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## In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Stef, Jenny, Katherine and Kathleen. We give thanks for baby Amelia to be well enough to come home from hospital.

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

**Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**



## Newsletter

*Sundays 28th November and 5th December 2021*

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

## Services



| <b>Sunday 28th November</b>  | <b>Sunday 5th December</b>                                 |
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| <b>Advent Sunday</b>  |  |
| 8am BCP Communion  | 10am Sung Holy Communion*                                  |
| 10am Sung Holy Communion*  | 3.30pm Children's service<br>(with tea in the Leslie Room) |
| 6pm Advent Carol Service   | 6pm Parish Prayer  |

\* This service will be live streamed

## Notices

Please do take a white **December 'fridge sheet'** with details of all the December services. This month there are also maroon flyers available which advertise all of our **Christmas special services**. Please do take some of these to distribute to neighbours, family and friends to let them know about our Christmas services. I don't want any of these left, so please do take plenty and distribute as much as possible!

A team of trainee Vicars from **St Augustine's Theological college** are doing a mission project with us this term. One part of this will be running a **market stall** in the Carfax on Saturday 4th December, from 9am-5pm, at which they hope to give out information about our church, as well as helping people to think about what they believe. We will need lots of members of St Mary's to help 'man' the stall at different times during the day and then we hope to do some carol singing on the stall between 3pm-5pm. Please do keep the date free, and there will be more information nearer the time about signing up to be involved.

**Mother's Union's Christmas Lunch** to be held on Wednesday 8th December in the Barn, 12.30 for 1 pm. Full turkey lunch followed by Christmas pudding and trimmings and a raffle. Tickets £10 per person. Tickets will be on sale in church from Thursday 25th November. Open to members and the general congregation, numbers limited. Cash only please and the correct money for the church welcomers.

The next **St Mary's Sunday Lunch** will be Sunday 12th December. Tickets are £6 and will be available from church welcomers (exact money only please) or from the 'What's On' page on our website, from 29th November. There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Barn on Thursday 16th December at 10.30am - pop in for a coffee, a mince pie and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Are you a **keen gardener** and have a bit a free time? We need a person to Coordinate our gardening team temporarily. Please ask one of the wardens or Lisa. Many thanks.

**More volunteers** are needed to help with the **Coffee Rota** after the 10am service. Please contact Sahar Davies via the Office if you think you can help.

Congratulations **Ruby**, on completing your **Pioneer Youth Ministry Training** through CMS Oxford! Though Ruby has now completed her intern year with us, as it was so disrupted by covid, Ruby is staying on in Horsham and combining a part-time job with volunteering alongside Lee, to keep developing her youth work skills. Well done, Ruby, for completing this HE certificate, and we're pleased that you'll be staying with the youth team here for a bit longer!

## Across the Parish

**The Horsham & District SANDS Memorial Service** will be held on 10th December at 7pm in St Mary's Church. The service will be led by the Reverend Pat Sinton. SANDS is the leading stillbirth and neonatal death charity in the United Kingdom. It's aim is to reduce the numbers of babies dying and to ensure anyone affected by the loss of a baby receives the best care and support for as long as they need it.

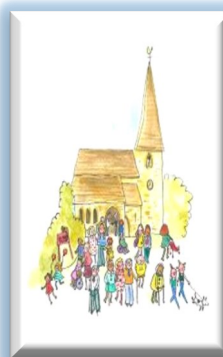
**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** – Open to all in years 3-7 who would like to take part. Performance on Saturday 2nd April and rehearsals will be on Friday nights at 5.30-6.30pm starting 7th January 2022 at St Mary's Church, Horsham. Contact St Mary's Musical Director Mr J Weaver for further information at [jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk](mailto:jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk).

**Carols by Firelight** at Holy Trinity church on **Saturday 18th December**, 5-7pm. Come along and enjoy some seasonal refreshments around the fire pit with communal carol singing. All are welcome!

## In our Community

West Sussex Libraries offer a **free Remote Digital Support service**, which supports residents with a range of basic one-off digital enquiries: using zoom; writing/sending emails; shopping safely online; sending photos to a GP and downloading eBooks using our library app. You can call (0330 2223455) or email: [library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk) the staff in the Digital Support team, Mon-Fri 10.00am-4.00pm. Enquiries are then passed onto our team of digital volunteers who provide support via phone or video call.

One household is **homeless** every 3 minutes in the UK. If you have no place to call home, Christmas is the hardest time of year. This year a record number of local people have no safe place to call home and **Turning Tides** have supported over 900 people in West Sussex. They want to ensure no one faces the trauma of homelessness alone. Your donation helps them to provide the warmth, safety and support everyone deserves. To donate phone 01903 690740 or visit [www.turning-tides.org.uk/christmas](http://www.turning-tides.org.uk/christmas).



This year's **Tree of Light event** for **St Catherine's Hospice** will be live streamed from the Hospice on Sunday 12th December (exact time TBC). This is a moving event which offers bereaved family and friends the opportunity to reflect on the year that's passed and honour someone special. The Dedication of Tree of Light Stars will be led by our chaplain and others and will include the lighting of candles and some music from the Choir. For more information please contact Gemma Burnham at St Catherine's Hospice (01293 583088) for more information.

There is a box by the Church door for donations to the **Horsham District food bank**. Any non-perishable food items - squash, sponge puddings, tinned food, toothpaste & brushes, toiletries etc - are most welcome. If you wish to give something special for Christmas, please ensure that it is in the box by the end of November. Thank you.