



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 19th and 26th February 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



19th February 2023	26th February 2023 Lent 1
<i>8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity</i>	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)
3.30pm All Age Informal Service	
	6pm Evensong
Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday 	Midweek Service Wednesday 1st March
10.30am Holy Communion with ashing at Holy Trinity	10.30am at St Mary's
7.30pm Holy Communion with ashing at St Mary's	

** This service will be live streamed*

On **Saturday 25th February** there will be organised tours of the St Mary's 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

Calling All Musicians! We would like to start up a music group at St Mary's, to help to lead our sung worship within the All Age services. If you play an instrument, please do bring it along to an informal rehearsal on **Sunday 26th February** at 11.30am, in St Mary's. Please sign up below to indicate your interest and what instrument you play, so that we can ensure that we have music ready for you. <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/f704uzgc>



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.



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. Please contact the Parish Office for details about how to sign up or take part.

In preparation for our Bible reading week (5th-12th March), we would like to make a **display of interesting bibles** which people can look at and touch. Different languages, styles, translations....If you have anything which you would like to add to the display, please bring it to church (labelled with your name and phone number) and give it to someone on the Welcome desk or to Karen Inglis-Taylor or Sarah White.



Come along to **St Mary's Quiz Night** on **Saturday 15th April** in the Barn. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Come as part of a team of six or join a team on the night. Each family/team to please bring a pudding to be auctioned on the evening. Any money raised will go towards the South Aisle project in St Mary's Church. Please follow the link to book your tickets: <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/8wktqmxo>

We have been invited to offer a **national service** on behalf of the Church of England which will be viewed online by approximately 150,000 people! The service will be broadcast on **Sunday 12th March**, Lent 3... BUT we will be pre-recording the whole service on **Saturday 25th February** at 2pm. So please do come along on the **25th** if you can, to be part of the congregation for this special service.

Across the Parish

The **24th February** will be 365 days since the start of the 2022 invasion of Ukraine by Russia. To mark this disappointing anniversary, we will be holding two public events in Horsham:

10.30am: **Prayer Gathering, St Mary's Church**, Horsham.

1pm-1.30pm: **Silent Vigil War Memorial**, Carfax. Led by local Church Leaders and the Chairman of Horsham District Council.



Psalms and Stretches – where worship meets wellbeing. Between 6-7pm in the Barn on Thursday evenings (12th January-30th March). £6 per session. For more information email catherine@psalmsandstretches.com

Horsham branch **Mothers' Union** will be holding their annual **Shriving Service** at St. Mary's at 10am on **Tuesday, 21st February**. This will be followed by pancakes, tea and coffee at the back of Church. All welcome to join us. We are also holding our Lady Day service at 10.30am on **Saturday 25th March** at St Leonards Church, followed by refreshments.

We are proud to announce that our Parish member **Anne Grebby**, who attends Holy Trinity Church, has just begun a 3-month residency in St John the Baptist's Chapel in Chichester Cathedral, (until Palm Sunday). Further information about this fantastic project can be found here:

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/news/anne-grebby-chichester-cathedral-introduces-new-artist-residence>

I am sure she would love for as many of us as possible to visit and support her!

We will again be using the **Diocesan Lent Course** across the parish this year, which draws on Old Testament themes to mark this **Year of the Old Testament**. This will take place on **Monday evenings** on zoom (7.30pm-9pm) and **Thursday mornings** in the Leslie Room (10am-11.30am).

Please sign up using the links here:

Monday Evenings (on Zoom)

<https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/rodmrvv>

Thursday Mornings (in person)

<https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/aupjeybb>



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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, Sheila, Joan, baby Tala and baby Logan. We give you thanks Lord for Christine's successful surgery and for her continued convalescence.

God of mercy, we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes. We mourn the death and destruction and pray for those who have died and those who grieve. We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes. Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster. Grant those affected courage and resilience as they rebuild their lives and communities. Inspire us to unite in solidarity acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it. Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope. Amen