

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 (Romans 15.4-13 & Matthew 3.1-12)**
- 9.30 am** **Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Sunday Club)**
- 11.30 am** **Kairos (informal service for children and their families)**
- 6.30 pm** **Informal Service in the Church/Leslie Room**

Revd Canon Lisa Barnett

The Churchwardens are very pleased and delighted to announce the appointment of The Reverend Canon Lisa Barnett to be the new Team Rector of the Horsham Team Ministry.

Lisa joins us from Scaynes Hill where she is currently the Vicar of St. Augustine's Church. She will be licensed in St. Mary's Church on Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm.

To find out a little more about Lisa please see our Church Website.

This Week

Wed 11th Dec 8.30-10.30am Coffee, cake and craft morning in the Leslie Room. Please help us raise money for Open Doors' Signs of Hope project which is helping Syrian women with training and a loan to set up small businesses. You are all invited to join us for Christmas refreshments and crafts. The Wednesday Pilgrim group and evening house group are running this in response to a course they have been doing on living justly. Many thanks for your support.

Thurs 12th Dec 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 Jan 2020.

Coming soon

Informal service Late November 2019 to March 2020: The 6.30pm informal service, that normally takes place in the Barn, will now be taking place either in Church or the Leslie room over the winter months. This is because the Horsham Night Shelter will be in the Barn on Sunday evenings.



Sat 21st Mar 2020 7.45pm St Mary's Jazz Evening with fish and chip supper –early bird tickets (£15) are now on sale from the church website or from the church office (until 31st Dec).

Sun 5th Jan 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service.

St Mary's Book Group – Next meeting Wed 22 Jan at 7.30pm, Leslie Room. We are reading Gaudete et Exultate by Pope Francis. 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.

Treasures talk with Rupert Toovey 8th Feb 2020: We are looking for a team of people to help plan and run the Treasures Talk with Rupert Toovey. This is to be a social and fundraising event in aid of our Thanks A Million appeal. If you might be interested in helping or would like to find out more please speak to our Churchwardens (churchwarden@stmaryshorsham.org.uk) or Ali (office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk) in the Church office (01403 253762).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St Mary's Church office is open 10am-12noon on weekdays and we close for Christmas 12noon on Fri 20th Dec. We reopen on Mon 6th Jan 2020.

St Mary's Choir cake sale: A big thank you to all who helped and supported our cake sale on Sun 24th Nov, we made £208 which is a great result and will go towards our next Choir Trip to Exeter 2020.

Parking in the Vicarage drive: Over the last year, since Guy and Jebbs left, there have been some members of our Church family using the Vicarage drive to park in. This has to stop please at Christmas. With Lisa and her family moving in very shortly, there can be no parking in the Vicarage drive after Christmas day, thank you.

Christmas is coming.... Count down the days with an Advent Candle, available at the back of church. All proceeds to St Mary's church funds

This Advent we invite you to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar! Rather than receiving something daily throughout Advent, you put a basic grocery item into a decorated box for Horsham Foodbank as a reminder to thank God for all He provides. Collect a *Reverse Advent Calendar* pack from the back of church and decorate a strong box that can take 24 items. Every day, 1st-24th December, place one of the suggested items into the box and put the prayer sticker on your calendar. Please bring your *Reverse Advent Calendar* box to the services on 5th & 12th January or by arrangement with Fiona families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk or Lynne Keeble lynne.keeble@googlemail.com Your thoughtful gifts will be distributed through the Horsham Foodbank to those in our community who need them.

Sat 14th Dec 11am-4pm Horsham Churches Together Christmas Event –To volunteer, please contact Rosemary Couchman on 07566 202741 or rosemary.couchman@horshamct.org.uk

Thankyou from Rev'd. Natalie Loveless – Thankyou so much for the wonderful send off you have given me from the Parish, it's been a huge joy and privilege walking alongside you all over the years. Thankyou for the brilliant gift of a picture of the churches, I will have it up in my study and remember and pray for you all. Please do come and see us in Rustington. Your leaving give to me was so generous and unexpected and all your kind words so appreciated. With very much love and blessings, Natalie. **Natalie's Collation and Induction Service at Rustington (St Peter and St Paul, Postcode BN16 3NL) is on 16th December at 7.30pm – all are welcome.**

Horsham Matters Christmas Carol Singing – Sat 21st Dec Noon until 1.30pm: A Christmas Carol singing session to raise funds for Horsham Matters on Saturday 21st December, midday until 1.30pm will take place in the foyer at John Lewis. If anyone would like to join them to sing along please contact Paula Daly: paula.daly@horsham-matters.org.uk Horsham Matters will also be selling Charity Christmas cards at their shop and market stall from 1st Dec.

One Good Friday 2020 in Horsham: 75 Actors, in the Carfax, re-enacting the last days of Jesus life including the crucifixion. What an opportunity God has given us! To make this happen we need 2 key individuals: a Production Manager and a Producer. Is God calling you to do this? Contact Rosemary Couchman on 07566 202741 Rosemary.Couchman@HorshamCT.org.uk

HORSHAM CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER – 1st December 2019 to 31st March 2020: Our Night Shelter season has begun, and we have been receiving 6 referrals each night so far. However, we do need more volunteers to help with the Night Shelter. We particularly for need: Ladies willing to do overnight on a Tuesday or Wednesday; Christmas Day evening and overnight; Wednesday morning breakfast. If you are interested in the above volunteer opportunities please contact Emma Elnaugh, General Manager, Horsham Matters by email: emma.elnaugh@horsham-matters.org.uk or by telephone: 0300 1240204.

