



**Newsletter**



*Sundays 11th, 18th and 25th December 2022 and  
1st January 2023*



**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!**



## Services



<b>11th December 2022</b>	<b>18th December 2022</b>
8am Communion at St Mary's	8am Communion at Holy Trinity
10am All Age Christingle Service *	10am Sung Holy Communion*
6pm Evensong	6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> 
3pm Crib Service	10am Christmas Day Holy Communion*
5pm Crib Service	<b>New Year's Day</b>
11.15pm Midnight Mass	10am Parish Communion at St Mary's*

*\* This service will be live streamed*

In the **New Year**, we will be re-instating a midweek service of Holy Communion at 10.30am each Wednesday morning. This will move around the different churches in the team, being at St Mary's on the 1st Wednesday of each month, starting 4th January. Please pick up a flyer from the back of church with the details of which week the service is at which church.

## Notices



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.

**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.



**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](mailto:office@horshamstmarys.org.uk)/01403 253762.

## Across the Parish

**Horsham Churches Together** are in need of stewards for the Christmas celebration in the Carfax on **Saturday 17th December** from 3.30pm-4pm. (Stewards need to be present from 3pm-4.15pm). Please email Richard Jackson if you can help at: [richard.jackson@horshamct.org.uk](mailto:richard.jackson@horshamct.org.uk)

**Time Out for Parents**, will be running between the **5th January and 9th February** in the Leslie Room at St Mary's church. The sessions will be every Thursday evening and the cost is £10 including the course handbook. If you are interested please register your interest at: [stmaryspreschool20@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspreschool20@gmail.com). The deadline to sign up is 16th December.

## MEDIAEVAL BÆBES

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 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** as part of their MydWynter Tour. 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](http://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](mailto:heather@joystars.co.uk)

**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](mailto:jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk).



**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](http://www.wintershall.org.uk) or call 01483 892167.

**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](mailto:Gabriella.Pearson@turning-tides.org.uk)

**St Mary's Pre-School** provides termtime sessions for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in a caring Christian environment. Weekly forest school sessions are included within the free entitlement funding for every child in the year before they start school. The team are highly qualified and have a varied and vast experience. For a taste of what we do and for more information, please see our website: [www.stmaryspreschoolhorsham.co.uk](http://www.stmaryspreschoolhorsham.co.uk), Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Stmarysnurseryhorsham](https://www.facebook.com/Stmarysnurseryhorsham)

or Instagram: [stmaryspreschool20](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryspreschool20). You can call us on 07510 303043 if you would like to come and visit. Please tell your family and friends about us!



# Contact Information



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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.

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. *Robert Louis Stevenson*

