



About St Mary's Fetcham

St Mary's is a Jesus-centred, Spirit-led, lively Anglican church. We are loving, prayerful and joy-filled, with a passion for reaching beyond the walls of our church. Our vision is to see **every life transformed by Jesus**, and our mission is to:



love
God



love
Fetcham



love
the world

Inspired by Jesus, we long to follow his example and his call to us in both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We gather to worship and pray, to learn about God through his word, and to be transformed through God's loving presence. Then we scatter to share God's transformative love and power wherever we live, work or go to school.

Why come to St Mary's for your curacy?

You will be joining a collaborative and creative team which includes our Rector (who will be your Training Incumbent), Associate Minister/Pioneer Community Worker, Youth Minister, Children & Families Worker, Operations Manager, and Administrator. We also have a priest living in our parish who ministers with us regularly and he is a Chaplain at a local school. Working alongside the team will provide opportunities to learn from a range of ministries while contributing your own gifts, experience, and strengths.

St Mary's offers a variety of worship styles, including BCP and Common Worship Communion services, informal band-led worship, Messy Church, and a monthly service in a local dementia care home. This will provide experience in leading and preaching across different contexts.

There are a variety of Youth and Families ministries to experience and contribute to, and we have excellent links with our local preschool, infant and junior schools.

The parish offers regular opportunities to lead occasional offices with several funerals each year (both at church and at the local crematorium), baptisms, and occasional weddings. We have a Pastoral Team and we run a Bereavement Café, which will enable you to practise delivering pastoral care.

St Mary's is an outward-looking church with Community-focused groups such as The Community Fridge, Repair Café, Afternoon Tea for elders, Messy Church, Footprints (toddler group), Hear Here (hearing aid) clinic, and Youth Drop-In. Invitational community events are also a regular feature here and we are an Eco-Church, currently with our Silver Award and working towards Gold.

During your curacy there will be opportunities to manage volunteers, to plan and deliver missional events, and to run discipleship groups or courses. You will also be encouraged to contribute strategically to our ministry and mission, and you will be part of our Standing Committee and PCC.

What's Fetcham like and where will I be living?

The village of Fetcham is a great place to live with a real sense of community, beautiful surroundings, local shops and good schools. It is surrounded by Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but also has easy access to urban areas, London and the M25 by road. Although Fetcham doesn't have its own train station, regular direct trains into central London run through nearby Leatherhead.

The curate's house is a beautiful 5-bedroom detached house with enclosed garden, situated next to one of Fetcham's recreation grounds and only a 2-minute walk from our local parade of shops.

The local schools are excellent, with the preschool, infant school and junior school only a 5-10 minute walk away. There are very good secondary schools (both state and public) just a cycle-ride or short drive away.



What are we looking for?

The team and church family at St Mary's are committed to your growth and development as a priest. We are praying for a curate who loves Jesus, has a good sense of humour, and is passionate about mission. We hope to welcome someone who is servant-hearted, eager to learn and grow, able to take responsibility and work independently, while also valuing collaboration and being part of a team.



Throughout your curacy, you will be supported as you develop in confidence. There will be opportunities to observe, reflect, lead, contribute creatively, and gradually take on greater responsibility as you are ready. Our prayer is that you will complete your curacy well equipped for wherever God calls you next, with a strong foundation of training and experience for the ministry and mission ahead.

Interested?

For an informal conversation please contact Revd Leah Bates (Rector): rector@stmarysfetcham.org.uk. If you would like to be formally considered for this post, please email our DDO, Craig Holmes: craig.holmes@cofeguildford.org.uk. Please include your Stage 2 Panel Report, interim college report, letter of release, a CV including work & ministry experience, and a letter as to why you are being called to apply for this curacy.