

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SPELDHURST
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GROOMBRIDGE
ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, ASHURST



31 ST JULY 2022

TODAY:

10 am Summer Worship - 'Growing in Nature' in St Mary's Churchyard extension
 Meet us in the churchyard extension to find out more about how we can see God's creation all around us. We will meet at 9.45 am for a light breakfast, followed by outdoor fun including activities using the nature we see around us.

11 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662) at St Martin's with the Ven Sharon Copstake, Archdeacon of Tonbridge

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

10 am Online Act of Worship on You Tube: [Youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst](https://www.youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst)

10 am All-Age Communion - 'Growing Together' at St Mary's
 A cafe style act of worship at 10am in Speldhurst School Hall, including communion and music with friends and family. Find out more about members of our congregation through directed conversations and activities. Join us for coffee and cake afterwards.

11 am Traditional Matins at St John's

SPORT IN THE PARK



WHEN
 July: 26, 28
 August: 2, 4, 9, 11
 2pm - 4pm

FREE
 NO BOOKING REQUIRED
 JUST TURN UP!

AGES
 11-18

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 Basketball Court
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FOOTBALL • BASKETBALL • TENNIS • SOCIALISING



Photos for our Online Gallery

Our 10 am online services always begin with a gallery of photos from around the parish. We welcome all your contributions. Please send them to: speldhurstcommunitygroup@gmail.com

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Prayer for the Persecuted Church

The imprisonment of Christians in Laos is not unusual, but what makes Soy's* story especially unusual and troubling is that she was just 14 when detained – a year below the legal age for imprisonment in Laos. Soy was one of 14 believers imprisoned for six days for refusing to stop worshipping Jesus. Even when pressured in prison to renounce their faith, the group refused. They were later released but the persecution continued for Soy, who was bullied by her friends and even her teachers.

To continue her studies, Soy (now 16) moved to the city where Open Doors has been a huge help to her. "Because of God's love, I received financial support to buy food and school supplies to continue my studies," she says. "Without it, I would not be able to continue my studies."

A prayer for Laos

Lord Jesus, give your children in Laos strength to stand firm against pressure and persecution. Protect house churches from surveillance and restriction, and guard people from detention. Provide for all families and churches whose pastor has been imprisoned. Bring an end to the trafficking of women to China, and minister your healing to all those needing it today. Thank you for your faithful church in Laos. May your people continue to grow in faith and witness. Amen.

**Name changed for security reasons
 Information supplied by Open Doors*

Join us at Speldhurst Lunch Club

Speldhurst Age UK Lunch Club has vacancies for any senior member of the Speldhurst community. Lunch club meets in the Chapel for good company and a delicious, hot, two-course meal with tea or coffee on the first Friday of the month from noon until about 1.45 at a cost of £8.

If you would like to come along, ring Jan on 07808 299628 or 01892 863 931 who will give you more information. Or, if you are someone who has a senior family member or friend you think would enjoy some friendship and food, please tell them about Lunch Club, encourage them to join us and let Jan know. If he or she would benefit from you accompanying them to lunch, you would be most welcome.

