

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 (Isaiah 49.1-7 and John 1.29-42)	
9.30 am	Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Sunday Club)	
11.30 am	Holy Baptisms	
6.30 pm	United Service for Christian Unity Led by Life Community Baptist Church	

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 18th-25th JANUARY 2020

Come and pray with other Christians during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at church venues in and around Horsham.

Sat 18th Jan 10am-11am Horsham United Reformed Church

TONIGHT Sun 19th Jan 6.30pm Unity Service at St Mary's Church led by Life Community Baptist Church

Mon 20th Jan 7.30pm - 8.30pm St Margaret's Warnham

Tues 21st Jan 7.30pm - 8.30pm Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

Wed 22nd Jan 7.30pm – 8.30pm St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

Thurs 23rd Jan 7.30pm – 8.30pm Holy Trinity Church

Fri 24th Jan 7.30pm – 8.30pm St Andrew's Methodist Church, Roffey

Sat 25th Jan 10.00am - 11.00am Horsham Quaker Meeting House

Tuesday 21st Jan 2.15pm M&M's (Mary and Martha's) service for very young children; in the Leslie Room - all welcome.

Life Explored - What's the best gift God can give you?

From 15th January a new 7 session course will be starting on Wednesday mornings from 9.15am in the Leslie room, after the 'drop-off' coffee, exploring our longing for 'more'. The sessions will finish between 10.15 and 10.30am. This course is for anyone – and **you can still join us** - whether you are looking at Christian faith for the first time, wanting to go back to it or wanting to deepen your faith. Please tell Karen Inglis-Taylor or Sarah White if you want to come ...or just turn up! We may be able to arrange someone to play with any children (in the same room) if there is demand for this facility.

Wed 22nd Jan 7.30pm St Mary's Book Group – in the 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.

Thurs 23rd 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. Next date is 13th Feb.

Sun 26th Jan 9.30-10.30am Drop-in Lighthouse coffee morning in the Manor Room for all families interested in improved inclusion and support of families with children with additional needs in the church. Toys, crafts and refreshments provided. Please invite anyone you know who may be interested. Contact Fiona families@stmaryshorsham.org.uk with any queries. Every child belongs in church, every child is included.

Coming Soon

Sat 1st Feb from 9.30am: Taking down the St Mary's Crib Display - Please do come and help - no previous experience necessary. Contact Steve Benson (H. 255477) for details.

Sun 2nd Feb 8am Breakfast - all welcome in the Leslie room for free continental breakfast after the service.

H.O.P.E. Parish Prayer Evening 7.45-9pm Mon 3rd Feb at Holy Trinity Church, Rusham's Road (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.

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 licensed 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.



Sat 21st Mar 2020 7.45pm St Mary's Jazz Evening with fish and chip supper – tickets (£18) are now on sale from the church website, the church office and also from Waterstones. All proceeds to our 'Thanks A Million' appeal.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Trinity Church Players Pantomime @ Holy Trinity Church: The Trinity Church Players are performing Goldilocks & The Three Little Pigs on 24th Jan at 7:30pm & Sat 25th Jan 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for under 13s and must be pre-booked via 01403 268035. All proceeds to Colitis UK, St Catherine's Hospice & Holy Trinity Church.

A huge thanks to all those who took part in the REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR. I heard that the prayers and the daily focus on giving to others during Advent were appreciated, and Horsham Foodbank is delighted with the 50 boxes that they collected from church. THANK YOU! Fiona, Lynne and Sue

Thankyou from Becky Hawkins, Veronica and Ernie James: we would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who supported the Coast to Coast walk to raise money for the IMPACT Foundation. With your help we reached our target of £3000! All the money raised will be used for the work of the floating hospital which brings essential health care and surgery to some of the poorest communities in Bangladesh. We are pleased to say that St Mary's will continue to support IMPACT as a chosen charity in 2020.

Thankyou from Ruth Reed: Ruth Reed would like to thank everyone for their messages and gift on retiring as a Church Welcomer. Ruth has now returned to her flat after a prolonged spell in hospital.

Message from the church wardens: We are happy to receive requests for prayer support, for the intercessions list, or in an emergency, the prayer chain. Please understand that, under GDPR, we can only name people in prayer requests, who have specifically given us permission to do so. In the event of a RIP entry, the permission must come from the next of kin.

St Mary's Choir CD: If you would like to hear again our wonderful choir celebrating the joy of Christ's coming at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, a CD is now available of the service in two versions: the entire service or music only. They are both priced at just £5 and are available from the back of church.

Please note that there is NO Parking available in the Vicarage drive Jan 2020 onwards.

St Mary's : Church Diary Mon - Sat (except Bank Holidays): 9 am Morning Prayer			
Tues 21 st Jan	2.15 pm	Mary & Martha's (M&M's) Service for very young children (in the Leslie Room)	
Wed 22 nd Jan	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Thurs 23 rd Jan	10.00 am	Holy Communion in St Peter's Chapel, Church Centre (followed by coffee)	
Fri 24 th Jan	11.00 am	Holy Communion (at Horsham Hospital)	
SUNDAY 26 th Jan 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion (with the Lighthouse Children's Club) Kairos (informal service for children and their families) Informal service (in the Church/Leslie Room)	

Sunday Intercessions & Prayer Focus

In 2020 St Mary's is supporting the following organisations:

- Local: Family Support Work, Horsham Matters Food Bank and the Night Shelter
- National: Impact Foundation
- International: Loiyangalani Trust

For more information please see the Serving and Transforming the Community noticeboard or the "St. Mary's Mission Giving 2020 booklet" which gives details of our mission partners for 2020 – available at the back of Church.

At St. Mary's - Our Buildings, Finance & Administration

In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray for goodwill and a sense of partnership between the churches of Horsham District as they seek to minister to the vulnerable and needy in our communities.

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.