

St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Wed 21st Aug	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 22nd Aug	10.00 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre (followed by coffee)
Fri 23rd Aug	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
SUNDAY 25th Aug	8.00 am	Holy Communion
10th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room)
	11.30 am	Kairos (informal service for children and their families)
	6.30 pm	Summer Evening Service ("Songs of Praise", in church)

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 pray for TeachBeyond's Global Centre team here in Horsham, as they seek to equip, encourage and serve TeachBeyond staff around the world.

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.)

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

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Reading Jeremiah 23.23-29 & Luke 12.49-56) |
| 9.30 am | Parish Communion (with children's activities in the Leslie Room) |
| 11.30 am | Holy Baptisms |
| 6.30 pm | Summer Evening Service ("Songs of Praise", in church) |

Do you shop on line?

If you do, you could easily help raise funds for St. Mary's Thanks A Million (TAM) appeal at no cost to yourself. Our 'Thanks A Million' appeal is raising money for two projects – the Redevelopment of our Church Centre and the Conservation and Renewal work in Church EasyFundraising is so simple to use and no matter how much you spend on-line shopping (Amazon, Ebay, Sainsbury's, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, to name but a few) a donation is made to TAM. Some examples – Amazon £22 – 11p donation, Sainsbury's £113 – 50p donation, M&S £24 – 37p donation. They may be small donations – they cost you nothing but they all add up! Currently we have only a few people using Easyfundraising but already they have raised over £75 ! Get started today - just follow the link below and start donating to our TAM appeal now. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryshorsham/> You simply access your on-line shop via Easyfundraising then shop in your normal way. The donation happens automatically, it is as simple as that!

This Week



IN CONJUNCTION WITH
HORSHAM DEANERY

SPIRITUAL TREASURES – A GREAT SUMMER ACTIVITY: As part of the year of culture, throughout August Churches in our area are taking part in a 'Spiritual Treasures Trail' which involves visiting all the churches taking part, answering questions and collecting stickers along the way. Anyone can take part and there is a prize draw for children who enter their completed trails. Trail sheets are available at the back of church.

Coach Trip: on **Wed 21st Aug** the bellringers and friends are going on an outing to 5 Churches around Maidenhead and Windsor and have a few seats still available on the coach. If you are interested in going please see Val Burgess or give her a ring on H. 268077.

Thurs 22nd Aug 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 12th Sept.

Summer Evening Service 6.30pm 25th August - Christians in Education: Come and hear how some members of our congregation seek to live a Christian life in their different roles in education, including students, teachers and administrators. We will find out about the challenges, join in the discussions and pray for each other.

Coming soon

Sun 1st Sept 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service. Next date is 6th Oct.

H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.45-9pm Monday 2nd Sept 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 7th Oct at St John's, Broadbridge Heath.

Tues 3rd Sept 10am-12noon: St Mary's Summer Holiday Club "We're going on a journey!" Leechpool Woods. The rescheduled *Woods for Learning* session with Gary Marlowe (from 30 July which was cancelled due to strong winds & storms) will be held on Tuesday 3rd September which is an INSET day for most schools. Please book through the church website or the office. Further details from Fiona Prentice families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk

St Mary's Book Group – Thursday 5th September 7.30pm Leslie Room We are reading "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry. 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. Our following book will be *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a relentless God* by Francis Chan, to be discussed on Thurs 7th Nov.

Ride and Stride 2019 – 14th September 9-5pm – see the main details on the next page of this pew sheet.

Fri 20th Sept 6.30pm-8pm Bat Walk Evening for families. Martyn from the Surrey Bat Group and Tom from the Sussex Wildlife Trust are coming to give us a talk about bats and a walk around the church with bat detectors (suitable for children over 6 and adults). Please book with the office or the website. No charge but donations collected for the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Ride and Stride 2019 – 14th September 9-5pm

Ride and Stride is fast approaching; and not long ago, St Mary's received a grant of £10,000 from the Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), so it would be great to have a big turnout for this fun event...

There are lots of options, including: participating as a (sponsored) walker or rider; manning the church; or simply sponsoring one of our riders/walkers or those manning the church. Please do sign up on the sheets at the back of church and pick up the information leaflets there. It's a great cause, with any funds raised split equally between St Mary's and the SHCT.

Sat 14th Sept 2-4pm: Join families in a sponsored scoot & stroll ! For all church family but especially Kairos, Lighthouse, school and Little Footprints families. We will gently journey together around 4 churches in the centre of Horsham to raise money for St Mary's church building & the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. We start at St Leonard's at 2pm and finish at St Mary's for tea and cake. PLEASE JOIN US! Collect a sponsor form from the back of church. Further information from Fiona or Laura at families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk

Riding or striding. This year, you can also join Simon for either a short tour of the participating churches in Horsham, or for the more active, a wider ranging route taking in Rusper, Slinfold, Itchingfield, Nuthurst, Partridge Green, Shipley, Coolhurst and Billingshurst; or make up your own route...

