

St Mary's : Church Diary

Mon - Sat (except Bank Holidays): 8.30 am Morning Prayer

Tues 12th Feb	2.00 pm	St Mary's School Communion
Wed 13th Feb	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 14th Feb	10.00 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre (followed by coffee)
	1.00 pm	Interment of Ashes of Mr David Standard
Fri 15th Feb	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
Sat 16th Feb	1.30 pm	Wedding of Caroline Elliker and Damian Hemmings
SUNDAY 17th Feb	8.00 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room)
before Lent	11.30 am	Holy Baptisms
	5.00 pm	Informal Service in the Barn, Church Centre

St Mary's : For our Prayers

Sunday Intercessions & Prayer Focus for each day this week

In 2019 St Mary's is supporting the following organisations locally and in the wider world:

Horsham Churches Together Youth Work , Family Support Work and Teach Beyond

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 Caring as a Fellowship**; We pray for the work of TeachBeyond in Albania, where it is continuing to support the development of Christian teachers across the country. TeachBeyond will be co-hosting the third annual Christian teachers conference there, and is involved in helping several Christian kindergartens and primary schools get off the ground.

Monday Our care for the suffering (visits in hospital & at home, healing prayer team)

Tuesday Our welcome ministry (sidemen, coffee team, office staff etc.)

Wednesday Our ministry with the elderly (Almshouses, Nursing Home visits, Sunday lunch)

Thursday Our leaders in pastoral care (Clergy, Readers, Pastoral Visitors etc.)

Friday Our bereavement ministry (Funerals, visits, memorial book)

Saturday Our church social life (fun events, coffee mornings, catering & social teams)



10th Feb
4th Sunday 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 co.tact the Church Office on 01403 253762)

Today

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Reading 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 & Luke 5.1-11) |
| 9.30 am | Parish Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room) |
| 11.30 am | Kairos (informal service for children and their families) |
| 5.00 pm | Choral Evensong (Hymns from NEH 466, 414, 480, 490;
Ps 2; Readings Wisdom 6.1-21 & Colossians 3.1-22) |

Coming soon

TODAY Sunday 10th Feb 2019 3.00pm-4.30pm Welcome Tea in the Leslie Room – 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”.

Saturday 2nd Mar Chichester Cathedral – Horsham Parish will be prayed for at the cathedral, our Mother Church, at the 12noon Holy Communion Service and again at the 3.30pm Evensong. We have been invited to tea at the Cloisters Café from 2.30pm – please contact Charlotte Erskine (01403 750513) if you'd like to attend.

Sunday 3rd Mar 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. (Next date is 7th April.)

H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.30-9pm Monday Mar 4th at Holy Trinity (Horsham Open Prayer Evening) 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. The next meeting is 7.30pm on 1st April at St Mary's.

Finding the Peace of God: Six evenings in Lent introducing silent contemplation, mindfulness, and meditation. Alan Mayer has taught meditation for over 40 years in the parishes where he has served, and now feels called to share this form of contemplative prayer with us in a short course with practical exercises. These evenings are very much for beginners, but those who have some experience of contemplative prayer will also be very welcome. These will take place on the **Thursdays of Lent in the Leslie Room, beginning on 7th March at 7.45 p.m.** Book the dates in your diary and let the church office know if you'd like to come or sign up via the what's on page on our website or via your mychurchsuite login. (This is a progressive course and Alan will be creating a course booklet for each session which you can read if you need to miss a session.)

Rebecca Tuck and Joyce Brown have organised some sessions to prepare children to receive **Holy Communion before Confirmation** on Mondays at 3.30pm during March and April. If you would like your child to join these please speak to them or email curate@stmaryshorsham.org.uk

Sat 23rd Mar 7.00pm-9.30pm : The London Welsh Male Voice Choir in Concert in St Mary's Church. Tickets £15 from <https://lwmvchorsham.eventbrite.co.uk> or concerts@londonwelshmvc.org. For more details call Simon Edmonds 07753 821964 All proceeds to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Sat March 30th - please keep this morning free and come and help make Mothering Sunday posies ! The Barn will be open from 9.00am and Jay Pearson will be VERY grateful for any help. We need to make 300 posies before 11.30! No experience is needed and all are welcome, women, children and men. Also very welcome - donations of flowers and particularly greenery and forsythia! Hope to see you there and thank you. Any queries see Jay Pearson in church, or on 01403 617811 or 07846 349828 or email jay@pearsonuk.net



Sat 30th Mar 7.45pm St Mary's Jazz Evening with fish and chip supper – tickets (£18) are now on sale from the church office and Waterstones.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St Mary's Grass Cutting: We are looking for someone to keep the grass neat and trimmed around the east, north and west sides of St. Mary's. This typically takes three hours, every two weeks during the grass growing season. If you are interested in this **paid work**, and you have your own mowing equipment, please contact the Church Office on 01403 253762 or speak to a churchwarden.

