

St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Wed 14th Feb	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Ashing
	7.45 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion Service (with imposition of ashes)
Fri 16th Feb	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
SUNDAY 18th Feb	8.00 am	Holy Communion
1st Sunday Of Lent	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room)
	5.00 pm	Informal Service

St Mary's : For our Prayers

Sunday Intercessions & Prayer Focus for each day this week

***In 2018 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 Serving & Transforming the Community**

Wider World: Teach Beyond: Helen Vaughan, a member of our church family, will be travelling during February to attend and to speak at conferences in South Africa and Tanzania for the development of transformational education to reach students for Christ across the whole continent of Africa. So we pray for: the Lord to enable Helen as a vessel for delivering exactly what He would have her to teach.

Monday Our ministry with schools (as pupils, parents, teachers, Governors etc.)

Tuesday Mission projects we support in Horsham (Horsham Matters, Y Centre etc.)

Wednesday Our ministry with families (Marriage preparation, Parenting, Mothers' Union)

Thursday Mission projects we support in Sussex (Anchor Counselling and Therapy, the Bible Society, Diocesan Family Support Work etc.)

Friday Our town ministry (via Council/Civic links, Concerts, Horsham Churches Together)

Saturday Mission projects we support overseas (through World Vision, Christian Aid etc.)



11th February 2018
Sunday next before Lent

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)

Today at St Mary's

- 8.00 am** Holy Communion (Reading Galatians 3.26-4.7 & Mark 9.2-9)
- 9.30 am** Parish Communion (with Lighthouse Children's Club for all groups in the Leslie Room)
- 11.30 am** Kairos (informal service for children and their families)
- 5.00 pm** Choral Evensong (Hymns from NEH 64, 337, 73, 381; Ps 2; Readings 1 Kings 19.1-16 & 2 Peter 1.16-end)



Lent Course: see the Year of Prayer Programme Cards for details. Participating Homegroups meeting on the following dates and times welcome 1 or 2 extra people to join them for study. Call the church office for contact details 01403 253762: Tuesdays 2pm Feb 23rd-Mar 20th (Jock Goodall); Monday evening group (Karen Inglis-Taylor); Wednesday morning Pilgrim Group (Karen Inglis-Taylor); Thursdays 2.30pm and 8pm on lighter evenings (Karen Ind) or Thursdays 7.30pm (Cathy Hatton/Connie Caddell)

St Mary's Church Family News

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 14th February 7:45pm ASH WEDNESDAY : Lent begins with this special Service of Holy Communion with the first of the “Inspiring Vision” Diocesan Lent Course sessions “Inspiring Vision, Prayer and the Trinity” (this service will include the traditional ashing ceremony, which will also be available at the regular Wednesday midweek Eucharist at 10.00am).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A big thankyou to everyone who supported the cake sale last Sunday £46 was collected for Millais School Lepira Fundraising – love Lucy Thomas

LENT COLLECTION BOXES: Lent Collection “Pillar Boxes” are available in church to help us collect small change to go to World Vision and the St. Mary’s “Thanks a Million” Project.
Further ideas for Lent – “40acts” is a daily generosity challenge that runs throughout the period of Lent. Different people observe Lent in different ways – often people give up something for Lent; 40acts encourages people to do something generous during Lent, too. For more info see www.40ACTS.ORG.UK.

LENT ANGELS – Scheme starts Friday Feb 23rd through to Easter:

Being an Angel - If you would like to join St. Mary’s “Lent Angel” team of volunteers, please phone the office on 01403 253762 (until 23rd Feb); or Veronica James on 01403 261848 (23rd Feb onwards) and sign up to help! Simple jobs will be matched to volunteer skills (& physical strength), and times fixed with “hirers” to suit all parties – aiming to complete tasks during Lent.

Welcoming Angels - Do you have any simple practical jobs around the home (up to about **2 hours max** duration) that you just can’t manage or get around to? Just phone Veronica James on 01403 261848 (23rd Feb onwards) – and for a small donation to the St. Mary’s “Thanks a Million” fund, we’ll fix up angelic church members to do that job, to the best of our ability!

All funds raised will go to the St. Mary’s “Thanks a Million” Project, conserving and renewing our Church & Church Centre for serving Horsham in the 21st Century.

THANK-YOU : for being an Angel!

