

Bishop's Gathering for Surrey Heath Deanery

Celebrations and prayer requests

We give thanks for the leadership of Revd Ellen Turtle as Area Dean and are very grateful to representatives of the parishes in Surrey Heath Deanery for submitting the following 'things to celebrate' and prayer requests for use at the Bishop's Gathering hosted by St Barbar's Church, Deepcut on 27 May 2026.

Bagshot St Anne's

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Ellen Turtle as Associate Minister and Area Dean and for the wider team at Bagshot, especially the churchwardens during an extended vacancy.

We pray that our gentle growth will continue, for new initiatives to be fruitful, and for people to deepen their faith as they use their gifts for the community – and for God to help us find the right incumbent for the next chapter of life at St Anne's.

Bisley and West End

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Fiona Simon, the flourishing of both churches and the great expansion in children's and families' ministry led by Jo including the schools-based Kingdom Explorers ministry, Treasure Seekers, Messy Church and her prolific output of knitted dolls!

We pray for growth in the children's and families' team and across the full range of ministry that the church may have the team needed to resource continued growth.

Camberley Heatherside

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Heather Valetta, growth in the congregation and the launch of 'stay and play' with 40 children now attending.

We pray for Heather as she moves to her new ministry in Islington and her wish that the church family may fully grasp the depth of God's love for them as they move into a new chapter in the life of the church.

Camberley St Martin

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Chris Richardson and team, the extensive and fruitful social outreach of St Martin's and the ways in which this is leading to faith and active church involvement. We pray for the people and resources needed to serve the many new Christians in St Martin's.

Camberley St Mary and Camberley St Michael

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Andrew Knowles across both parishes as they work more closely together, and for the increased number of young people drawn by the Holy Spirit, the flourishing mother and toddler group and increased confidence in evangelism following participation in the evangelism hub.

We pray for wisdom for Andrew and the leadership team as they discern next steps in this season of growth and development, and as Andrew prepares for retirement later this year.

Camberley St Paul's

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Ben Perkins (interviewed Ben – got what I need.)

Chobham and Valley End

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Dan Stork Banks and the new people now serving in the church alongside the existing congregation.

Deepcut

We give thanks for the ministry of Rev Daniel Natnael and team, the move into the church building, increased engagement with the community including schools and nursing homes and the current Alpha course with some 30 attendees.

We pray for legal transfer to be completed including the car park, engagement with young people as we find ways to do this with our neighbouring churches, deeper connection with God and each other and continued growth in number, discipleship and community impact.

Frimley

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Sean Beagley and the very successful bi-centenary celebrations.

Frimley Green and Mytchett

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd Suresh Menon and pray for him as he begins his retirement. We pray for the wardens and team through the vacancy, that God will “provide us with another shepherd after His own heart”.

Lightwater

We give thanks for the ministry of Revd David Sigsworth, his gradual return to work following illness and a flourishing children's and families ministry. We pray for David's full recovery and all the team as they share in ministry.

Windlesham

We give thanks for the flourishing of St John's during the vacancy, the leadership of churchwardens, Hannah and Brian, and their teams and the launch of Alpha with 40 guests. We pray for the appointment of the person of God's choosing to lead the church deeper in discipleship and mission.

Youth Catalyst Team

The Youth Catalyst Team would love to serve your church. Do get in contact if you need any youth ministry support, from establishing a youth ministry to training your team, and check out some of the diocesan or more local events that are for your young people. Contact sophie.blake@cofeguildford.org.uk for more information.

Bishop's Prayer Network



Thank you for praying with us this evening. Bishop Paul warmly invites you to join the Prayer Network he is establishing to support a renewed diocese-wide commitment to pray. Please enter your name, email and parish at the address below or scan the QR code, ideally this evening, to receive prayer bulletins.

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