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In Your Prayers



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

We remember before God those who have died, and among them Jean Norton & Margaret Thomas, and pray for their families.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan, for peace and justice in that troubled land.

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 3rd and 10th October 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 3rd October

Sunday 10th October



10am Sung Holy Communion*

8am BCP Communion

11.15am Church Centre Re-opening

10am All Age Holy Communion*

3pm Children's Service

6pm Parish Prayer

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.

A meeting of the **Worship and Prayer MAP team** will take place in the Leslie Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October. Please email worship@horshamstmarys.org.uk if you'd like to be part of this MAP team.

Church Centre Opening Event on Sunday 3rd October. We will have a small event for our new church centre toilets! We will meet in the church centre for tea/coffee and cake after the 10am service, to celebrate the wonderful new facilities and give thanks for all the work and generosity that has enabled them to happen.



We will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 10th October, with A BCP communion at 8am, an All Age Holy Communion at 10am, and a choral evensong at 6pm. There will be collections at all these services in aid of Stephen's Children, which is a Christian charity that seeks to bring hope and restore dignity to under-privileged children in Egypt.

Please bring along your harvest food donations to Church with you on this day. You will be asked to place your food donations around the high altar when you arrive. We will be sending all our food donations to the Salvation Army 'Hope In' project who support homeless people in our town. Please do not bring perishable foods. Tins and packets of food are the most acceptable.

We will be having our **Harvest Picnic Lunch in the Barn 12.30 to 2pm on Sunday 17th October**. Please book your FREE ticket/s and bring along your own packed lunch. Teas and coffees will be provided. We will have a short talk about the work of 'Stephen's Children' and there will be a retiring collection in support of their work. To get your FREE tickets, please follow the link - <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.co.uk/events/aquws0f2> There will also be a chance to book-in to the picnic at the end of the services on Sunday 10th October.

Safeguarding Sunday is on 10th October. 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.

Attention all volunteers! Are you interested in learning more about the technology involved in the **streaming of Sunday services**? If you would be keen to find out more and get involved, please contact Laura in the Church office.

Church Sunday Lunches are coming back! We are hoping to re start Sunday lunch in the Barn in November for anyone of any age who lives alone and would like to join in for fellowship and good food. Lunches will be held in the Barn every second Sunday in the month and I am looking for volunteers who would be willing to help out on a rota basis. If you would be interested in knowing more about what is involved or would like to go on the rota then do please let Denise/Richard Herrington know on 01403 251772. More info will be circulated next month.



Across the Parish

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.

The new parish group **LINK** will meet at St Leonard's on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning on 6th October. It starts at 10.30am with tea/coffee followed by a Bible-based activity until 12noon, a short time of worship and lunch until 1.30pm. Please bring your own packed lunch; tea and coffee will be provided. Please confirm your attendance with: Margaret.symonds@stleonardshorsham.org.uk/07760 475612. **EVERYONE** is welcome so please come along and give it a try.

Horsham Mothers' Union meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Barn, from roughly 10 am - 12 noon. At our meeting on 27 October, Peter Scofield will talk to us about Holy Trinity's involvement with the St Nicholas Orphanage in Nakuru, Kenya. Peter has some really exciting stories to tell about the work in Nakuru, and he is really worth hearing, so we would like to invite members of the congregation who might be interested to join us.

In our Community



Illuminations - Contemporary Medieval Art by Judy Hurst . The artist Judy Hurst will be exhibiting her artworks, which have links to the church, in the Art Gallery at Horsham Museum. The exhibition will be open Thursday-Saturday, 10am-4pm.

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>