

## St Mary's : Church Diary

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

<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	2.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service for Mr Edwin Lynch
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion in the Church Centre (followed by coffee)
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church Centre</b>
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	11.00 am	Wedding of Zoe Wood and Richard Hall
	12.15 pm	Wedding of Laura Franchitti and Matthew Dexter
	1.30 pm	Wedding of Amy Rowley and James Mackie
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b> (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Café Church</b> (in the Church Centre)

## 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 Worshipping and Praying**

Locally: We pray for the Anchor Ministries team as they interview for an additional counsellor. They need to expand their capacity in order to meet growing demand.

Monday	Our ministry of intercession (School for Prayer, Prayer Chain, Healing Prayer Team)
Tuesday	Our visitors prayers (votive candles, prayer fish etc.)
Wednesday	Our midweek services and home communions.
Thursday	Our intercession leaders, lesson readers, servers and vergers
Friday	Our choir and musicians.
Saturday	Our Sunday Services

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## **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](http://www.stmaryshorsham.org.uk)

(or contact the Church Office on 01403 253762)

## **Today at St Mary's**

- 8.00 am** Holy Communion (Reading 1 Samuel 8.4-22a & Matthew 4.12-17)
- 9.30 am** Parish Communion : "Thy Kingdom Come" The Lord's Prayer Sermon #4 (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)
- 11.30 am** Kairos with Holy Baptism (informal service for children and their families)
- 6.30 pm** Evensong (Hymns from NEH427, 343, 103; Ps 23; Readings Exodus 16.4-15 & Revelation 2.12-17)

**St Mary's Book Club:** If you are interested in joining a book club exploring Christian books, books of the Bible and secular books from a Christian point of view, please give your details to the church office or contact Katherine Potter on 07852 338471 or email [katherine@kpbusinessdevelopment.com](mailto:katherine@kpbusinessdevelopment.com). We can then agree a good time for us to meet probably in May or June. The first book we will be looking at is Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers which is based on the book of Hosea from the Bible which we can read alongside it. You can order a copy from Eden Books online or they will order it for you from Waterstones. As a warning, the first couple of chapters are fairly grim but it is worthwhile persevering with it.

# St Mary's Church Family News

## THIS WEEK

**Tues 24th April 10am for 10.30 Mothers' Union** Social Meeting in the barn with Bring and Buy, Cakes and Raffle. Come with ideas for 'Following in Mary Sumner's Footsteps'.

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 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 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Thurs 26th April 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** in the Church Centre. All welcome.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Thanks a Million Art Competition** OPEN TO ALL! Any age can enter- two categories-adult and child (0-15). Adults: £2 Children: 50p. Prizes & certificates awarded. All funds to St Mary's Thanks a Million project. The entry must be inspired by Easter, Spring or creation. Entries must be handed into the office or the art submission box that will be on the table by the church doors by the 12th June, they will be judged by Guy, Jeremy & Fiona and displayed in the Leslie room over the Flower Festival. Contact Kalina Heathcote/Juliette Blackburn in church or the church office for further details.

## Data "Amnesty"

This notice is likely to be particularly relevant to people who currently lead or have led Church groups in the past. Do you have any computer files or old printed lists containing personal data relating to members of St. Mary's Church? If you do, then please read on. We would have expected you to have either returned such confidential data to the Church office for safe keeping or to have destroyed it. If you have not and are wondering what to do before the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in May 2018 then we hope to be able to help you.

Deleting computer files (including e-mails) that contain Church related personal data is relatively easy. Destroying paper copies of personal data, in a secure way, is not so easy. We are happy to help dispose of any documents that contain Church related personal data, if you bring them into the St Mary's Church Office we will ensure that they are suitably stored or destroyed, if appropriate, in a secure way. Please remember that not all old personal data should be destroyed. We are instructed to keep hold of certain information for a number of years. Please contact the Church Office (01403 253762 or [office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk)) by the end of April or see Nigel Stalley or Ali Carre if you need any further help or advice.

**'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Area:** A dedicated prayer area has been created in a corner of St. Peter's Chapel in the Barn. This will allow a private & undisturbed prayer space for our use during the 'Year of Prayer', either as individuals, or for the prayer vigils to be arranged. You are welcome to come and use this area any time during office hours (Mon-Fri 10am-2pm) EXCEPT Tue 1-2pm and Wed 11am-12.30pm.

