



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 22nd and 29th January 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



22nd January 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 	29th January 2023 Parish Together Sunday
8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's	8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's
10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
6pm Ecumenical Service with Horsham Churches Together*	<i>6pm Healing Eucharist at Holy Trinity</i>
Midweek Service Wednesday 25th January	Midweek Service Wednesday 1st February
10.30am at Holy Trinity	10.30am at St Mary's

** This service will be live streamed*

Bell Tower Open Days A rare opportunity to visit the St Mary's bell tower and discover more about the incredible bells that ring at St Mary's.

On **Saturday 11th February** and again on **Saturday 25th February** there will be organised tours of the bell tower at **10.30am, 11am and 11.30am**. All are welcome but any children coming along must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Notices



Come along during Lent to enjoy a light lunch and raise money for a good cause. The **Lent Lunches** will be held in the Leslie Room from 12 until 1.30pm on **25th February, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, 25th March** and **1st April**. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds will go to Roundabout Talking News who provide recordings for the visually impaired.

We will also be running a **Parish Wide Lent Course** on a **Thursdays at 10am in the Leslie Room**, and on **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on Zoom**. Further information coming soon about how to sign up!

Please note **Warm Spaces** will be in the Leslie Room at the new time of **10.30am-12.30pm** on Thursdays until the end of February.

Across the Parish

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** continues across Horsham until **25th January**, and we want to encourage as many people as possible to join in. Each day, one of our Churches hosts a short service which encourages us to join with Christians across the world praying over a common theme of Unity in a World of Injustice. Each service will reflect the worship style of the host Church, and we want to encourage people to use this week to join us at a Church which you may not regularly visit. Every prayer service is open to anyone.

Be-Longing: Praying for Unity Amidst Injustice

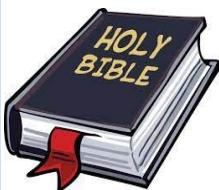
The remaining services are:

21st (10am) United Reformed Church

22nd (6pm) St Mary's Church

23rd (7.30pm) Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

24th (7.30pm) Salvation Army, Horsham



From **Sunday 5th March through to Sunday 12th March** St Mary's will be hosting **'Bible Reading Week'** every day from 8.30am - 8.30pm. More details will follow soon about how to sign up if you would be interested in helping to run this special week, or if you would like to take part in the reading from the bible.

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. You can also call us on 07510 303043 if you would like to come and visit.



Horsham District Foodbank The current foodbank needs are: vegetarian long-life meal options; gluten free long-life foods; microwave sponge puddings; laundry detergent and household cleaning items. You can make a monetary donation here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Horshamcostoflivingcrisis> or text FOODHELP to 70470 to donate £5.

After some incredible work by the **Turning Tides** team and volunteers, the doors of **Roffey Place** were opened for nine residents in December, in time for Christmas. The work continues and further accommodation will become available in January and February. A more detailed update will be available in a week or two. Turning Tides would still welcome the support of volunteers. For further information or to offer to volunteer to support Turning Tides, please email gabriella.pearson@turning-tides.org.uk



Horsham Music Circle are back at the Barn on **11th February** at 4.30pm for a concert featuring music for piano quintet where they will be welcoming back pianist **Jeremy Young**, this time with the **Benyounes Quartet**. Tickets are available from the Horsham Music Circle website.

West Sussex Philharmonic Choir invite you to **Come and Sing THE ST JOHN PASSION** on **Saturday 4th February** (10.30am-5.00pm) in the Barn. Register on their website westsussexphilharmonicchoir.org.uk, entry costs £25 including refreshments and music hire.

Local Christian charity, **Horsham Matters**, are seeking to expand their current **Board of Trustees**. They are looking for an enthusiastic and committed person, ideally with a strong finance background to help support the charitable work of the organisation. The time commitment would be approximately 3-4 hours per month. For more information or to have an informal chat about this opportunity and what would be involved, please contact: info@horsham-matters.org.uk

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: Rachel, Jenny, Lois, Kathleen, Jane, Stef, Christine, Sheila, baby Tala and baby Logan.

We remember before God those who have died, and among them John Priddle and Jock Goodall and pray for their families.

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen