

St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Wed 29th May 10.00 am Holy Communion

Thurs 30th May 7.45 p.m. **Ascension Day Holy Communion**

24-7 – 10 DAYS OF PRAYER FROM ASCENSION DAY TO PENTECOST

Fri 31st May 11.00 am Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)

SUNDAY 2nd Jun 8.00 am **Holy Communion**

7th Sunday 9.30 am **Church Family Communion (no Lighthouse Sunday Club)**

of Easter 11.30 am **Matins**

6.30 pm **Informal Service in the Barn, Church Centre**

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 Proclaiming the Gospel**; We give thanks for Horsham Churches Together and pray for love and unity between the different traditions represented; we pray for positive relationships founded on love and trust between its different partners.

Monday Our own personal witness to Christ (with family, friends etc.)

Tuesday Baptisms visits and preparation.

Wednesday Our Pilgrim Courses & special evangelistic events ("Open the Book" etc.)

Thursday Church Communications (Website, Notice boards, Literature etc.)

Friday Youth outreach (TGI Friday, Youth Alpha, Schools Teams etc.)

Saturday Ministry with visitors to St. Mary's (Church Stewards and guides etc.)

26th May 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

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 16.9-15 & John 14.23-29)**
- 9.30 am** **Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club – all groups meeting in the Leslie Room)**
- 11.30 am** **Kairos (informal service for children and their families)**
- 6.30 pm** **Evensong (Hymns from NEH 490, 452, 468; Ps 126; Readings Zephaniah 3.14-end & Matthew 28.1-10, 16-end)**



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! Its 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.

Please could you also **offer to help steward** at the Flower Festival – there is a sign up list at the back of church. **Posters** available to help advertise in your cars/windows at home etc!

This week

Tues 28th May 10.30am in the Causeway Barn, the Mothers' Union invite you to an open meeting. Simon Quail will be giving an illustrated talk drawn from his book entitled, "**Gangway, A Life at Sea**". Simon went to sea as a deck apprentice in the British Merchant Navy and in 20 years he sailed the five oceans touching almost every continent. He talks about his encounters with God, the mysteries of the deep, the challenges to his faith in seafaring and his adventures ashore. All welcome! Refreshments at 10am.

Thurs 30th May 7.45 pm - Ascension Day Holy Communion Service – all welcome.



10 DAYS OF PRAYER IN HORSHAM

You are invited to be part of 10 days of 24/7 prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, from 9pm on Thursday 30th May until 6pm on Sunday 9th June. Venue: Prayer Room, St. Mary's Church, accessed through door of new extension.

Please sign up for an hour slot via www.stmaryshorsham.org.uk or the church office. Come as a family, with a friend or on your own.

Sunday 9th June: From 2pm-6pm the Brighton Dome will be open for prayer with three prayer spaces - family, healing & contemplative. This will be followed by an evening of worship music from 7.00pm with a talk from Roy Crown from HOPE Together which aims to bring churches together to transform communities. Book through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/many-voices-one-spirit-tickets-59123430773>

Note that we have cancelled our usual 6.30pm service in St Mary's so that we can attend the 7pm service at the Brighton Dome.

Sun 2nd June 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. Next date is 7th July.

Coming soon

The Flower Festival 13th – 16th June ...is approaching fast! Posters to help advertise it are now available at the back of church – please take one and display prominently somewhere to help spread the word! Please could you also offer to help steward at the Flower Festival – there is a sign up list at the back of church. Please contact Jo Benson or Judi Brinkworth if you have any queries.

H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.45-9pm Monday 3rd June 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. Next date is 1st July at St Mary's.

Thurs 13th June 10.30 am: The **Informal coffee morning** group will attend the Bethany Café flower festival instead of our usual session in the manor room. 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.

St Mary's Book Group – Next meeting Thursday 4th July at 7.30pm, Leslie Room. We are reading “**A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles**”. 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.

A few of the Choristers are holding a talent festival on 20th July at 7pm in the Barn. Tickets will be sold on the door for a suggested donation of £5 and there will be refreshments on offer. Anyone between the ages of 5-16 can perform. If your child would like to participate please email Jeremy Weaver on jezzaw256@gmail.com. All proceeds will go towards choir funds and the choir trip to a cathedral in 2020. Any type of act – magic/juggling/comedy!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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>

Sat 8th June 12noon – 4pm CARING FOR OUR WORLD OPEN DAY – AN AFTERNOON TO EXPLORE SUSTAINABILITY at the Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House, Oldhouse Land, Coolham RH13 8QP. An interesting community event, learning about the small changes each of us can make in our lives to considering the bigger political actions and cultural shifts that are needed. Horsham Churches Together will have an Eco Church stand at the Open Day – if you are able to help with this, please contact rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org or phone her on 07566 202741.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST @ WINTERSHALL – 18-22 JUNE 2019 10AM-3.30PM An authentic open-air performance of the life of Jesus from birth to resurrection, held on the beautiful Wintershall estate in Bramley near Guildford, with its woodlands, lakes and open parkland. The audience follows the cast of 100 and live animals around the estate as they bring the story to life. Young and old are mesmerised as the story unfolds. There is free parking, mobility assistance, catering facilities and merchandise to purchase. To book go to www.wintershall.org.uk or call 01793 418299. Members of Horsham Churches Together will be at the event on Tuesday 18th June.

ONE GOOD FRIDAY 2020 HORSHAM : The Passion of Jesus will be performed in Horsham on Friday 10th April 2020 with the permission of Wintershall. There will be performances at 12 noon and 3.15pm, each 90 minutes long. The plays will be free of charge. This is a Horsham Churches Together project which will need volunteers from across the churches and the community, bringing together many different skills and abilities – we will need a director, cast members, production staff, administration staff, fundraisers. Preparation for the production will take place during 2019. Rehearsals for the cast will be January-April 2020. Please complete and return the volunteer application form by **24th June 2019**. Email horsham@onegoodfriday.com & see the volunteer pack: www.onegoodfriday.com/horsham/

Saturday 6th July 9am-5pm Eco Church stand at Horsham Share, Care and Repair Fair in the Carfax - Sussex Green Living, in association with the Horsham Repair Café will be holding a Share, Care & Repair Fair at Horsham Market, near the Carfax Bandstand (<http://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/event/>). Horsham Churches Together is planning to have an Eco Church stand at the Fair to demonstrate the churches' care for the environment. Please contact Rosemary Couchman, HCT Development Co-ordinator if you would like to help – rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org or 07566 202741.

MESSY FAMILY FUN Sunday 7th JULY, 12 noon TO 6pm as part of FUNDAY SUNDAY in Horsham Park: Horsham Churches Together will have a Messy Family Fun tent for families with summer fun craft activities at the funday. All Messy Churches and Children & Family Workers are invited to join the team to bless children and families. Contact Rosemary Couchman, HCT Development coordinator if you would like to help – rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org or 07566 202741.