

St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Tues 30th Apr	2.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Geoff Mills
Wed 1st May	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Fri 3rd May	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
	12.30 pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Fred Coalbran
	7.30 pm	“Light & Shade” Concert by Helen Whittington & Friends
SUNDAY 5th May	8.00 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am	Church Family Communion (no Lighthouse Sunday Club)
	11.30 am	Matins
	6.30 pm	Informal Service in the Barn, Church Centre
Mon 6th May	10.30am-2pm	St Mary's 5K Trail Run and Funday

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 Worshipping and Praying;** We give thanks for the town events organised by Horsham Churches Together during the year, including the Walk of Witness, Good Friday joint service and Messy Easter last weekend. We pray that Horsham District Council's “Faith in Action” event on Tuesday will offer fruitful opportunities to network and work together.

Monday Our ministry of intercession (HOPE Parish Prayer Meetings, Prayer Chain, Healing Prayer Team)

Tuesday Our visitors prayers (votive candles, prayer fish etc.)

Wednesday Our midweek services and home communions.

Thursday Our intercession leaders, lesson readers, servers and vergers

Friday Our choir and musicians.

Saturday Our Sunday Services

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 5.27-32 & John 20.19-31)
9.30 am Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)
11.30 am Kairos (informal service for children and their families)
6.30 pm Evensong (Hymns from NEH 119, 114, 244; Ps 16;
Readings Isaiah 52.13-53 & Luke 24.13-35)



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

Tues 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 April 12.30pm – Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr Fred Coalbran. Please remember the family in your prayers, and you are most welcome to join them in giving thanks for Fred'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 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.

Coming soon

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.

Thurs 9th May 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 23rd May.

Sat 11th May 7.30pm Horsham Music Circle's 77th Anniversary Concert - a chamber music feast (part of the Year of Culture). Tickets are available in advance from 01403 252602, email horshammusiccircle@gmail.com, from Horsham Museum 01403 211661 and on line from www.wegotickets.com/HorshamMusicCircle and on the door.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

JubyLee Bakes (a local group of young bakers with learning disabilities) WON £50k! The group won the **first prize** of £50K in the National Lottery Community Fund's "People's Projects" Competition! Thankyou from Helen Crooks and everyone at JubyLee Bakes for all your votes! We will now be able to refurbish our kitchens in Thakeham. For more information about us see www.jubyleebakes.org.uk

The Choir are very grateful to those that gave so generously to the retiring collection after the Crucifixion by John Stainer during the last hour of the devotion on Good Friday. It raised £249 towards our cathedral trip in the summer of 2020.

A CD of the Crucifixion is now available at the back of church with a minimum suggested donation to Choir Funds of £5.

First Aiders at St Mary's: We would like to put up notices in Church (on the 'Who's Who' board) and in the Barn indicating those people who have some First Aid knowledge, hoping then that it will be easier to find people if and when the need arises. The notice would just have your first and last name and no other details on it. If you are happy for us to do this, please let Ali in the Church Office know asap.

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, please contact us at stmspreschool@gmail.com or phone to arrange a visit on 205223, 9am-3pm (in term-time).

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>

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 invites you to join the Voluntary Sector Support team (based at the 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 on site. For info email: volunteering@horsham.gov.uk or call 01403 215191

Lent Pillar Boxes Collection: thank-you for collecting small change during 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.

Sat 18th May 7:00pm at St Mark's Church, Holbrook: "The Hiding Place" A drama performance of the Corrie Ten Boom Story by The Oddments Theatre Company. Tickets £10 in advance via office@stmarksholbrook.org.uk or 01403 261380 or £12 on the door.

TeachBeyond is looking for a couple of families who would be willing to host new members who are coming for an orientation course during the May half-term: **27-30 May**. If you are able to serve in this way or would like more information, please contact Becky Hunsberger at bhunsberger@teachbeyond.org. Thank you!

HORSHAM MATTERS VOLUNTEERS REQUEST: Support for logistics operations doing minor repairs to furniture and preparation of items ready for sale in the shop; Collect money at Waitrose on Sat 25th May, 10 am – 3pm; Help at a Book Fair at St John's RC Church on Sat 25th May. Interested? Please contact Emma Elnaugh, General Manager, Horsham Matters (emma.elnaugh@horsham-matters.org.uk) or 0300 124 0204. Thank you.

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.

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.

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