

September

to

DECEMBER

at GK Church

Sunday 2 September, 10:45am

St Mary's

Summer Fun and 'Blessing book bags'

As the holidays draw to an end, there's a final Summer Fun out on the Glebe Field for children (and adults who fancy it). In church we're starting a new sermon series on the book of James and in Time Together we'll be blessing book bags and back packs before school starts this week - bring your school bag with you.

Friday 7 September, 9:00 - 11:00am

St Mary's

Cafe Toddlers starts again

Coffee, cake, chat for the grown-ups and toys, crafts and fun for pre-school aged children. Every Friday from 9-11. No need to book, just turn up.

Friday 7 September, 7:30pm

The Parsley's House

Youth Group end of summer party

The first Youth Group of term (and the sun will be shining) and we're off for fun at the Parsleys. Contact carolineturveygk@gmail.co.uk for details and to tell us you're coming.

Saturday 8 September, 12:00-3:00pm,

The Vicarage

Churches Together BBQ

A chance to get to know our friends at the Roman Catholic Church on Beresford Road. Anyone without previous links to Churches Together would be particularly welcome. Please contact hugh.nelson@ymail.com to let us know if you're coming so we know how many burgers to cook.

Sunday 9 September, 10:45am

St Mary's

Sunday Club returns

After a break for the summer holidays, Sunday Club is back! Six groups for children and teenagers aged 0-18. Check the website for details.

Sunday 9 September, 5:00pm

St Mary's

The 5 O'clock

The first 5 O'clock of term. It's relaxed, informal and full of uplifting worship and prayer with the chance to hear someone from the church community

share about their 'Words of Life' - the bible passage that means most to them. And there will be biscuits.

Wednesday 12 September, 4:00-6:30pm

St Mary's

Blend

The popular weekly pop up Cafe for young people in years 7 to 10 starts again today - and then every Wednesday. Toast, milkshakes, games, craft, homework help and lots of time to hang out with your mates. Contact carolineturveygk@gmail.co.uk for details or just turn up.

Saturday 15 September, 10:00-4:00pm

Church Rooms, Goudhurst

Be still & be healed: Prayer Ministry Training Day

A day of teaching on prayer, and especially prayer for healing. Come and learn more about how to pray with and for others, with the opportunity to have someone pray for you. Led by Rev Canon Sarah Chapman, Director of the Diocesan Healing Centre. Book on the Church website www.gkchurch.org

Sunday 16 September, 6:30pm

Christ Church

Choral Evensong

End the weekend with a beautiful traditional service of sung evensong, led by the choir.

Saturday 22 September, 9:00am-4:00pm

Church Rooms, Goudhurst

First Aid training day

Learn the basics of First Aid. Aimed at anyone in the church community who works with other people - Sunday Club, Sidespeople, Bellringers, Cafe Toddlers - or anything else. Book a place with carolineturveygk@gmail.co.uk

Sunday 23 September, 3:00pm

St Mary's Frittenden

Deanery Confirmation Service

Join Christians from across the local churches to support adults and young people as they declare their faith and are confirmed by Bishop Trevor. Please note that the service takes place at Frittenden Church.

Wednesday 26 September, 7:30pm

St Mary's

School of Theology

In partnership with St Paul's Theological Centre we are hosting a second term of their introduction to theology course. Listen to a high quality talk with the chance for discussion afterwards. The School of Theology runs for 4 weeks (26 Sept, 3, 10, 17 Oct) before a 3 week break and then a further 4 weeks (21, 28 Nov, 5 & 12 Dec). Find out more and book your place on the church website.

Sunday 30 September, 10:45am

St Mary's & Christ Church

Harvest Festival Services

Celebrate the beauty of the world around us and God's wonderful provision. Choose between an engaging, informal all-age Family Service at St Mary's and a traditional Harvest communion service at Christ Church. At Christ Church there will be a celebration lunch after the service. Please note that both services start at 10:45.

Friday 6 & Saturday 7 October, mornings

St Mary's

Connect clothing stall

Connect clothing offers high quality pre-used clothing at very reasonable prices. It will be open at Cafe Toddlers on Friday 6 October and again through the morning of Saturday 7 October, selling a wide range of clothes for all ages, from babies to adults.

Friday 12 - Sunday 14 October

St Bartz retreat centre

Youth Weekend Away

A residential weekend away for young people aged 12-18 full of fun, games, friendship, music, banter, prayer and worship. To find out more and book your place contact carolineturveygk@gmail.co.uk Lots more information to follow.