ECO Church: Do not pollute the land where you are." Numbers 35:33 In our common goal of getting one step closer to an even greener church, **we are eagerly inviting you to bring your own reusable cup for refreshments to church.** This will cut down hugely on our use of paper cups. Thank you for your attention.

Getting ready to welcome Rev. Lisa Barnett

Adding your photograph to ChurchSuite: For those of you who use MyChurchSuite, have you thought about uploading your photo? Some people have already and it has been very useful. We thought that it would very helpful if more people could add their photos to help Rev. Lisa Barnett get to know us when she arrives. If you want to know how to do it or have your photo taken, then please speak to Nigel Stalley.

Welcome Book: As part of our welcome to Lisa, our new Team Rector, and her family, we are making a Photo and Message Presentation Book for them. Many thanks to all those who have already done this! If you have not yet had the opportunity, there is a basket near the entrance to the Church where you will find spare slips of paper and a pen. Please could you write a welcoming message, a Bible verse or a word of encouragement. If you would like to draw or paint a picture for the family, A5 size or smaller, we would be delighted to add this to the Welcome Book. Someone will be taking photos of the different congregations and children's groups to add to the book. If you would prefer that your children are not in the photos, please let the children's leaders or the photographer know.

Prayer Room (upstairs at the back of the church): Our Prayer Room is currently set up to help us to pray for our new Team Rector, Lisa, and her family as they prepare to come. We are praying too for our own church and others in this time of transition. The Prayer Room is available whenever the Church is open.

Vicarage Carpets: During the last few months the Vicarage had been decorated throughout and all the old carpets removed. Lisa and Stephen have now chosen the carpets they would like and we are ready to place the order to have them put down before they move in. The cost of the carpets is going to be in the region of £8,500 or to look at it another way - £25 per metre. We get minimal support (£350) from the Diocese to prepare the Vicarage for our new Vicar. We are therefore appealing to our St Mary's family to raise the money for the new carpets. Could you spare £25 for one square metre of carpet? Gifts can be made by either sending a cheque into the Church Office marked 'Carpet for Lisa' (cheques payable to - PCC Horsham No.1 Account) or online via My ChurchSuite (Menu / My Giving / Donate / then select the amount and whether you are gift aiding it – when you agree privacy notice it then allows you to then select option - 'Carpet for Lisa' on the next screen). Thank you in advance for your support. Morag, Steve and Nigel

Services for Christmas:

Advent Carol Service 6.30pm Sun 1st Dec;

Kairos Crib Service and Blessing of the Crib 3.15pm Sun 22nd Dec;

Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm Sun 22nd Dec;

Crib Services 3pm and repeated at 5pm Tues 24th Dec;

Midnight Mass 11.15pm Tues 24th Dec;

Christmas Day Wed 25th Dec: 8am (traditional service with carols) and
9.30am (Christmas Celebration for all the family);

Epiphany Carol Service 6.30pm Sun 5th Jan 2020.




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**St Mary's Church
The Causeway, Horsham**




(Services marked with  are particularly suited to families with their children.)

Sunday 22nd December - 4th Sunday of Advent

 3.15pm Kairos Crib Service and Blessing of the Crib
followed by festive refreshments in the Barn

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

 3.00pm and repeated at 5.00pm:
Candlelight Service and Blessing of the Crib

11.15pm The Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional Service with Carols)

 9.30am Christmas Celebration Communion

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St Mary's : Church Diary

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

Mon 9th Dec	7.00 pm	Farlington Senior School Carol Service
Tues 10th Dec	7.00 pm	Millais School Carol Service
Wed 11th Dec	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thurs 12th Dec	10.00 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre (followed by coffee)
	5.00 pm	Handcross Park School Carol Service
Fri 13th Dec	10.00 am	Little Footprints Christmas Service
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
	1.15 pm	St Mary's Preschool Carol Service
	7.00 pm	Christmas Memorial Service
Sat 14th Dec	4.30 pm	Tapiola Piano School Concert
SUNDAY 15th Dec	8.00 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club)
	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 Caring as a Fellowship

We pray for all who have accepted responsibilities as volunteers in the night shelter this winter. Please help them to carry out their duties willingly and with good humour, and to show God's love to their guests.

Monday	Our care for the suffering (visits in hospital & at home, healing prayer team)
Tuesday	Our welcome ministry (sidemen, coffee team, office staff etc.)
Wednesday	Our ministry with the elderly (Almshouses, Nursing Home visits, Sunday lunch)
Thursday	Our leaders in pastoral care (Clergy, Readers, Pastoral Visitors etc.)
Friday	Our bereavement ministry (Funerals, visits, memorial book)
Saturday	Our church social life (fun events, coffee mornings, catering & social teams)