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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! **If anyone has a van and can offer to help bring tables from the barn to the Barrack Field on the day please let the Preschool or Church Office know.**

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 Buildings, Finance & Administration;** We pray for the current residents of Turning Tides' Recovery Houses in Horsham, especially that they can thrive and make the most of chances to really succeed in long term recovery.

Monday Our Church Office Team

Tuesday Our Church Leadership Team (PCC, Church Council, Mission Action teams etc.)

Wednesday Care of our Buildings (Churchwardens, Verger, Friends, Maintenance work)

Thursday Our sister churches in the Parish, Horsham Churches Together, Deanery/Diocese

Friday Our Treasurer, stewardship and fundraising teams.

Saturday Our Bellringers, Flower arrangers, Church cleaners 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 contact the Church Office: Tel. 01403 253762 Email: office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk)

Holy Week

Sun 14th Apr 8.00 am Holy Communion (Reading Philippians 2.5-11 & Luke 19.28-40)

9.30 am Parish Communion (procession to church with palm branches starting at 9.10am from the top of the Causeway; children's activities in the Leslie Room)

11.30 am Kairos with Holy Baptisms (informal service for children and their families)

6.30 pm Palm Sunday Service of Passion Gospel Readings and Choir Anthems

Mon 15th Apr 7.45 pm Service of Compline (Night Prayer)

held in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre

Tues 16th Apr 7.45 pm Service of Compline (Night Prayer)

held in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre

Wed 17th Apr 10.00 am Holy Communion

7.45 pm Service of Compline (Night Prayer)

held in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre

Maundy Thurs 18th Apr 7.45 pm Holy Communion (followed by silent prayer vigil until Midnight)

Good Friday 19th Apr 10.50 am Act of Witness (procession to the Carfax to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ)

12noon-3pm The Three Hour Devotion (12-1pm Stations of the Cross; 1-2pm Seven Words from the Cross; 2-3pm Performance by St Mary's Choir of Stainer's Crucifixion); (with children's activities in the barn)

Holy Sat 20th Apr - No services

EASTER SUNDAY 21st Apr

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Easter Celebration Communion with Baptism (no lighthouse)
(Note no evening service)

This week

TODAY 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 **St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre.**

Tuesday 16th April: Chrism Eucharist at Chichester Cathedral - for those wishing to attend this service a group from the parish including Rev'd. Rebecca Tuck are travelling on the 10.01am train from Horsham. You are welcome to join us.

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL : After the **Maundy Thursday Eucharist (7.45pm 18th April)** a silent prayer vigil will be held in a side chapel in church. You are invited to "keep watch" and pray, as Jesus and his followers did before his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. If you would like to take part, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of Church, to indicate as many half hour slots as you like (so we can ensure the vigil continues until midnight, with at least one but preferably more folk present throughout). Thank-you.

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 Rev'd. Bernard Sinton;

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.

Coming soon

Thursday 25th 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 9th May.

Thurs 25th Apr 7.30pm: St Mary’s Book Group in the Leslie Room. We are reading “The Red Tent” by Anita Diamant. All are welcome. No need to let us know in advance, but if you want to find out more, either speak to the Church Office or Katherine Potter.

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!

Tuesday 30th April 2.00pm – Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Geoff Mills. Please remember the family in your prayers, and you are most welcome to join them in giving thanks for Geoff’s life at the service and afterwards for refreshments in the Barn.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

Thurs 18th April 7-8.15pm - David Durance, President of Teach Beyond and member of St Mary’s Church is giving a talk about TeachBeyond at Appleyards Bible Church 72 Brighton Rd. RH13 5BU. All welcome.

St. Mary’s Pre-School - places for September: Sessions are being allocated now for the academic year starting in September 2019. If you are interested in applying, please contact us at stmspreschool@gmail.com or phone to arrange a visit on 205223, 9am-3pm during term-time.

Parenting Course: A six week group for parents & carers of pre-school children will be starting on Thursday May 9th at 8pm (break for half term). Cost: £9 which includes a handbook to keep. For details contact Hennie Sleeman, speak to Fiona Prentice or Laura Fletcher in church, or leave your contact details with the church office.

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).

Thankyou to all who donated: we raise a total of **£511.27** for the World Vision Cyclone Idai disaster appeal.

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.

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

Sunday 5th May 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. Next date is 2nd June.

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.

H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.45-9pm Monday 6th May at St John'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. Next date is 3rd June at Holy Trinity.



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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. If you have contact with a local business or run one yourself, perhaps you would consider asking them to supporting us? All sponsors are included in the programme and publicity. Please contact Judy Brinkworth, Jo Benson or Ali in the Church Office.

Flower Festival – Cakes and Preserves Sales: if anyone is able to help by making preserves to sell at the Flower Festival this year please let the church office know – thankyou.

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

Saturday 29th June 10am-4.30pm: Walk Through the Bible Old Testament Live Event £14 per person . Held at Appleyards Bible Church, 72 Brighton Road, RH13 5BU– Please contact Ian Topalian asap on 07763 191311 or email ianrosabel.topalian@lineone.net if you'd like to attend as places are limited. For more info see www.bible.org.uk

LENT STUDY & PRAYER 2019

Prayer Room during Lent : *“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you in a dry and parched land where there is no water.” Psalm 63v1*
Come and spend some time in the prayer room during Lent. Some prayer activities have been prepared for you to use or you can use the time as you choose. You can book a slot in the diary hung on the door or just turn up and see if it is free. The prayer room is at the top of the Bethany building which is the extension on the south west corner of the church and is open whenever the church is open.

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 31st March – 21st April



This year our chosen charity is “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 LUNCHESES: Saturdays 13th April 12-1.30pm in the Barn – Join us for a simple meal to raise money for Turning Tides.

LENT COLLECTION BOXES: Lent Collection “Pillar Boxes” are available in church from 24th Feb to help us collect small change.

LENT ANGELS – Scheme 6th – 20th April: small jobs by volunteers to raise funds. Please phone Veronica James and sign up to help or have a job done!

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