

## St Mary's : Church Diary

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

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>HOPE Parish Prayer Meeting in St Mary's</b>
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
	2.00 pm	Funeral Service for Mrs Elaine Burell
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	12.15 pm	Wedding of Claire Rowland and Wesley Courten
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Church Family Communion (no Lighthouse Children's Club)</b>
<b>After Trinity</b>		
<b>HARVEST</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Matins</b>
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Informal Service (in the Barn, Church Centre)</b>
		<b>(Note the time!)</b>

## 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 & Teach Beyond***  
***In the UK & Sussex we are supporting: YMCA / Worthing Churches Homeless Projects (WCHP)***  
***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

Locally - As Wally Fahrer retires from his counselling role at the end of the year we pray for the right person to fill this important post. We pray for God's blessing on Anchor Counselling as the team adjust to change, and for the continuity of the service.

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)



**30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

## **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**

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| <b>8.00 am</b> | <b>Holy Communion (Reading James 1,2-4 &amp; 12-18 &amp; Luke 4.1-15)</b>                          |
| <b>9.30 am</b> | <b>Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)</b>                                      |
| <b>6.30 pm</b> | <b>Evensong (Hymns from NEH 452, 385, 468;<br/>Ps 121; Readings Exodus 24 &amp; Matthew 9.1-8)</b> |

# St Mary's Church Family News

## This Week

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 7.30-9pm - Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting at St Mary's:** We 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.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2-4pm - Mothers' Union Working Party:** 1st Tuesday of the month in St Mary's Church Centre, The Manor Room, 2-4pm. Making items of clothing for local people.

**Decorating the Church for Harvest: Sat 6th Oct from 9.30am-11am** – please would you bring into church any donations of foliage/flowers/non-perishable goods to decorate the church ready for the Harvest Services on Sunday – all help gratefully received.

**Harvest Celebration Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 12.45pm** – with entertainment by Guy Bridgewater. Tickets £7 on sale from the church office. Bring your own drink (glasses provided).

**Harvest Celebration Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at all services** – please bring donations of non-perishable foods as we will be collecting for the Salvation Army “Hope Inn” this year. They would appreciate tinned and dried goods - all gratefully received.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 8am Breakfast** - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. Next date is 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 18s to 30s Brunch:** First Sunday of Every Month at 11.15am. Monthly Brunch at Bill's Restaurant after the 9.30am service. Next date is 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## Coming soon

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 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 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Saturday 13th Oct 9-11am: Who Let the Dads Out?** in the Barn/ Church Centre. Breakfast, games and fun for Dads (any male carer) and their children. This time the theme is “Let's Create!” All welcome (except Mums!), donation asked to cover food costs. Ask the office or Fiona via [families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk](mailto:families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk) for further details.

**Sun 28th Oct 10.30am – All are welcome to a special farewell service for Guy and Jebb** in church. The service will be a special Celebration Service for the whole Church family communion with Bible readings, hymns, a sermon and prayers. During the service there will be a team providing children's activities from 10.15-11.15 a.m.

- Under twos are welcome in the baby-friendly, volunteer-manned creche at all times.

- There will be supervised play activities for 3-5 year olds (pre-schoolers) in the Leslie room. You are welcome to stay if your child needs you or you can register them with a Lighthouse leader and pop back up and collect them at the start of communion.

- All 5-11 year olds are welcome at the Barn where there will be fun and games from 10.15am. Again, you can choose to stay or register your child and they will be walked back down to the church by the Lighthouse team at 11.15 a.m. to join the rest of the service in church.

**After the service there will be presentations to Guy and a 'bring & share' lunch for all.**

**Light Party 31st October 4.30-6.30pm** at the Barn/Church centre: a great opportunity to illuminate October 31st. The biggest and brightest light party ever, aimed at primary school aged children with tons of games (and a hot tea) in a fun packed evening. Go home glowing! "The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out". John 1:5 (The Message) We will celebrate the light that pushes away the darkness. Please book with the church office or online via the church website. Suggested donation £2 per child. Contact Rebecca or Fiona for further details.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 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.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Horsham Parish Job Opportunity: Parish Youth Work Enabler:** We are looking for an experienced Youth Worker to join us in our ministry across our four churches and in the town of Horsham. Closing date: 3<sup>rd</sup> **October** for an information pack and application email: [vicar@stleonardshorsham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stleonardshorsham.org.uk)

