

St Mary's : Church Diary

Monday - Saturday (except Bank Holidays): 8.30 am Morning Prayer & 5.30 pm Evening Prayer:

Wed 22nd Nov	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	1.00 pm	Funeral Service for Mrs Denise Worcester
Fri 24th Nov	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
SUNDAY 26th Nov	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday next	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)
Before Advent	11.30 am	Kairos (informal service for children and their families)
Christ the King	5.00 pm	Evensong

St Mary's : For our Prayers

Sunday Intercessions & Prayer Focus for each day this week

In 2017 St Mary's is supporting in the wider world: World Vision & Christian Aid

In the UK & Sussex we are supporting: The Bible Society.

In Horsham we are supporting the Horsham Churches Together Projects; Anchor Counselling & Therapy. For more information on these organisations please see the Serving and Transforming the Community noticeboard at the back of church.

At St. Mary's – **Our Growing as Disciples.**

World Vision has launched a worldwide campaign to end violence against children. We pray that their work in nearly 100 countries over the next five years will halt practices such as conscription of young boys into militia groups and sex trafficking of girls.

Monday Our Church homegroups

Tuesday Our ministry with children (The Lighthouse, Little Footprints, Nursery School)

Wednesday Our personal growth in faith & godliness (via Bible reading, prayer life, etc)

Thursday Our study courses (Bishop's Certificate, Confirmation classes, Ministry training)

Friday Our youth ministry (TGI Fridays, "Enter" services, etc)

Saturday Our preaching & teaching ministry at St. Mary's (Sermons etc)

19th November 2017
2nd Sunday before Advent

Welcome to St Mary's!

Especially if this is your first visit – we hope you will enjoy the service. If you are new to us please pick up information about all that St. Mary's offers from the Welcome Table near the Church door. Members of the welcome team will of course be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

We hope you will be able to stay after the 9.30 service, and join us for a cup of coffee. Please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or a member of the welcome team, who would love the chance to get to know you better.

To find out MUCH MORE about life at St. Mary's please visit

www.stmaryshorsham.org.uk

(or contact the Church Office on 01403 253762)



YEAR OF THE BIBLE 2017

Today at St Mary's

- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion (Service Book p 199;
Reading Hebrews 12.1-3, 18-28 & Matthew 25.14-3)**
- 9.30 am** **Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)**
- 11.30 am** **Holy Baptisms**
- 5.00 pm** **Informal Service**

St Mary's Church Family News

This Week

TODAY: Zachary, Ethan, Layla, and Lucia are being baptized today – please would everyone in the church family pray for these new members.

Thursday 23rd Nov 10.30 am: The **Informal coffee morning** will take place in the church centre with QE11 School entertaining us. These coffee mornings follow on from a **simple Eucharist (in St Peter's Chapel in the church centre) at 10.00am** to which all are welcome and are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month: next date is 14th Dec.

St Mary's Choir Cake Stall - St Cecilia's Day: To celebrate St Cecilia's day and raise funds for our Choir, we are holding a cake stall after the 9:30am service on **Sunday 26th November** at the back of the church. Please support us!

Sun 26th Nov 12.15-2.30pm St Mary's Pre-School Christmas Fair at the Barn: Come for a Christmas BBQ with New St Butcher's sausages, Weston Farm Pumpkin Soup and Mulled Wine. Christmas Market stalls including personalized gifts, Santa's Grotto, Bouncy Castle, Raffle, Face Painting & Winter Woodland Crafts with the new accredited Forest School... All proceeds go to Thanks a million for the Pre-School so Bring your CASH!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Vicar's Recommendation for Reading during Advent: "Consumer Detox" by Mark Powley... Consumer Detox - is a three-part journey from a lifestyle dominated by consumerism to a richer, simpler more generous life. *Two copies available on the font for you to browse. Copies available to buy from Amazon from 1p!*

Thankyou for Jimmy Young : Jimmy and Debs Young are leaving us on Sunday 7th January 2018, as Jimmy completes his curacy at St. Mary's and moves to his new Parish in Crawley. A special farewell will be held for them after the 9.30am service on 7th Jan, during which a gift will be presented as a token of our warm thanks for Jimmy's ministry among us these last 4 years. If you would like to contribute to this leaving gift please make your contribution through the church office, clearly marked "Jimmy's Leaving Gift". There is a card (booklet) for everyone to sign a farewell message - available at the back of church. Thankyou.

