



Newsletter

Sundays 9th and 16th January 2022

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



9th January 2022 Epiphany 	16th January 2022
8am Quiet Communion	
10am All Age Communion*	10am Sung Holy Communion* (children and youth groups)
6pm Epiphany Carol Service	3.30pm Children's service and tea

* This service will be live streamed

Notices

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

St Mary's Eco Church – St Mary's has committed to work towards reducing our carbon footprint and will be using A Rocha UK's Eco Church award scheme to track our progress <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> and work towards awards. We've already made a start but there's a lot more to do and we need **People** and **Ideas!** If you would be interested in joining 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.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Barn on Thursday 20th January at 10.30am - so why not pop in for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

St. Mary's Church supports a range of **Mission Partners** through fundraising, gifts, prayer, time and talents. For 2022 our Church family suggested a number of partners and these are the details of those that our Church Committee agreed to adopt: Lent - Anchor Ministries, Harvest - Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and Salvation Army Hope In Community Services project. Christmas 2022 - Christian Aid. These are in addition to our ongoing support for Horsham Food Bank and Horsham Matters.

Youth Alpha is 13 week course that allows you to discuss the bigger questions in life. Our Youth Alpha sessions will include food, fun, a video and discussion. Every Thursday starting 13th January, 5:30pm–7:00pm in The Bethany, St. Mary's Church, The Causeway. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Lee on 07730783233 or email at youth@horshampcc.org.uk.

Across the Parish

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is taking place on 18th-25th January 2022. The material provided by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has been prepared by Churches in the Middle East and the suggested theme for the year is 'We have seen His star in the East...' You can check out and download resources at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 (ctbi.org.uk)).

As usual, we will be inviting people to join us for a time of prayer at 7.30pm each evening of the week, except Saturday (10am) and Sunday (6pm) with each meeting being hosted by a different local Church.

Hosting Churches are:

Tuesday 18th January: Kingdom Faith, 7.30pm

Wednesday 19th January: St Johns, Broadbridge Heath, 7.30pm

Thursday 20th January: Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, 7.30pm

Friday 21st January: London Road Methodist Church, 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd January: United Reformed Church (Horsham), 10am

Sunday 23rd January: St Mary's, Horsham, 6pm

Monday 24th January: St Margarets, Warnham, 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th January: Brighton Road Baptist Church, 7.30pm

May Camp Is a high energy Christian weekend away for young people who attend Church youth clubs or activities. At May camp we worship, play games, archery, sport, disco, friendship, share time away and much more. We also have a chance to explore Jesus and grow our faith.

Places are limited so we work off a first come first served basis. Please fill in the form with your payment to book your place for May Camp 2022, by **21st January!!!**

Book Club The book club this year will meet on: Thursday 3rd February; Thursday 17th March; Thursday 16th June; Thursday 13th October. The group will meet in St Peter's Chapel (at the Barn) at 7.45pm.

You do not need to commit to coming every time to be part of this. You can just turn up for the books which interest you and you can choose to read just one book if the other doesn't interest you or you don't have time for both. Please contact the Parish office for details of the books selected.

In our Community

Places at St. Mary's Pre-School - There are spaces left for children to start at St. Mary's both now and in the next academic year. If you would like to know more about our pre-school and forest school sessions, please see our website <https://www.stmaryspreschoolhorsham.co.uk/> and contact us to arrange a visit on 07510303043.



One household is **homeless** every 3 minutes in the UK. 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 for more information.

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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If you would like to give to St Mary's please contact the Stewardship Officer:

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

Creator of the heavens,

who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:

guide and sustain us,

that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.