LENT 2019

The Diocesan Lent Course this year uses the 2019 Year of Vocation theme. It is designed to challenge us to look and reflect on how we are living our faith in everyday life. So it's not a recruitment drive for more clergy, as some might imagine when the word vocation is used, but provides a framework for us to reflect on how we are, and could be, showing to others what difference our Christian Faith makes to life itself.

The course is designed to enable us to make connections with the experience of people of all ages on how this can be done. Hence whatever your age, and theological knowledge, you should be able to understand how an improved way of loving and living may be right for you. Sometimes we have a picture in our minds of the season of Lent as a time to give up things of this earth, but this course will show us how to exchange them for better things as Jesus asked us to do! Even if the course leaves you with a smile that others see day by day it will have made a difference!

We are recommending that home groups make use of the following year of vocation resources - 'Living Christ' - a Lent course for 2019 and 'A Way of Living' - a programme designed to help you deepen your discipleship by adopting a rule of life. These are available in paper form from the back of church or from the church office or online at:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/yov2019/>

Soul Survivor, Peterborough 23-27th Aug: An opportunity for Young People to grow in faith, ask questions... Amazing worship, brilliant teaching, seminars and workshops, sports activities, wet (or even dry) weather, late nights, gigs, clubs etc. and lots of fun with up to 10,000 other teenagers! Please contact Chris Robertson if you are interested (his contact details are available from the church office – or ask your youth group leaders).

Young People CIA Group (Christians In Action): The CIA group is for young people of secondary school age (year 7 and up) and meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month during the 9.30am service. We meet in the Vestry, in an informal setting, to chat and think about issues that are relevant to young people and about what it means to be a Christian. If you, or your child, would like to attend in the future or you are not sure where to find us, please contact Becky Hawkins 07752 472280. We are also looking for new leaders to help with the CIA group and would love to hear from any adults who would like to know more or are interested to learn what this would mean. “

Help needed for Monday “Drop In - Drop Off” coffee mornings: Would anybody be willing to help with setting up and clearing away on a rota basis with the coffee mornings on Mondays? The coffee mornings are held in the Leslie Room from 8.30-9.30am and are primarily for parents and carers dropping off children at school or pre-school but are open to anyone. Helpers need to set up from soon after 8 and can be cleared away by 10. Please contact Karen Inglis-Taylor (email theitfamily@gmail.com or phone 01403 250900) if you can help.

Prayer Room: The Prayer Room (upstairs at the back of the church in the Bethany extension) will now always be open for your use during Church opening times (which are usually 11am-2pm Mon-Sat in the winter). Please use the diary on the door to check or make any prior bookings. Here are some things that people have said about their time there: 'I spent a lovely hour in the Prayer Room from 7-8am ... It was a wonderful oasis in December and exciting to be part of the 24/7 journey.' 'I found it so easy to pray and to find God's peace in the Prayer Room.'

Horsham Matters has set up a "GoFund" page to raise money for a new van to be used to transport furniture to needy families within the Horsham District. Please go to www.gofundme.com/new-van-for-horsham-matters if you are able to donate. Thank you.

When are we getting a new Vicar?

As many people have been asking us, "when will we be getting a new vicar?", we thought that we must let you know what is happening behind the scenes.

Bishop Martin has asked for a Parish Review to take place. This will be conducted by Archdeacon Fiona and will happen in February and March next year.

The Parish review is expected to look at the current set up of the Team Parish of Horsham which is currently made up of four churches: St. Leonard's, Holy Trinity, St. John's and St. Mary's.

Any suggested changes from the review would then be considered by our parish Parochial Church Council before recommending a way forward. Currently our four churches work together and support each other in many different ways and we are blessed by our close working partnership. As far as we are aware there is no desire from any of the Churches in the team to break away. We have been told that a Parish Review is standard practice in the Diocese when a vacancy like ours arises.

As to our new vicar, well no appointment process can really be started until the Parish review is concluded. For the time being we are pleased to welcome Bernard Sinton who the Bishop has appointed as Interim Rector.

We will continue to let you know what is happening as and when we know.

Your Churchwardens

Nigel, Steve, Liz and Morag

During the current interregnum at St Mary's, Bishop Martin has asked Revd Bernard Sinton to act as Interim Rector during the vacancy. Bernard has worked in the Parish since 1990 and was our first SSM (Self Supporting Minister). He is based at Holy Trinity Church. Since retiring from a full time secular job, he has acted as Interim Minister during vacancies in Warnham, West Grinstead and Partridge Green and has just finished at Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst. Bernard's wife is the vicar of Shipley. Bernard can be contacted via the St Mary's church office.