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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, Kathleen & baby Amelia.

We remember before God those who have died, and among them Florrie Arch, and pray for their families.

O God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Newsletter

Sundays 14th and 21st November 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 14th November	Sunday 21st November
Remembrance	Christ the King
8am BCP Communion	
10am All Age Remembrance Communion*	10am Sung Holy Communion*
11.30 Civic Remembrance Service	3.30pm Children's service (with tea in the Barn)
6pm Evensong	6pm Joint Choirs 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 November 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.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Barn on Thursday 18th November at 10.30am - so why not pop in for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

St Mary's Choir Cake Sale - St Cecilia's Day - Sunday 21st November

To celebrate St Cecilia's day and raise funds for our next Choir trip to Exeter, we are holding a cake sale after the 10am service at the back of the church. Please support us!

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.

If you are required to complete **Safeguarding Training** because of the role that you kindly play in our St Mary's community, please make sure you do take the time to do this. It is hugely important. There will be an opportunity to complete the training at the Barn on **Tuesday 15th November** between 9.30am and 12.30pm with Sue Keegan and Nigel Stalley on hand to help with any queries. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own laptop or tablet with the email link you have been sent and some writing materials. Places are limited so please contact Sue at sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk if you are interested.

Florence Arch's Funeral will be held on Thursday 18th November at midday.

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

Thank you to everyone who generously gave in different ways at **Harvest**. The Salvation Army 'Hope In' project were very grateful for all the food gifts that were donated. Particular thanks to Veronica James who transported all the food from Church to the Salvation Army. The food gifts will be used to support those in need in Horsham.

Nearly £200 was raised for **Stephens Children** through the financial gifts that were given in Church and at the Harvest picnic lunch. The money raised will be used to support the work done by Mama Maggie and her team working with poor and vulnerable children in the slums in Egypt. (<https://stephenschildren.org/>)

Lisa and the wardens are delighted to announce that **Linda Baker** has been appointed as our new part-time children and families' worker. Linda has a huge amount of experience and enthusiasm at communicating the love of God to children and their families, and we are so delighted to welcome her to our ministry team. Linda will start in this role in early December. Please pray for her and for the children and families that she will work with.

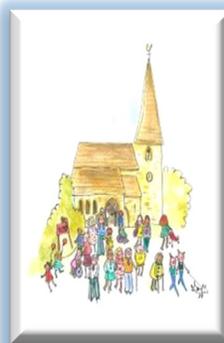
Across the Parish

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – Open to all in years 3-7 who would like to take part. Performance on Saturday 22nd 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.

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.

In our Community

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.



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 delivered by Lisa 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.