

St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Tues 23rd Apr	7.45 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St Leonard's Church
Wed 24th Apr	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 25th Apr	10.00 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre (followed by coffee)
Fri 26th Apr	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
	12.30 pm	Wedding of Louise Chappell and Michael Tucker
Sat 27th Apr	7.30 pm	West Sussex Philharmonic Choir Concert
SUNDAY 28th Apr	8.00 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Sunday Club)
of Easter	11.30 am	Kairos (informal service for children and their families)
	6.30 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 Serving & Transforming the Community**; We give thanks for Turning Tides' work in Horsham through its drop in service at Salvation Army, and for its local outreach worker who runs these weekly sessions.

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 (Anchor Counselling and Therapy, the Bible Society, Diocesan Family Support Work etc.)

Friday Our town ministry (via Council/Civic links, Concerts, Horsham Churches Together)

Saturday Mission projects we support overseas (through World Vision, Christian Aid 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)

Today

8.00 am Holy Communion (Reading Acts 10.34-43 & John 20.1-18)

9.30 am Easter Celebration Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room). Note : No other services today

The Easter Garden

Each year we prepare an Easter Garden to celebrate the resurrection. In the course of some research it has come to light that the Hoo memorial near the High Altar was built so that its table top would be the home of the Easter Garden. This would have been where the people came at Easter right up until the reign of Edward VI in 1549, and this year we are reviving the custom. At Easter please come and say a prayer of thanksgiving at this holy place.



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** 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. Refreshments 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! **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.**

This week

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.

Tues 23rd April 7.45pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St Leonard's Church. All welcome.

Thurs 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 call 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!

Coming soon

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.

Fri 3rd May 7.30pm Concert in St Mary's Church - Helen Whittington (Soprano) and Friends: Eleanor Holmes (Soprano), Kersti Wagstaff (Soprano), Maria Curtis (Mezzo), Peter James (Tenor), Peter Busby (Tenor) with Jane Thomas (Piano). "Light & Shade" - Songs for a summer evening.. Tickets £8.00 and info from Helen – 07941 338169.

www.helenwhittingtonsoprano.com

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St Mary's School Competition: No battery should end up in landfill! Recycle them correctly! St Mary's school has entered 'the big battery hunt' schools' competition with prizes of school equipment as well as an individual prize for the pupil who collects the most.

If you know a child who goes to the school, please give them any undamaged AAA, AA, C and D batteries. Keep batteries dry & if concerned insulate the ends (by taping) for more information visit <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt>

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 on 07496 881806, speak to Fiona Prentice or Laura Fletcher in church, or leave your contact details with the church office.

Tues 30th Apr 4-6pm at Dalesdown: FAITH IN ACTION. Horsham District Council recognises that faith groups provide a wide range of vital support in our communities, and are keen to support these groups wherever possible. They know that there are many different initiatives happening; from foodbanks, debt advice, children and youth work, parent groups, dementia care, to night shelters, street pastors, counselling, befriending, provision of furniture and household supplies and so much more. We would like to invite you to join the Voluntary Sector Support team (based at Horsham District Council) to celebrate the positive impact of churches and faith based groups within Horsham district. If you would like to attend, please [book](#) a free ticket. Tickets are available to volunteers, trustees and paid staff - all are welcome. Refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits will be available on arrival. Free parking is available on site. For further information please call 01403 215191 or email: volunteering@horsham.gov.uk



This year our chosen Lent 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 Pillar Boxes Collection: thank-you for collecting small change this Lent for “Turning Tides”. 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 hand in via a church service collection by **5th May** please.

Sat 18th May 7:00pm at St Mark’s Church, Holbrook: “The Hiding Place” A drama performance of the Corrie Ten Boom Story The Oddments Theatre Company are a full-time Christian Theatre Company who aim to produce quality drama that is both entertaining and thought provoking. Corrie’s book tells the story of how her family hid Jews in their home during the occupation of Holland by Germany in WW2. This is sure to be a powerful and moving performance and we hope you will be able to join us. This production is a great opportunity to invite your friends! Tickets on sale now - £10 in advance or £12 if purchased on the evening. Please contact St Mark’s Office 01403 261380 or email: office@stmarksholbrook.org.uk or 9am to 12:30pm Mon-Sat at St Mark’s.

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).

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.

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 to book asap if you'd like to attend as places are limited. For more info see www.bible.org.uk

Flower Festival 13th - 16th June : The theme for this year's Flower Festival is "Diversity " Interpreting Local Culture in flowers. The Flower Festival is always very popular, a great way of outreach to the town and a great way of raising funds. Last year it raised over £4200! It's success is very dependent on sponsorship and donations mainly from local 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