

## St Mary's : Church Diary

Mon - Sat (except Bank Holidays): 9 am Morning Prayer

<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	9.30 am	<b>Parish Communion</b> <b>(with children's activities in the Leslie Room)</b>
	11.30 am	<b>Kairos (informal service for children and their families)</b>
	5.00 pm	<b>Evensong</b>

## 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:**

- In Horsham: Horsham Matters, Turning Tides (formerly Worthing Churches Homeless Projects) Horsham Services, & Salvation Army's Hope In project
- In Sussex: Family Support Work
- In the wider world: TeachBeyond & Christian Aid

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**; We rejoice with TeachBeyond in the appointment of a long term head at William Carey Academy, a partner school in Bangladesh. This is an answer to long standing prayer. This appointment provides stability to a school that stands out in a deeply Muslim community.

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
Friday	Our town ministry (via Council/Civic links, Concerts, Horsham Churches Together)
Saturday	Mission projects we support overseas

## **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 co.tact the Church Office on 01403 253762)

## **Today**

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Reading Jeremiah 17.5-10 &amp; Luke 6.17-26)</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room)</b>
<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Baptisms</b>
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Informal Service in the Barn, Church Centre</b>

## **Electoral Roll Update: ...**

The Electoral Roll for Horsham Parish is the closest thing the Church Of England has to a "membership list".

Every six years this list is completely renewed and everyone needs to apply to be on the roll if they want to be included - which we hope you will.

We are doing this renewal during February and early March 2019 so that the roll can be ready in time for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (as is required by Church Of England Law).

Please complete the form if you would like to do so and give it to your church electoral roll officer as soon as possible (or hand it into the St Mary's Church office). Paper copies of the blank forms are available in church or from the church office.

## **Did you know: ...**

**Morning Prayer is led daily in Church at 9am (note the new time!), except on Sundays and Bank Holidays:** You are most welcome to join the clergy, and fellow lay members of our church, for these quiet daily services of prayer and reflection. We follow the service using the order of "Common Worship : Daily Prayer", with its simple liturgy and Bible readings from the lectionary, and space for personal prayer (our intercessions are offered in silence).

## Coming soon

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am World Day of Prayer Service in St Mary's church** – This year the country represented is Slovenia and the theme is “Come, everything is ready”. All are welcome to come and pray and to enjoy refreshments after the service.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 if you'd like to attend.

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

**H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.30-9pm Monday Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. (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 Sunday afternoons 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](mailto:curate@stmaryshorsham.org.uk)

**Wed 13th Mar 10am Holy Communion** will be in St Peter's Chapel because of the St Mary's School Prayer Spaces taking place in church.

**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](mailto: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.



**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 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, equipment can be provided if needed**, please contact the Church Office on 01403 253762 or speak to a churchwarden.

**TODAY** at St Leonard's Church Hall: **17th Feb 2.15-4pm Mothers' Union 'Fellowship Sunday'** open to all including children with their guardian(s). Games and hobbies welcome or just come for the company and free refreshments.

**KINDER LIVING HOME SHOW Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March at County Hall North (Parkside);** Free entry. Can you support an **Eco Church stand** at this event?

<https://www.kinderliving.co.uk/events/home-show-2019/>. For info, and to volunteer, please contact Rosemary Couchman, HCT Development Co-ordinator – [rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk](mailto:rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk) or 07566 202741.

**Sponsorship Request: Jane Gorrie is taking part in the YMCA DownsLink SleepEasy 2019 again this year** – please considering sponsoring or joining her! *Homelessness is not just about rough sleeping*. Many young people may find themselves sofa surfing – staying with friends and family, without a stable place to call home, or they may live in unsafe or overcrowded accommodation and this is a cause close to Jane's heart. Donate via: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jane-Gorrie> or see Jane in church for more details.

## LENT STUDY 2019



The Diocesan Lent Course this year uses the 2019 Year of Vocation theme. We recommend 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/>.

**Year of Vocation Lent Groups** running for six weeks throughout Lent on Wednesdays or Saturdays: Wednesday evening group 7.45-9pm at Lynne Keeble's home in central Horsham beginning on 13th March; Saturday morning group 10-11am held in the church centre beginning on 9th March. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to book - all are welcome.

**Year of Vocation 'Way of Living'** is the theme at the informal and cafe church services (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays). They begin on 3rd Feb – 7th April at 5pm in the Barn, Church Centre. Explore what living as a Christian could mean for your life and support, how to be more intentional... also with great worship, afternoon tea and great people!

## Lent Fundraising 6<sup>th</sup> March – 21<sup>st</sup> April

**This year our chosen charity will be "Turning Tides"** which supports local people who are homeless and vulnerable with health, debt, homelessness, and getting into work. For more information about the charity see the notice board at the back of church or online <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/what-we-do/recovery-housing-horsham/>.

**LENT COLLECTION BOXES:** Lent Collection “Pillar Boxes” are available in church from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to help us collect small change. After Easter, 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 or into the offering plate in a service by 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**LENT ANGELS – Scheme 6<sup>th</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Being an Angel** - If you would like to join St. Mary’s “Lent Angel” team of volunteers, please phone Veronica James 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 – and for a small donation, we’ll fix up angelic church members to do that job, to the best of our ability!

**THANK-YOU : for being an Angel!**

**LENT LUNCHESES: Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April 12-1.30pm in the Barn** – Join us for a simple meal to raise money for Turning Tides.

<b>EASTER EVENTS</b>
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**Good Friday “Walk of Witness” – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr** will be taking place as usual in the town centre. Everyone is welcome to join one of the walks:

- East Street Walk – assemble at Brighton Road Baptist Church (New Street Entrance) from 10.30am to move off at 10.45am towards the Carfax
- West Street Walk – assemble at St. John the Evangelist RC Church from 10.30am to move off at 10.45am towards the Carfax

From 10am, Hot Cross buns will be distributed to the general public. The Good Friday Joint Service is an exciting opportunity for Christians from churches in and around Horsham to witness about their faith on a key date in the Christian calendar. The service, which takes place on the Carfax Bandstand, starts at 11.10am and will be finished by 11.50am. 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, HCT Development Co-ordinator - [rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk](mailto:rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk) or 07566 202741

**Good Friday Devotion 12noon – 3pm 19<sup>th</sup> April :** “Meditating on and Celebrating Christ’s Work on the Cross” 12noon – 1pm: The Stations of the Cross, led by Fr. David Bouskill; 1pm-2pm Seven Words from the Cross, led by Rev’d Alan Mayer; 2pm-3pm St Mary’s Choir will led give a performance of Stainer’s “Crucifixion”.

**“Messy Easter” – Holy Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Horsham Churches Together are organising Messy Easter craft activities in Swan Walk from 10am-4pm. If you can help please contact Rosemary Couchman, Horsham Churches Together Development Co-ordinator - [rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk](mailto:rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk) or 07566 202741.

**Soul Survivor, Peterborough 23-27<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. “

**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](http://www.gofundme.com/new-van-for-horsham-matters) if you are able to donate. Thank you.