



Newsletter

Sharing Hope

Sundays 27th November and 4th December 2022

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



27th November 2022 	4th December 2022
8am Communion at St Mary's	8am Communion at Holy Trinity
10am Sung Holy Communion * (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
	3.30pm All Age Informal Service
6pm Advent Carols	6pm Parish Prayer

** This service will be live streamed*

St. Mary's Christmas Appeal 2022



This year we are supporting the work of **Christian Aid**. In Malawi hunger has grown, due to the climate crisis. Sadly, many families will have little or nothing left to eat this Christmas. Christian Aid work to provide fuel-efficient cookstoves, chickens for meat and eggs, fruit trees for fresh fruit to eat and sell, maize to help families grow nutritious food and goats for meat and milk. This Christmas, could you give a gift of love to help people in places like Malawi, lift their families out of hunger? You can donate cash through one of the Christian Aid envelopes in Church or if you prefer, follow the QR code (displayed in Church) and give on-line. If you are able to, please gift aid your donation.

Notices



Calling All First Aiders! We are refreshing our list of qualified First Aiders within our St Mary's congregation. If you have completed first aid training that is still currently valid, and you would be happy for your name to appear on a printed list to be displayed in church and the Church Centre to indicate that you are first aid trained, please can you contact Laura in the Parish Office on office@horshamstmarys.org.uk/01403 253762. The training or course that you have completed does not have to have been arranged by St Mary's, it could have been completed through your workplace or another organisation or group that you are part of. Please note that the course must have been accredited by a professional body or trainer, and please do check that your qualification is still valid - most courses have an expiration date of between 1-3 years for the certificate to remain valid. Thank you.

Mothers Union Christmas Lunch is on **Wednesday 7th December** in the Barn, 12.30 for 1pm. There are a few tickets still available. Please contact Christine Bright (01403 249613) if you are interested. Tickets cost £10 per person for a full turkey roast dinner followed by Christmas pudding and mince pies. Wine or soft drinks coffee, tea and Christmas crackers. There will also be a raffle.



Please join us on **Thursday 15th December** for the Christmas Coffee Morning in the Barn at 10.30am when the Choir from Queen Elizabeth II School will entertain us with festive songs. Everyone welcome to support the students - and enjoy coffee and mince pies.

Across the Parish

Learn the core skills for becoming a volunteer Storyteller. **Open the Book Core Training** on **Thursday 1st December**, 10.30am-2.30pm in the Barn, Causeway, Horsham with refreshments from 10.00am (Trainer: Steff Shepherd). Refreshments provided, but please bring your own lunch. To register for this FREE event please email Steff Shepherd on Steff.Shepherd@biblesociety.org.uk or go to: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/ticket-EVT01324-247/>



You are invited to the annual **Shining Stars Christmas Remembrance Service** on **Friday 9th December** at **7pm**. We welcome you to St Mary's church to remember precious babies gone too soon.



The Wizard of Oz – Open to all in school years 3-7 who would like to take part. Performance on Saturday 25th March, Rehearsals will be on Friday nights (5.30-6.30pm) starting 6th January 2023 at St Mary's church Horsham. Contact St Mary's Musical Director, Mr J Weaver for further information at: jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

Turning Tides are opening a fixed permanent 50 place accommodation in Roffey for homeless residents. It is an amazing provision for Horsham residents and they are currently recruiting for volunteers to support the project. They are in need of people to help serve breakfast as well as volunteers to cook dinner in the evening. If you are interested in either role please contact Gabriella Pearson (Volunteer Co-ordinator) by email Gabriella.Pearson@turning-tides.org.uk

Horsham Lottery & St Mary's CE Primary – After much deliberation and investigation, St Mary's CE Primary School have decided to join in with the Horsham District Community Lottery, using this as a source of funding for their 'Friends of St Mary's' account. So, if you would like to support the school in this way, please do have a nose at their page on the Horsham Lottery website: <https://www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/the-friends-of-st-marys-school-horsham>



The Nativity Journey – a play for all the family from **14th-19th December**. The Wintershall Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family. Book tickets now on our website: www.wintershall.org.uk or call 01483 892167.



Weaving their story-telling magic and exalting the true spirit of Christmas with hauntingly joyous music, the **Mediaeval Baebes** have announced they are performing at St Mary's Church in Horsham on **Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm** as part of their MydWynter Tour. Evoking thoughts of the of the winter festival and its pre-Christian origins, the Mediaeval Baebes will be performing Christmas carol classics, traditional folksongs and showcasing arrangements from their new MydWynter Album. Tickets are now available from www.mediaevalbaebes.com at a cost of £26.50 (adult) and £11.50 (child). For further information, please contact: Heather Joy: 01403 790146, Mobile: 07968 805422, Email: heather@joystars.co.uk

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

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In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Jane, Stef, Jenny, Kathleen, Lois, Christine, Sheila and baby Tala. We remember before God those who have died, and pray for their families.

**God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.**
**God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.**
**God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.**
**God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.**