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In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Stef, Florrie, Jenny, Katherine, Kathleen & Godfrey.

We remember before God those who have died and pray for their families.

We pray for preparations for the COP26 conference, and ask God's guiding on our responses to the climate emergency.

As the covid restrictions ease, we pray for the process of re-building our church community, praying in the words of Nehemiah,

'Let us start rebuilding!'



Newsletter

Sundays 17th and 24th October 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 17th October

10am Sung Holy Communion*

3.30pm Children's Service

6pm Civic Service

Sunday 24th October

8am BCP Communion

10am All Age Holy Communion*

6pm Evensong

* This service will be live streamed

Notices



Our **service patterns** have now changed in response to the easing of covid restrictions. Please take a flyer with details of all the October services.

We are excited to be reviving our **home groups**, as well as establishing a couple of new ones. If you're not in a home group and are interested in joining one, please email homegroups@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

We were so delighted that **Joyce Brown** received the Order of St Richard at a service at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 9th October. This is an annual award for lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community, or the Diocese. Joyce has been involved in so many aspects of our church life at St Mary's, but especially in her work with children, teaching within the Sunday School for an amazing 45 years! Congratulations Joyce, and thank you for all that you've done!

We have been tasked with looking at how **we communicate the love of Christ** both inside and outside of our church community, then to look at ways to develop or refresh this using any practicable means. To this end, a new email address has been created to receive your ideas and suggestions. These thoughts could be as simple as how we more effectively publicise our current services to target new people through to suggestions for totally new forms of outreach. No matter how grand or trivial they may seem, your ideas would be welcome! Send emails to: creativemissionhub@horshamstmarys.org.uk

It's wonderful to now be re-opening so many different parts of our church life, as part of our re-building journey. There are a huge number of different ways that you could **get involved**, and joining one of the church teams can be a great way to begin to get to know more people in the church.



On Sundays, you could get involved in: children and youth work, sidespeople, coffee team, IT team, reading and intercessions, helping with church lunches for the lonely or afternoon children's teas or by joining the church choir.

During the week, there is a need for people to serve as: church welcomers, opening up and welcoming for baptisms, weddings and funerals, coffee mornings, helping with admin from home, youth and children's work, the flower team, the premises team, the pastoral team, the finance team. I'm sure there are other areas of church life that I've forgotten, but whoever you are and whatever your skills or time available, there will be a way for you to get involved! Please speak to Lisa or one of the wardens, or email the church office, if you'd like to find out more about joining one of these teams.

We are looking for a part-time (approx 10 hours per week) **Children and Families Worker** to join our Ministerial Team and provide enthusiasm, vision and inspirational leadership to our work among children and families in Horsham. Please consider if you or anyone you know might feel called to take on this important ministry within our church. Informal conversations with Canon Lisa Barnett are welcomed and applications in the form of a CV can be sent to: vicar@horshamstmarys.org.uk

If you have received an email asking you to renew your **safeguarding training**, please take the time to do this. As we get back to normal we have a responsibility to our church family to ensure we fulfil our safeguarding requirements. If you have mislaid your email, please contact Sue Keegan at sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk and she will happily resend it to you. If you haven't received an email but think you may be eligible, then please also contact Sue for further information.

Across the Parish

COP26 : FAITH, HOPE & LOVE - Dawn Prayer Meeting - Sunday 31ST October, 7.30am - Human Nature Garden, Horsham Park

As the COP26 gathering of the United Nations begins in Glasgow, Horsham Churches Together invites you to meet to pray for global leaders as they seek to address climate change. The meeting will be hosted by Rt Rev'd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham, and will be a time of scripture reading, intercessory prayer, and silence. All are welcome and bring a friend. The meeting will last approximately 15 minutes so please arrive on time and note the clocks will have gone back overnight.

Horsham Churches Together (HCT) advertises significant numbers of different events and activities, not all of which can fit into our St Mary's newsletter. However, if you would like to receive a weekly newsletter from HCT, please email admin@horshamct.org.uk and ask to be added to the mailing list.

Open mornings are taking place on various dates in November at All Saints C of E, St Mary's C of E and St John's Catholic primary schools for all parents of children who are due to start school in September 2022. Please see the schools' websites for further information.

In our Community



The Dove Worship Orchestra perform works by Composer Grenville Richard Harding at St Mary's on 31st October at 6.30pm in aid of Horsham Matters. Advance tickets are available (£10) from the welcomers at church (Mon-Sat 10am-1pm - exact money only please if bought from church) or on the door (£12).

Horsham District Foodbank We would be grateful for donations of all non-perishable food items especially; squash, sponge puddings, vegetarian tinned food, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, toothbrushes and toiletries. Donations can be dropped into your supermarket collection bin or at our charity shop in Redkiln Close, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Alternatively, you may like to donate to help us buy food and keep the mobile foodbank on the road. You can do that by dropping a donation of cash/cheque into the shop (cheque payable to Horsham Matters) or by going online to: <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/HorshamFoodbank>