



Newsletter

*Sharing Hope
2022*

Sundays 20th and 27th March 2022

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



20th March 2022 – Lent 3	 27th March 2022 Mothering Sunday Clocks spring forwards!
<i>8am Communion at Holy Trinity</i>	8am Communion at St Mary's
10am Sung Holy Communion* (children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (children and youth groups)
3.30pm Children's service and tea	
	6pm Choral Evensong

* This service will be live streamed

Notices

There will be a free **continental breakfast** served in the Leslie Room after the 8am service on the second Sunday of the month, the next one will be on the 10th of April.



This year **Lent Lunches** will be in the Leslie Room from 12noon until 1.30pm on Saturday 19th March and 2nd 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 is going to Anchor Ministries who provide local counselling services.

More people 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 would be very welcome! Please contact the Parish Office or Jay Pearson if you are able to help. Thank you.




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.



We need a team of volunteers to help with making **palm crosses** in the Barn on Thursday 7th April between 10am and 12pm. Full instructions will be given - no previous experience required! If you can help, please talk to Val Burgess or let Laura in the office know.

St Mary's will be holding a **Flower Festival** this year from 22nd to 26th June 2022. The theme will be **"70 Glorious Years" the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. We will be holding a **Table Top Sale** on Saturday 7th May, 9am-12 noon in the Barn to raise funds towards the cost of the flowers. Tables will cost £10 and there will be refreshments and cakes for sale. If you would like to book a table please contact Val Burgess, Judy Brinkworth or Jo Benson or the Parish Office.

There is still an **ongoing need** for items for the **refugees** and in particular: warm coats, jumpers, joggers and trainers for men, preferably small and medium. Also indoor and outdoor games equipment such as puzzles and games (chess/backgammon) as well as footballs, racquets and balls, football boots and kit. Those involved in sewing and mending have asked if any sewing machines are available. Please put any items in bags, with a label saying the contents, in the bell tower at the back of the church.

The **live-streaming of services** is very much appreciated and we  have received great feedback on the quality of the streaming. You can now actively join in with the 10am service from home or anywhere. **However, we need more people to help make it possible!** Full training will be given so if you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

All are invited to attend a **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of **Mrs Jean Wallace** (Jane) 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.



Don't miss the performance of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** on Saturday 2nd April at 6pm in St Mary's Church. Tickets can be booked via the 'What's on' page on the St Mary's Website or by calling the Parish Office. Tickets are free to book but donations will be asked for on the day with proceeds being split equally between the British Red Cross' DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, & St Mary's Church, to help fund future youth productions.

More details are now emerging of the Government's new scheme to enable people in the UK to help and support refugees from Ukraine. I am aware that many will be feeling keen to help but nervous about the level of commitment that will be required. As a church, I am keen that we see our response to this as a team effort, with everyone playing their part, so that no-one feels overwhelmed. Those who open their homes will need plenty of back-up from the rest of the church. We have set up an 'event' on church suite so that you can register your interest in being part of this parish response by filling in the form on the link below. (Please ignore the date of the 'event' - it is arbitrary!) I am keen to hear from anyone who may have already registered on the government website or who are wondering about doing it, but would like to find out more first. Others may be keen to be part of the back-up support and if you think you may have particular skills that you would like to share, please name them in the any other comments on the form. The link is: **Support for Ukrainian Refugees (01-Apr-2022). ChurchSuite Events**.



"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

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.

Contact Information



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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 Pam. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Roger Lintott, and pray for their families.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all - especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones.

Lord hear our prayers.