaining cost of the project.*
***Contribute** time and energy through fundraising events.*

JOINING IN

If you have decided to make St Mary's your home we would love to hear from you and help you connect with groups and activities that are right for you. Please email: admin@stmaryreigate.org

Contribute

As you have read through this 'Welcome Booklet' you will have realised we are a large parish blessed with an active mission and ministry aiming to 'Build a community to reach a community with the love of God'

However, supporting our ministries, mission partners, staff and the buildings comes with a cost. Our main source of income is us. It is the generosity of the church family which enables us to do all this. From the earliest followers of Jesus, members of the church family have given of their time and money. It is no different today. In the words Jesus himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20.25).
Please consider your giving prayerfully 'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor.9:7)

You can give in different ways e.g. the offertory at our Sunday services but please consider setting up a **regular standing order** which many of our church family have done. It is very helpful in planning for our future commitments.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete a **Gift Aid Declaration.** The appropriate forms can be found at the back of church, on the church website or from the Parish Office.

Could you Consider a Legacy?

A gift in your Will ensures that the work of building a strong and vibrant Christian community in the heart of Reigate can continue for future generations. Please contact: finance@stmaryreigate.org

Giving Your Time

Giving some of your time and talents to the work of the church is a great way to bless others and to meet more people in the church family. If you have a specific skill or an idea, we would love to hear from you.

Can you spare an hour a month?
Why not consider...
- Joining a coffee rota
- Joining the flower team

Can you spare two hours a month?
Why not consider...
- Helping at a Youth Group
- Helping in crèche
- Becoming a steward
- Joining an Easter Project Team

Can you spare some time but can't commit to a regular slot?
Why not consider...
- Cutting out craft activities at home
- Helping with services at busy times
- Help cover the Parish Office during holiday periods
- Help with giving lifts

What is your passion? Could you help in any of the areas listed below? :

Youth Group Leader or Helper (Sunday evening)
Youth Cell Group Leader or Helper (Monday or Wednesday evening)
Children's Cell Group Leader or Helper (Monday afternoon)
Children's Group Leader or Helper (Sunday morning)
Cooking Meals (one-off or regular)
Marketing & Publicity
Producing High Quality Video Clips
Website Support
Social Media Support
Debt Counselling
Befriending
Babysitting
Administration
Finance
Leading Services in Care Homes
Events Organisation
Sports Leader
Gardening
Maintenance
Cleaning
Decorating
Musician
Sound Desk Operators
Visuals Operators
Minibus Driving
Puppetry
Craft Preparation
Stewarding
Flower Arranging
Serving Tea and Coffee
Offering Lifts to those in need
Librarian (Church lending library)
Traidcraft
Event Set Up and Clear Up

To find out about volunteering at St Mary's please contact Viv Hawes in the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you!

Contact Us

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