Saturday 24th February at 2.00pm in the URC Hall, Springfield Road. Revd Alan Mayer, from St Mary’s Horsham, will be talking about his study of Buddhism, particularly his latest book, *The Empty Circle and the Cross: Thoughts about the Parables of The Ten Bulls and The Sower, and places where Zen and Christian Faith touch*, and he will be sharing some of his thoughts and insights with us. This meeting is hosted by the Horsham Interfaith Forum; admittance is free and refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome – do come and join us.

St Mary's Almshouses: Flat available (affordable accommodation for those of limited means and designed with the needs of older people in mind who are encouraged to lead an independent lifestyle). For details ask one of the clergy or a churchwarden or alternatively apply in writing to the Chairman of the Trustees via the Church Office.



St Mary's Pre-School Social Committee raised over £2000 for the Thanks a Million project last year and they hope to double that this year with many exciting events, the big one being the 5k Fun Run in May, welcoming all Horsham runners to take part (more information coming soon).



A group from St. John's are heading off to the Royal Bath & West Showground at Shepton Mallet for this year's New Wine, from 28th July until 3rd August. It's all about Camping, Community, Caring and lots of things not beginning with C. We'd love it if more Horsham folks would like to join us in one big group at this splendid event. This link takes you to the latest New Wine United promotional video! <https://www.youtube.com/user/newwinetube> If you want to find out more, then contact Rev'd. Kate Bailey! 01403 276736 or kabailey@me.com

Coming soon

Thursday 22nd Feb 10.30 am: The **Informal coffee morning** will take place in the church centre. 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 8th Mar.

Friday 23rd Feb 1.30-3pm St Mary's Pre-School Disco – Come and Join the Fun! Face-painting, bubbles, cakes and more... £3 per family all proceeds to the Pre-School: all pre-schoolers and toddlers welcome.

Sat 24th Feb Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30 pm in St Mary's Church Centre Barn organized by Horsham Branch of the Mothers' Union for the Church family to raise funds for 'Thanks a Million' and AFIA (caravan holidays for families who need a break away from it all)

Afternoon Tea Party Sat 3rd Mar 3-4pm The children of the Lighthouse invite you to afternoon tea party in the Barn as our fundraiser for World Vision. We are hoping this event will be a real mixture of ages with the children serving the cakes and sandwiches to godparents, grandparents and all church family. Please book in with the church office and if you can make some little sandwiches or some home baking, please let Liz Lobb know (ejlobb@gmail.com).



Saturday 10th March 7.45pm: St Mary's Jazz night (with fish and chip supper, in the barn) – tickets are now on sale from the Church Office and Waterstones.

Monday 5th Mar - Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting at St John's, Broadbridge Heath: 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. Please do come – **7.30-9pm on the first Monday of the month.**

Thursday 22nd Feb 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.

Tuesday 6th Mar 2.15pm M&M's (Mary and Martha's) service for very young children; in the Leslie Room - all welcome.

Sunday 11th Mar 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service.

Saturday 24th March 10:00am to 12 noon: Please come and help make Palm Crosses in the Church Centre – no experience necessary – just bring a pair of scissors! Contact Val Burgess for details (H. 268077).

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS AND JOINT SERVICE IN HORSHAM TOWN CENTRE (FRIDAY 30TH MARCH)

The Walk of Witness will be taking place as usual and anyone can join the processions as they make their way along East Street and West Street towards the Carfax.

10.30am for 10.45am Walk of Witness - assemble at Brighton Road Baptist Church (New Street Entrance) or St. John the Evangelist RC Church. Participants are encouraged to carry a cross eg a Palm Cross, a Holding Cross as they walk along quietly together. Hot Cross buns will be distributed to the general public, along with Good Friday serviettes printed with 'Why a cross on a Hot Cross bun?'.

11.10-11.50am Good Friday Joint Service takes place on the Carfax Bandstand. Do come along!

Volunteer stewards are needed for the event – if you are available to help from 10.30am-12 noon, please contact Rosemary Couchman, Horsham Churches Together Development Co-ordinator (rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk or 07566 202741).



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EASTER SATURDAY (SATURDAY 31ST MARCH)



Horsham Churches Together will be organising Messy Easter craft activities in Swan Walk (shop unit opposite Wilko inside Swan Walk) from 10am-4pm.

The Bible Society's Easter book for children will also be given out. If you would like to help then please contact Rosemary Couchman,

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