

Michaelmas day 2013

Dear friend,

I am very excited about everything that's going on in our church at the moment, and all the plans that are coming together. That's what I'll be talking about in my address at all the services on 29 September.

As part of this, I've listed below some of the key areas in which our church needs the help of volunteers in the hope that you may be able to respond.

A growing church needs people who get involved in all the different aspects of church life. Maybe this is something you've been thinking about for a while, but weren't sure what you might be able to offer. Or perhaps you hadn't considered whether you could take part in a new way, but something jumps out at you from this page. Either way, please read this flyer, and pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire our whole church so we can continue to grow and to do God's will in Ewell.

There's a contact next to each section, but please feel free to talk to me personally about any or all of these roles, if you have any ideas, or would like to get involved in any other part of church life. My number is 0208 393 1297. It would be great to chat on the phone, or to visit you at home.

Best of all, the things below aren't just essential to the life of St Mary's: most of them are also fulfilling and enjoyable. So don't miss out!



Children's Activities

Would you like to join our team of people who are involved in children's activities? This could range from involvement at the twice-yearly fun days to one of our weekly toddler groups. • The toddler groups urgently need more support if we are to carry on running three each week, both leaders and helpers. • Children's Hour, which meets during the Sunday 9.30am service, would also be interested to hear from anyone who might be able to help occasionally.

Contact: Gilda Everson 01372 721556

Church & Churchyard

The recent quinquennial report from our architect confirmed that our church is maintained to the highest standard. Our Estates Committee, who look after the church fabric, are looking for someone who can set the timers each week for the church and hall heating systems— an essential role as winter draws near! If you can spare half an hour each week, please put yourself forward. Even better if the job can be shared between two. • Every Tuesday after the 10am service a small group enjoy a coffee and clean and polish the candles— could you join them from time to time? • A small team meet occasionally on Saturday mornings to do some work in the churchyard. Would you like to join the team?

Contact: George Jarrett 020 8393 4502

Church-sitting

As well as sidesmen on Sunday, we are always in need of people who are happy to church-sit when the church is open, and be sidesmen for school services and other events. This can be a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in church outside of Sunday worship.

Contact: Lynne Yuille 0208 393 2643

Driving

If you drive to church with space in your car, would you consider whether you might occasionally be able to offer lifts to those otherwise unable to come to church?

Contact: Margaret Humphries 020 8393 6067

Ewell Village Fair

The Ewell Village Fair was very successfully run by a team this year. Some of the team members are carrying on next year, but there are also some vacancies, including the overall role of Fair Co-ordinator, which obviously must be filled if the fair is to take place. This is an enormously enjoyable and fulfilling project to work on, and the commitment is only to one fair at a time! We need to start planning next year's fair quite soon, so please do consider whether you might be involved in the organization and planning.

Contact: Russell Dewhurst 0208 393 1297

Information Technology

Getting involved in church IT is a great way of using or developing your IT skills. Could you help the Vicar with the development of the church website? No previous experience necessarily needed. • Or learn how the Ewell Parish News is put together and be available to assist when needed.

Contact: Russell Dewhurst 0208 393 1297

Listening

After services on a Sunday there is the opportunity for people to share any concerns, and, if they wish, to ask for a prayer to be said. Listening is a really valuable ministry which is always done in pairs and we need more people to join the team. If you are interested, why not find out more? Contact: Wendy Varney 020 8393 5212

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Outreach

Our Outreach Team, which oversees links with the wider church and the local community, and organizes fund-raising events for external charities, is in need of new members. • We need a Guildford Cathedral Link person, who is invited to tea at our cathedral once each year and is a point of contact for the cathedral the rest of the time. • We currently have no representative at Churches Together in Ewell– if you are interested, why not find out what it involves?

Contact: Sue Ayling 0208 337 6347

Worship

Would you like to be more involved in Sunday worship? To continue with the style of worship we enjoy each week, we urgently need more people to come forward at all services (8am, 9:30am, and 11am), or on weekdays, who would be willing to learn how to be servers and acolytes. This could be on a regular or occasional basis. Full training is given! • Prayers of intercession are led by members of the congregation at many services, and it would be good to welcome new members to the rota. Again, help and training can be given.

Contact: Maria Bird 020 8393 5794