Sponsorship. As usual, Simon will be riding, and his sponsorship form is also at the back of the church. Others may also be riding/striding, so please look out for their forms too.

Manning St Mary's. Volunteers are needed, please, to man the church on the day of the Ride and Stride event. There's a rota at the back of the church, split into one hour slots. Please try to find an hour to support this valuable endeavour and sign up with your name and a contact number on the sheet. The requirements are very straightforward - just logging riders/striders in and offering refreshments.

For more information please contact Simon Briggs in church or via the church office.

Sat 28th Sept 9-11am "WhoLetTheDadsOut?" in the Barn & church centre for all Dads/male carers and their children. Come and have some fun with breakfast too! There is a CONSTRUCTION THEME & all the usual activities & BREAKFAST! All welcome except mums!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Thankyou for all the help we've received in removing carpets from the vicarage – it's all done now. Our wardens Steve or Nigel will be hoping for help with the gardening at a later date...

St Mary's Mission Giving for 2020 : If you would like to nominate an organisation for St Mary's support in 2020 please email churchwarden@stmaryshorsham.org.uk with your suggestion/s. It would be helpful if you include a little background information about the organisation, its needs, and any personal involvement you have. **All suggestions to be received by 31st August** please as SATTC meets next at the very beginning of September, and we will be making our recommendations immediately afterwards. With many thanks from the SATTC MAP Team. For more information see the flyers at the back of church.

Choir teas: the Mothers' Union is organising the rotas for provision of afternoon tea for the choir once a month before Choral Evensong. Would you be able to help serve? Or to provide sandwiches or cake? Please contact Sue Lismer or the office.

Drop-off, drop-in Coffee Mornings - Thursday morning volunteers needed from September. More volunteers are needed to join a rota to set-up, serve and clear away for coffee mornings in the Leslie room. These run from 8.30-9.30am during term time and are a wonderful oasis for parents and grandparents dropping off at school and pre-school. Set up is from soon after 8am and you can usually be cleared away by 10. Please contact Karen Inglis-Taylor by email theitfamily@gmail.com if you can help.

Pastoral Support: if you or anyone you know are going into hospital or are poorly please let the church office know so that we can offer practical support and prayer.

Pastoral Care at St Mary's: we now have the ability to keep a confidential record of a contact name and phone number for our parishioners for use if an emergency happens. For example if someone is taken ill in a church service or if we haven't seen someone for some time and are worried about them. If you'd like us to record your "in case of emergency" or "ICE" contact details please let the church office know. Only key staff would have access to this information. (Forms available at the back of church.)

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).



Messy Harvest – Sun 1st September 12noon-4pm: Would you like to be involved with Horsham Churches Together's Messy Harvest which will be taking place on Sunday 1st Sept in central Horsham? Could you join the planning team – one or two meetings between now and 1st September? Could you volunteer to set up Messy Harvest and help with

the first session – 11.30am-2pm or 2pm-4.30pm including a bit of clearing up? You may prefer to help for a shorter time. Please contact Rosemary Couchman, HCT's Development Co-ordinator on 07566 202741 or rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk to offer your help. Thank you.

HORSHAM MATTERS BIG SLEEP OUT: Sat 7 Sept from 7:30pm The Horsham Matters Big Sleep Out will take place on Saturday 7 September, beginning at 7.30pm and running for 12 hours. It will take place in the grounds of New Barn School, Broadbridge Heath. It's a sponsored challenge where people swap the luxury of a home and comfy bed and sleep in a cardboard box for the night to gain insight into some of the things you might face, homeless on the street, while raising money for the Horsham Night Shelter starting 1 December 2019. There will be activities and entertainment in the evening and breakfast provided in the morning. For further details please e-mail paula.daly@horsham-matters.org.uk

Holy Trinity Church of England Secondary School Open Evening: Wed 25th Sept 5-8pm. Meet the Headteacher and leadership team, ask questions and look around the school Buckswood Drive, Gossops Green, Crawley RH11 8JE www.holytrinitycrawley.org.uk

Chichester Cathedral's Live Better Together 2019 programme opens on **Fri 20th Sept** and runs through into October with many interesting talks and interactive events. Full details and how to book are at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or contact 01243 812497.

ONE GOOD FRIDAY 2020 HORSHAM : The Passion of Jesus will be performed in Horsham Town Centre on Friday 10th April 2020 with the permission of Wintershall. 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 and volunteers are requested 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 if you'd like to get involved (application deadline has been extended). Email horsham@onegoodfriday.com for more information. www.onegoodfriday.com/horsham/