

St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Wed 20th Mar	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.45 pm	Night Prayer
Thurs 21st Mar	10.00 am	Funeral Service for Mrs Jasminka Pancic (Jessica)
	7.45 pm	Christian Meditation Course (Leslie Room/Church)
Fri 22nd Mar	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
Sat 23rd Mar	12 noon	Lent Lunches (in the Barn, Church Centre)
SUNDAY 24th Mar	8.00 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Sunday Club) Followed by St Mary's AGM in church – all welcome
	11.30 am	Kairos (informal service for children and their families)
	5.00 pm	Evensong

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 Growing as Disciples**; We pray for guests who are moving on from using the winter night shelters in Worthing and Horsham, that with support from Turning Tides Outreach Team they will be able to move on to more sustainable accommodation.

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, "Connect" etc)
Saturday	Our preaching & teaching ministry at St. Mary's (Sermons etc)

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 Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 & Luke 13.31-end) |
| 9.30 am | Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club) |
| 11.30 am | Holy Baptisms |
| 5.00 pm | Informal Service in the Barn, Church Centre |

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.

Coming soon

Wednesday Evenings in Lent: 7.45pm 13th Mar – 10th Apr Night Prayer held in church

Thurs 21st Mar: Flower Arrangers “Open House” from 10am-4pm at 49 Pollard’s Drive. If you are interested in joining us to help with church flowers please come along. Phone Sheila Glaysher for more information on 01403 263407.

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 Edmands 07753 821964 All proceeds to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

St Mary’s AGM 24th March You are warmly invited to attend our church AGM which takes place after the 9.30 service. There are several opportunities to serve on one or more of the groups which help to make decisions regarding all aspects of our church and parish life. Please do prayerfully consider whether you could help in this way and talk to a member of the clergy or one of the Wardens. Sign up sheets are on the board at the back church. AGM packs are available to read in advance of the meeting: paper copies to borrow, read and return are at the back of church and you can also see them on our church website.

Thursday 28th Mar 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 11th April.

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

Sunday 31st Mar 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. (Next date is 5th May.)

H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.45-9pm Monday 1st April here at St Mary’s (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 7.45pm on 6th May at St John’s.

Sat 6th April 3-5pm St Mary’s Egg Party in the Barn: You are invited to come and celebrate new life with an egg hunt in the Church followed by Easter crafts, games, cakes and a hot tea for the children at the Barn. Tickets £5 per family. Please book via MyChurchSuite, or the “what’s on” page on our website or via the Church Office.

Thursday 11th April 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.

PALM SUNDAY 14th April : 9.10am – Please note the 9.30 service begins with Prayers and a Procession to Church while singing hymns and bearing palms. Please bring a green branch, and gather at the top of the Causeway at 9.10am. At **6.30pm** – You are invited to begin Holy Week with a meditative & dramatised reading of the Passion story, which is interspersed with hymns and Choir anthems.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings of Holy Week: 7.45pm 15th, 16th & 17th Apr Night Prayer held in church

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL : After the **Maundy Thursday Eucharist (7.45pm 18th April)** a silent prayer vigil will be held in church. You are invited to "keep watch" and pray, as Jesus and his followers did before his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday “Walk of Witness” – Fri 19th 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 or 07566 202741

Good Friday Devotion 12noon – 3pm 19th 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 give a performance of Stainer’s “Crucifixion”.

Good Friday Holiday Club Friday April 19th, 12noon-3pm, in the church centre. Age appropriate and engaging activities for school children **YEAR 4 up**: games, crafts, and make-your-own pizza lunch: £5 per child payable when you book. Helpers (YEAR 8 up) are free. Please register on the church website, via mychurchsuite or through the church office. Queries to Fiona families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk

Decorating the Church for Easter: The flower arranging team will be grateful for any help and donations of foliage to decorate the church from **9.30am on Easter Saturday morning 20th April**. No experience is needed and all are welcome, women, children and men. Hope to see you there and thank you.

“Messy Easter” – Holy Saturday 20th 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 or 07566 202741.

EASTER SUNDAY 21st Apr: 8.00 am Holy Communion, 9.30 am Easter Celebration Communion (no Lighthouse Sunday Club); Note: NO evening service on Easter Day.