Sunday 14 October, 5:00pm

St Mary's

The 5 O'clock

The 5 O'clock is relaxed, informal and full of uplifting worship and prayer with the chance to hear someone from the church community share about their 'Words of Life' - the bible passage that means most to them. And there will be biscuits.

Friday 26 October, 2:00pm

St Mary's

Half term film club

Our regular invite to sit back and watch a newly released film on the big screen at St Mary's. Popcorn and refreshments provided. All free and no need to book.

Saturday 27 October, 3:00-5:00pm

St Mary's

Light Party

As the evenings draw in, we're holding a party in church to celebrate God's goodness and brightness. Pre and Primary School aged children are invited to join the fun. There'll be games, music, crafts, children's tea and a short time age appropriate service. Book a place on the church website www.gkchurch.org

Sunday 4 November, 1:00pm

St Mary's

Welcome Lunch

If you've started coming to St Mary's in the last few months, join some longer term members of the church for a simple lunch. Get to know each other and hear about who we are and what we do. Invites to follow.

Sunday 4 November, 4:00pm

St Mary's

All Souls Service

Remember those you love who have died - whether recently or longer ago. A simple and reflective service of music and readings, with the chance to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Email beckyaddisgk@gmail.com or call her on 01580 211739 to have the name of your loved one included in those to be remembered.

Saturday 10 November, 9:30am-1:30pm

St Mary's

Safeguarding training

We take the protection and wellbeing of all our children, young people and vulnerable adults extremely seriously. This training is for anyone who works with children in church - you will receive an invitation to join, or book your place at www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/training/

Sunday 11 November, 5:00pm

St Mary's

The 5 O'clock

The 5 O'clock is relaxed, informal and full of uplifting worship and prayer with the chance to hear someone from the church community share about their 'Words of Life' - the bible passage that means most to them. And there will be biscuits.

Wednesday 14 November, 7:30pm

St Mary's

Cherish

What does it take to keep love alive in a relationship? Led by a couple from Care for the Family, and using a thought provoking video, this evening is for everyone, especially couples and those interested in nurturing their love in the long term. Book your place on the church website, www.gkchurch.org

Sunday 25 November, 5:00pm

St Mary's

Taize Service

Try something new. Taize is Christian community in central France famous for its powerful and beautiful musical style. This service will use this tradition, with simple songs sung as a way into prayer and worship. The service will be reflective, peaceful and profound.

Sunday 2 December, 10:45am

St Mary's

Youth led Family Advent service

Start your Advent with a celebratory service for the whole family, designed and led by the young people of the church.

Sunday 2 December, 6:00pm

Christ Church

Churches Together Advent Carol Service

Led by the choir, this beautiful service of readings, hymns and choral music takes us into the season of Advent.

ALL THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE AND SIGN UP TO GET THE WEEKLY NEWS.

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On 14 November, we're hosting an evening for couples who want to keep their love alive for the long term. Hosted by a couple with years of experience of working with marriage preparation and support, the evening will use Care for the Family video resources to provoke thought and discussion. Book a place at gkchurch.org

The 5 O'clock is a chance to encounter God in prayer and worship. It's informal and relaxed, with music led by the band and the opportunity to hear someone from the church community talk about a passage from the bible that they particularly love.

THE 5 O'CLOCK


StPaul's
Theological Centre
School of Theology

The School of Theology is for people who want to go deeper into their faith. Over 8 sessions, experienced theologians offer lectures on core topics - this term looking at practical issues we face as Christians including *Has science disproved God, capitalism and Christianity, Wealth & Poverty and Politics & Faith*. Each session includes a lecture and follow up discussion together.

Taize is a wonderful, ecumenical Christian community in central France. They welcome tens of thousands of young people every year for a week of prayer, discussion and silence. They have pioneered a particular style of music in which simple sentences of Scripture are sung in a meditative way. This is our first Taize style service. It will be peaceful and contemplative in feel, and will include a time of silent prayer, as well as Scripture and music.



The bells at St Mary's have rung out for hundreds of years. The bellringing team are looking for people who would like to keep the bells ringing out over the village. No previous experience needed. Contact Rosemary Southon on 01580 211 791 to find out more.

As Christmas gets closer, look out for all sorts of ideas and ways to 'Follow the Star', including a community Advent Calendar with local shops and houses hosting the 25 days of Christmas in their windows.

