



Newsletter



Sundays 6th and 13th March 2022

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



6th March 2022 – Lent 1	13th March 2022 – Lent 2
8am Communion at Holy Trinity	8am Communion at St Mary's
10am Sung Holy Communion* (children and youth groups)	10am All Age Communion*
3.30pm Children's service and tea	
6pm Parish Prayer	6pm Choral Evensong

* This service will be live streamed

Notices

Please do take a March '**fridge sheet**' with details of the March services.



This year **Lent Lunches** will be in the Leslie Room from 12noon until 1.30pm on Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th March as well as 2nd April and 9th April. There's no need to book - just turn up. A Lent Lunch is a light lunch of soup/roll/cheese/salad/fruit/tea or coffee and we ask for a donation of £5 per person. All money raised this year is going to Anchor Ministries who provide local counselling services.

The **live-streaming of services** is very much appreciated by those not able to be in church and we have received really great feedback on the quality of the streaming. You can now actively join in with the 10am service from home, or holiday or anywhere.



However, we need more people to help make it possible! Anyone, young or old, looking to develop skills in that area would be suitable and full training will be given. If you might be interested and would like to find out more, please contact the office for a chat about what's involved.

If you normally eat **Sunday lunch** on your own, why not book to come along and enjoy lunch with us. Our next lunch will be on **13th March** at 12.45pm in the Barn. Tickets are £6 and include a hot Sunday lunch (vegetarian option available). All tickets must be pre-booked, they can be bought online via the 'What's On' page on the St Mary's website, or from the Welcome Desk at St Mary's Church (Mon-Sat 10am-1pm). Exact money please if buying at church.



There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Barn on Thursday 17th March at 10.30am - so why not pop in for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

If you would be able to occasionally help in providing **lifts** for people to get to church services, or to church run events like the Sunday lunches, please could you contact Laura in the Parish Office. Thank you.

St Mary's now has a small and enthusiastic **Eco Church Team** who met for the first time recently. We have lots of ideas for helping St Mary's become a recognised Eco Church and reduce our carbon footprint. Look out for news and events over the coming months. If you would be interested in joining the St Mary's Eco Church Team, or have practical ideas for us to consider, please speak to Hennie Sleeman or leave a message with the Church Office. Did you know... there is now a **Council recycling bin outside the vestry**. We aim to improve the signage and instructions for users of both the Church and Church Centre facilities so that it's easier to know what and where to recycle.

Volunteers are needed to help make up the **Mothers' Day posies**. There will be a working party to do these in the Barn the morning of Saturday 26th March. Any donations of greenery for the posies would be very welcome! Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you.



All are invited to attend a **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of **Mrs Jean Wallace** at 3pm on Friday 1st April. The service will be followed by the interment of Jean's ashes in the churchyard and then refreshments will be serviced at 10 Causeway.

Across the Parish

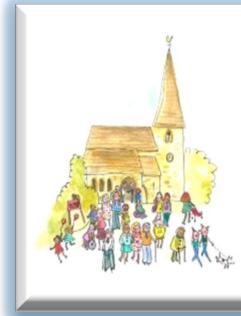
This year's **Parish Lent Course** will take place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm on zoom, from **8th March-15th April** and on Wednesday mornings, 10am in the Leslie Room from **9th March-6th April**. For more information email office@horshamstmarys.org.uk or phone 01403 253762.



The next **Book Club** takes place on **Thursday 17th March** at 7.45pm in St Peter's chapel at the Barn. The books will be The Last Battle by CS Lewis and The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg. You can choose to read just one book if the other doesn't interest you or you don't have time for both.

In our Community

On **Saturday 19th March**, at 4.30pm in the Barn, Horsham Music Circle present **Aspects of Opera**, a magical afternoon of entertainment with an engaging mix of opera, operetta, musicals and other popular songs. Tickets can be bought in advance or on the door: Phone: 01403 252602 or email horshammusiccircle@gmail.com or online at www.wegotticketsonline/HorshamMusicCircle (£15/under 18s £3). Please wear a facemask.



The UK government is matching funding donations to the **UK's DEC Ukraine appeal** up to the value of £20 million and people can donate online, by phone or by text. Please visit: www.dec.org.uk.

The **Food Bank** is an essential resource for many people and there is a box by the Church door for all donations of non perishable items. All donations are appreciated and we would ask for your continued support in 2022.

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In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Lois, Stef, Jenny, Kathleen and Jock. We give thanks for the healing and support that Jane has received. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Roger Lintott, and pray for their families.

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.