**Horsham Churches Night Shelter will run from the 1st December 2018 to 15th March 2019.**

**Volunteer recruiting now!** Application forms are available now at the back of church or from the church office. Deadline for applications is the 22nd October. Night Shelter Sunday is 7th October. Preparation sessions are on the 10th & 14th November. All enquiries via [nightshelter@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:nightshelter@horsham-matters.org.uk)

**Thankyou for Guy Bridgewater: Guy and Jebb** are leaving us on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**, as Guy moves to his new Parish in Bath Abbey in November. A special farewell service will be held for them 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, during which a gift will be presented as a token of our warm thanks for their ministry among us these last 11 years. If you would like to contribute to this leaving gift please make your contribution through the church office, clearly marked "Guy's Leaving Gift". There is a card (booklet) for everyone to sign a farewell message - available at the back of church. Thankyou.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Travelling to Guy's licensing at Bath Abbey -**

**1. Those going by Coach :** we have booked a coach and plan to leave at 1.30pm from Hop Oast for Bath Abbey; stopping at service station/café's in Bath or similar for food; returning after the service (leaving Bath approx 10pm). A Cafe, loos & somewhere secure to leave belongings will also be available at St. Michael's Without (a church 100 yards from the Abbey); and after the service there will be a reception at the Guildhall adjacent to the Abbey. Those that want a lift to Hop Oast please let Frank King know and he will arrange that with those who are going to use the free parking at Hop Oast for the trip. If we can fill a 53 seater coach it will cost £12.50 each for the transport - the cost of the coach will be shared between those on board so this is a guide cost at this stage and will be dependent on numbers. Please book your coach seat via the church office or Frank King (01403 264647). Tickets for entry to the Abbey service will be distributed on the coach.

**2. Those travelling independently (eg by car or train) :** if you are not robing as choir or clergy, you will need to obtain a ticket for entry to the Abbey service - so **PLEASE APPLY VIA THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER** - Thank-you. Please note that for car parking the City "Park & Ride" system is strongly recommended, since Bath will be busy with very popular Christmas markets.

**A message from Sheila Pilkington: Cakes and Preserves** - after over 25 years and due to a change in my circumstances, I have decided to discontinue making cakes and preserves on a regular basis and feel as we have a change when Guy and Jebbs move on to Bath Abbey that would be a natural break. However, if anyone would like to take over then please let Alison know in the church office, should you decide to take over I will give you my full help and advice if required. I've usually made about 100 jars a month. Sheila.

**WCHP - WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT Quiz Night** In aid of WCHP, helping to end local homelessness **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at St John the Evangelist RC Church Hall from 7pm-10pm.** Teams of 6 or join as an individual. £10 per person, includes meal. Refreshments and raffle available. Team captains or individuals please contact [amyreeves1998@outlook.com](mailto:amyreeves1998@outlook.com). Booking advised as spaces limited. **WCHP Flag Date Invite** can you help with a street collection in Horsham Town Centre from **9am-5pm on Saturday 13th October?** Please sign up via <https://doodle.com/poll/4n9u43bt92x7sr9a> if you can help.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – OUR YOUTH CLUB,** TGIF, urgently needs some **first aid trained** volunteers on a rota basis as well as additional volunteers to join the team to help run fun activities (baking/sports/craft etc) for young people aged 10-18 on a Friday evening. Great opportunity to share your life stories/hobbies with young people as well as teaching life skills. All volunteers are part of rota to fit their time commitments. Full training will be given. All applicants must complete compulsory DBS check & attend safeguarding training.

**HORSHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER LIGHT TENT – THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 10AM-4PM:** Horsham Churches Together will be running a children and families activity tent in the Carfax, partnering with Horsham District Council, the Rotary Club, FoodRocks and others. Activities will have a LIGHT theme and invitations to Light Parties at churches will also be handed out. Please let HCT know if you would like to volunteer at the event email [rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk](mailto:rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk) or phone 07566 202741. Thank you.

**St Mary's Book club** – Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** in the Leslie Room. We are reading “Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine” by Gail Honeyman. All Welcome - just let the Church Office know [office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk) or 01403 253762