**Rev'd. Eileen Wheeler** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday very soon. If anyone would like to send her a birthday message/card please speak to the church office.

**Lent Pillar Boxes Collection:** thank-you for collecting small change this Lent for World Vision and the St. Mary's "Thanks a Million" Project. Please count up the change and gift aid the amount (if appropriate) with a cheque (made to PCC Horsham No 1 Acc) to the value of change collected and return to the church office by **29<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Chichester Flower Festival 31<sup>st</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 "This Earthly Paradise"** advanced booking is advised via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichestercathedralflowers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chichestercathedralflowers) or by phone on 0333 666 3366. Make a day of it and enjoy the splendor of the Chichester Cathedral and its surroundings – especially Val Burgess' team arrangement! View over 80 spectacular arrangements in the Cathedral with over 50,000 blooms and enjoy a programme of live music.

## Coming soon

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 8am Breakfast** - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. Next date is 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun.



**THANKS  
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MILLION!**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May St Mary's Family Fun Day and 5k Trail Run:** 10am Children's Fun Obstacle Course and Colour Run £5 11am 5k Trail Run (run, jog or walk) £10 in advance £15 on the day; Barrack Field next to Horsham

Cricket Club. Includes cake stall, lucky dip, children's entertainment, forest school crafts, games, bouncy castle, beer & gin tents, food & refreshments. All money raised will

go to the Thanks a Million church centre fund. Please register your interest in the Fun Day on Facebook ([horshamstmaryschurchfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/horshamstmaryschurchfamilies)) and register for the fun **run** via:

[www.facebook.com/stmarys5ktrailrun](https://www.facebook.com/stmarys5ktrailrun)

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2.15pm M&M's** (Mary and Martha's) service for very young children; in the Leslie Room - all welcome.

**Saturday 12th May 7.30pm: St Mary's Church Choir and Slinfold Concert Band** perform a selection of Musical Favourites in aid of St Mary's Choir and SCB Registered Charity.

Tickets on sale from the church office and on the door £10 adults, £1 children and direct from Jo Benson in church.



THY KINGDOM COME

**"Thy Kingdom Come" Thursday  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.** 10 days of  
prayer between Ascension Day  
and Pentecost

**trypraying.**  
there is hope

**Flower Festival 14 - 18th June:** Our theme for this year's Flower Festival is "Inspired" based on books, musicals and Art inspired by the Christian story. The Flower Festival is always very popular, a great way of outreach to the town and a great way of raising funds. Last year it raised an amazing £4500! Its success is very dependent on sponsorship and donations mainly from local businesses and churches to cover the costs of the flowers for the arrangements and for stocking the cafe. If anyone would like to consider sponsoring an arrangement or giving a donation (however small) it would be greatly appreciated. We hope you will feel "Inspired" to support us, please contact either Judy Brinkworth H.249334, Jo Benson H.255477 or Ali in the Church Office

**FOSTERING AND ADOPTION SUPPORT TEAM:** You are invited to come and find out more about fostering and adoption in a relaxed setting with drinks and desserts on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May from 8pm-9:30pm at St Mark's Church Hall, off North Heath Lane, RH12 5PU. Whether you are just interested or are already doing it, We are an informal support group from a variety of churches In Horsham, all caring for vulnerable children and young people. For more information or to RSVP please contact Graham and Sarah White 01403 251731 or David and Lucy Shepherd 01403 267297.

**Diocesan Safeguarding Training Event** in the Barn on **Monday 18th June from 7pm to 9.30pm.** Please can anybody who has not attended training in the last 3 years sign up to this via the diocesan website or by calling Kim Nash at Church House direct. There are only 30 places available. [kim.nash@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:kim.nash@chichester.anglican.org) / 01273 425680 - please state your full name, town/parish and role in the parish. Please let Caroline Crook know when you have done this. [Carolinerh135bg@btinternet.com](mailto:Carolinerh135bg@btinternet.com) 01403 256789



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 28<sup>th</sup> July until 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:kabailey@me.com)