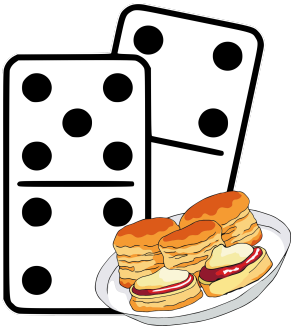
St Mary's Weekly

Friday 17th Sept 2026 www.eastleakechurch.org

Joint Churches Outdoor Harvest Service & Supper

This October, churches across the world are joining together to give thanks for God's creation and to pray for our stewardship of it. As part of this, East Lake churches together are holding a short outdoor service, using prayers from the global church and then sharing a joint harvest meal with local lamb casserole and vegetable stew. It's happening at St Mary's Hall, but tickets are available from all local churches and you can also order using the QR Code. We would also appreciate the offer of locally grown garden veg to go in the Stews. See in church for details.

Games Afternoon 2pm Mon 28th Sept in the Church Hall



Whether you're a keen player or just fancy some fun and good company, come along for a friendly game of dominoes. The afternoon is free, with donations warmly invited to support Ella, a member of our Youth Group, on her school charity trip to Nepal. Enjoy delicious scones made by Ella and her Youth Group friends afterwards!

Wave Sun 20th Sept, 4pm in Church

This month, we're exploring Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan and his challenge to stop, notice and care for others. Join us for fun, worship and discovering more about Jesus together. **NEW this month:** a hot meal for everyone! Whether you're a regular or new, everyone is warmly welcome.

Sunday Services: ***9:15am*** *Holy Communion* ***11am*** *Morning Worship* ***4pm*** *Wave*

A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.." Psalm 24:1

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Reading

Friday:	Mark 14:53-59
Saturday:	Mark 14:60-65
Sunday:	Mark 14:66-72
Monday:	Mark 15:1-15
Tuesday:	Mark 15:16-24
Wednesday:	Mark 15:25-39
Thursday:	Mark 15:40-47
Friday:	Mark 16:1-8

Collect for the day

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the cost of living

Gracious God, your word calls us to "uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed". We pray for all who are struggling with the rising pressures of daily life, with debt, poverty, insecure work or the cost of providing for their families. Give strength to those who are anxious and generous hearts to those who are able to help. Amen

A prayer for the nation

Heavenly Father, we pray for our government and all in authority. Give them wisdom to govern justly, courage to uphold what is good, and humility to seek your guidance. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For all who suffer because of war

God of peace, your word tells us that you are near to the broken-hearted. We pray for all who suffer through war and violence. Protect the innocent, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are afraid, and bring an end to violence and a lasting peace. Amen

For our communities

Lord Jesus, you commanded us to love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us to notice those who are lonely, vulnerable or in need, and may we be good neighbours to those you have called us to care for. Amen

For the NHS

Gracious God, we pray for the NHS, for doctors, nurses, carers and all who work to care for others. May they learn from their mistakes and give the possible treatment to all waiting to receive the care they need, Amen.

For the sick

Loving God, we pray for all who are unwell and especially those living with anxiety, depression, loneliness or other struggles of the mind. Bring light into dark places, give them courage to seek help, and surround them with people who will listen, understand and care. May they know that they are precious in your sight. Amen.

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Heavenly Father, on this new day, guide our thoughts, words and actions. Give us wisdom in our decisions, patience with one another and the faith to trust you with all that lies. Amen.

Picture of the week

Tom and Victoria getting married last weekend!