

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF**  
**ADVENT**

## **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](http://www.stmaryshorsham.org.uk)*

*(or contact the Church Office: Tel. 01403 253762 Email: [office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshorsham.org.uk))*

### **Today**

- 8.00 am**      **Holy Communion (Isaiah 35.1-10 & Matthew 11.2-11)**
- 9.30 am**      **Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Sunday Club)**
- 6.30 pm**      **Evensong (Hymns from NEH 490, 425, 244; Ps 12;  
Readings Isaiah 5.8-end & Acts 13.13-41)**

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.*

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

## ***This Week and Coming Soon***

### **Services for Christmas:**

Kairos Crib Service and Blessing of the Crib 3.15pm Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec;

Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec;

Crib Services 3pm and repeated at 5pm Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec;

Midnight Mass 11.15pm Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec;

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

Epiphany Carol Service 6.30pm Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.



**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (**available until 31<sup>st</sup> Dec**).

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

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 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.

**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 on 07852 338471.

**Treasures Evening Saturday 8th February 7.30pm:** Have you got a special item that you have always wanted to know more about? Perhaps it is an old vase, a clock or even an interesting sculpture or painting. Well, if you do, bring along your 'Treasure' and hear Rupert Toovey (local auctioneer and known to many from BBC's Bargain Hunt) discuss and value it. There will also be an auction of promises during the evening along with Cheese and Wine and a licenced bar. Tickets are now on sale at £10 from the church website or the church office. All proceeds from the evening are going to our 'Thanks A Million' appeal.

**Treasures Evening Auction items:** Can you help with items for the auction please? We have already had a few items donated including an afternoon tea at South Lodge. We really would like some more. Can you offer your time or talent (e.g. gardening) or do you have a contact with a local business who might be able to offer something? Please contact Sarah White via the church office if you can help in any way, thank you.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**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.

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

**Rev'd Natalie Loveless' Collation and Induction Service** at Rustington (St Peter and St Paul, Postcode BN16 3NL) is Monday 16th December at 7.30pm – all are welcome.

**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.

**Horsham Matters Christmas Carol Singing – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Noon until 1.30pm:** A Christmas Carol singing session to raise funds for Horsham Matters on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:paula.daly@horsham-matters.org.uk) Horsham Matters will also be selling Charity Christmas cards at their shop and market stall from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

### **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

## St Mary's : Church Diary

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

<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	2.00 pm	Arunside School Carol Service
	7.00 pm	St Mary's School Christingle Service
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30 am	<b>Parish Communion</b> (with children's activities in the Leslie Room)
	3.15 pm	<b>Kairos Crib Service and Blessing of the Crib</b> followed by refreshments in the Barn
	6.30 pm	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols Service</b>



### Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

3.00 pm and repeated at 5pm **Candlelight Service and Blessing of the Crib** (please bring your own candle, well protected in a jar or lantern.)  
11.15 pm **The Christmas Midnight Mass**

### Christmas Day: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.00 am **Holy Communion with Carols (Traditional Service)**  
9.30 am **The Christmas Celebration Communion with choir (for all the family)**

## 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 Buildings, Finance & Administration**

We think of all who are homeless in Horsham and pray that they will be able to find long-term security through the support of the night shelter and its partners.

Monday	Our Church Office Team
Tuesday	Our Church Leadership Team (PCC, Church Council, Mission Action teams etc.)
Wednesday	Care of our Buildings (Churchwardens, Verger, Friends, Maintenance work)
Thursday	Our sister churches in the Parish, Horsham Churches Together, Deanery/Diocese
Friday	Our Treasurer, stewardship and fundraising teams.
Saturday	Our Bellringers, Flower arrangers, Church cleaners etc.