Monday 6th May 10.30am : St Mary’s 5k Trail Run & Children’s Colour Run & Funday in the Barrack Field with children’s entertainment, forest crafts, stalls, & refreshments.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Confirmation 2019 : There will be a Deanery Confirmation service at St Margaret's, Warnham on Wed 5th June at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to be confirmed should contact Alison in St Mary's office in the first instance.

Easter Lilies – if you wish to purchase a lily at Easter in memory of a loved one please place a donation in one of the envelopes provided (available at the back of church) **and write on it the name of your loved one**. A list of names of those remembered will be displayed in the church over the Easter period.

MAY CAMP 2019 24th May – 27th May – Camping at Plumpton Race Course – Horsham and other local churches young people are going to this Diocesan camp. Do join us at this event which is for all young people in West Sussex from Year 6 up). For details see our church website or speak to Becky Hawkins in church (or via the church office).

Church Welcomers

One of St. Mary's greatest assets is our Church Building as a welcoming haven for visitors to Horsham and from further afield. Every day we try to have our Church open to visitors who greatly appreciate the opportunity to spend some time in our Church building.

Quote from Trip Advisor:

“Warmly welcomed and offered choice of leaflets for self-guided tour around church.”

In order that we can keep our Church open and offer a friendly welcome we urgently need some more ‘Church Welcomers’.

If you can spare one or two hours a week to be in Church to meet and welcome our visitors, please let Terry Brinkworth or one of our Churchwardens know.

Thank you

Fri 5th Apr 6pm Petworth Area Churches Together: Spring Lecture ‘Developing character through education’ Damian Hinds MP Secretary of State for Education to speak with reference to Faith Schools. All welcome, especially those connected with local schools, Teachers, Heads and School Governors at Petworth (St Mary's Parish Church) GU28 0AD wine and canapés following, free entry parking in town centre car park (6 minutes walk) Further info: Gerald Gresham Cooke 01798 342 151 Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com

HORSHAM MATTERS : As you may know, Horsham Matters has lost at least £90,000 of West Sussex funding which had previously enabled the Charity to provide support to the most vulnerable members of our community. Horsham Matters would be grateful if you could think about ways in which you may be able to fundraise, for example you may be able to ask your workplace to benefit the Charity at a corporate day or if you belong to a group or organisation could you raise funds through an event with your members? If you would like to discuss any ideas please contact Emma Elnaugh, emma.elnaugh@horsham-matters.org.uk “

Collyer's Sixth Form College are seeking host families for our incoming international students from late August. Would you be interested in providing a home-from-home for these young students while they are in the UK? Please contact Richard Rothwell at rtr@collyers.ac.uk.

LENT STUDY 2019

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 23rd March – 21st 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 24th 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 the pillar box and envelope to the church office or put it into the offering collection in a service by 3rd May.

LENT ANGELS – Scheme 23rd March – 20th 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.

More Welcoming Angels Job Requests Needed - 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 23rd March – 13th April 12-1.30pm in the Barn – Join us for a simple meal to raise money for Turning Tides.

Coming soon

WhoLetTheDadsOut? Sat Apr 27th, 9-11am, in the church centre (Barn) for all dads/male carers and their children. Come and have some “Movin’ and Groovin’” fun with breakfast too! All the usual activities: pool table, table football PLUS an obstacle course, activity challenges and a dance workshop (in the Manor room). Suggested donation of £2 pp to cover the costs. All welcome except mums!

St Mary's 5K Trail Run and Family Fun Day: On Monday 6th May, St Mary's Preschool are hosting their second annual 5K Trail Run and Family Fun Day! On Barrack Field from **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**, there will be a wide range of entertainment including bouncy castle, forest crafts, giant games and giant bubbles, alongside a variety of acts performing in our outdoor arena. As well as the adults' 5K trail run, there is the children's obstacle colour run, with different heats for different ages. We will have a variety of food and drink vendors in attendance including a bar, plus face painting and a selection of stalls from local businesses. You can register now for the 5k and colour runs, or buy children's wristbands which give you unlimited access to all children's entertainment for the whole day. Visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarys5krun> and book now through Eventbrite. See you there!