



**2023 Year of the Old Testament**



Proclaiming the  
**Mystery of Faith 2023-2025**

## Newsletter

*Sundays 8th and 15th January 2023*



# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!



## Services



<b>8th January 2023</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>15th January 2023</b> <b>Finance Sunday</b>
8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's	8am Quiet Communion at Holy
10am All Age Communion *	10am Sung Holy Communion (and children and youth groups)
	3.30pm All Age Informal Service
6pm Epiphany Carols	

*\* This service will be live streamed*

**Christmas Tree Collection** From £6 on **Saturday 7th January**. Let Horsham Scouts take away your real Christmas tree from your doorstep! Go to [www.horshamscouts.com/trees](http://www.horshamscouts.com/trees) for more info and how to book! Let us take all the hassle and aggravation out of cutting up and cramming your tree into the bin or trekking to the tip! We'll help you get the best start possible to 2023!



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

The January **Sunday lunch club** will now be held on Sunday 15th January (not the 8th as is the usual pattern). Tickets are available from the Welcome Desk in church, or online via the 'What's On' page on the Church website. Please note, If you have already purchased a ticket for the 8th January, it will be automatically transferred to the 15th. Please contact the Parish Office for any further queries.

**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).

**AGE UK Christmas Bags** – Age UK were delighted with the sixty filled bags from our generous church family with gifts for those they knew who were on their own at Christmas. They were distributed by volunteers from Age UK. I had a phone call from one recipient who was totally amazed with her gifts and tearfully thanked us for the thoughts and kindness. A big thank you to all who took part in this - we will hear more from the charity in due course.

The dates for the **Book Club** next year, all at 7.45pm, are: **Wednesday 11th January**, Wednesday 12th April, Wednesday 12th July, Wednesday 11th October. The book we will be looking at in January is 'How to be a Bad Christian ... and a better human being' by Dave Tomlinson. This is a book about the misconceptions about Christianity and how following Jesus is a lot easier, and more fun, than most people think... Please contact Karen Inglis-Taylor [theitfamily@gmail.com](mailto:theitfamily@gmail.com) for details of the venue.



## Across the Parish

**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)

**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).



**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. You can call us on 07510 303043 if you would like to come and visit. Please tell your family and friends about us!

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

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*Ring out the grief that saps the mind for those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor, ring in redress to all mankind.*

*Ring out a slowly dying cause, and ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life, with sweeter manners, purer laws.*

*Ring out the want, the care, the sin, the faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes but ring the fuller minstrel in.*

*Ring out false pride in place and blood, the civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.*

*Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.*

*Ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

**An excerpt from In Memorium by Alfred Lord Tennyson**

## 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, Godfrey, Jock and baby Tala. We remember before God those who have died, and pray for their families.

***Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.***

***Bless this home and all who inhabit it.***

***Fill us with the light of Christ***

***That our concern for others may reflect your love.***

***We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***