St Mary's Christmas cards: These are on sale in packs of 10 for £3.50 at the back of the Church and in the Church Office. The proceeds will be shared equally between St Mary's Choir and St Mary's Church Fabric Fund. We hope you will support us as before, thank you. Contact Jo Benson . Phone: [01403 255477](tel:01403255477). Email: jobenson@btinternet.com

FOODBANK: Donations of Christmas biscuits, chocolates and seasonal non-perishable food items and also toiletries would be much appreciated. Donations can be left in the box provided in the cupboard at the back of church. Thankyou.

St Mary's House: Flat available. St Mary's Hospital Charities is a registered charity and currently has a flat available in St Mary's House (the Almshouses) which offers affordable accommodation to those of limited means. The Almshouses flats are designed with the needs of older people in mind who are encouraged to lead an independent lifestyle. If you would like to know more, please ask a member of the clergy, a churchwarden or alternatively apply in writing to the Chairman of the Trustees via the Church Office.

ADVENT CANDLES are for sale at the back of the Church in aid of Thanks a Million £2.50 each.

Fellowship Sunday: 3rd Sunday of the month – **TODAY Nov 19th** & Dec 17th 2.15-4pm in St Leonard's Hall, Cambridge Road. Open to all for sharing company with optional crafts and games with refreshments. For more information contact Margaret Hearnden 01403 210733

Saturday 25th November Fairtrade Christmas Market at St. John's RC Church Hall Horsham between 10am – 4pm. Come and buy for your Fairtrade Christmas presents, choosing from a wide variety of different Fairly Traded crafts from across the world.

There will shortly be a vacancy for a PCC foundation governor for St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School. For further information about the role please contact the PCC Secretary brendalarge@btinternet.com, who will be able to put you in touch with Claire Swarbrick (Joint Chair of Governors).

Coming soon

Mothers' Union – All welcome in the Barn, refreshments served at **10am for 10.30 start Tuesday 28th November** Rev'd Canon Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes, World Mission Officer Diocese of Chichester talk on 'Companion Links: Sharing the One Bread and Journey'.

Thursday 30th Nov from 8:30pm: What's the Pint? A number of us from the Parish meet on the last Thursday of each month for a social evening. Please feel free to join us at the Foresters Arms, St Leonard's Road, Horsham – contact Martin Dexter 01403 268859.

St Mary's School Christmas Fair: Friday Dec 1st 5-8pm. All are welcome to attend this community event, run by the HSA, with the aim of raising much needed funds for the school. Father Christmas will be in residence and there will be plenty to eat and drink along with the usual wide array of stalls and games and, of course, there will be our grand draw.

Saturday 2nd Dec 4 for 4.30pm start - 6.30pm Horsham Chamber Choir Concert in Church: Monteverdi: A Christmas Vespers; Elgar: The Snow; Taverner: The Lamb; Lauridsen: O magnum mysterium; Tickets on the door or call 07730 983314: £13, under 18's: £6.

The traditional installation of the two St Mary's Christmas trees with lights & tinsel AND ALSO the construction of the CRIB will take place on Sat 2nd Dec from 09.30. Please do come and help - no previous experience necessary. The more the merrier! Refreshments (incl. Bacon Butties) will be provided! Contact Steve Benson (H. 255477) for more details.

Sunday 3rd Dec 3.00pm-4.30pm Welcome Tea in the Vicarage – A chance for all newcomers to St. Mary's Church to meet church leaders, ask any questions and hear about our vision as "a Church inspired by God's passion for the world". Please RSVP to the church office 01403 253762 or office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk

Mon 4th Dec 7.30pm – HOPE Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting at St Mary's: All the St. Mary's church family are encouraged to join with members of our 3 sister churches in Horsham Parish, in making this monthly prayer meeting a priority in our diaries.



Friday 8th Dec 7.30pm Mediaeval Baebes Concert tickets (£25) now available from the church office and online from www.mediaevalbaebes.com

HORSHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS EVENT – SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017 11am-4pm; Children's Musical Nativity with Little Notes; a Christmas Concert; Family Nativity Trail; Carol Service. If you would like to help, please contact Rosemary Couchman, HCT's Development Co-ordinator rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk 07566 202741

Sunday 3rd Dec 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service.



Sunday 3rd Dec: 18s to 30s Brunch: Calling all young adults to enjoy brunch together after All Age Worship. A chance to hang out and enjoy good food together on the **First Sunday of every Month** at 11:15am at Bills, Market Square. For more information contact Matt Lee on youthwork@stmaryshorsham.org.uk or 07597 702394

Café Connect happens every 2nd Sunday of the month (term time only!) 7 - 8:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Rushams Road. For year 7+. A chance to explore faith, ask questions and hang out with your mates & eat pizza! For more information please call our Youth Worker Matt Lee on 07597 702394

St Mary's Pre-School Christmas Fair

Sunday 26th Nov

12:15pm – 14:30pm at
the Barn, Causeway



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