



**2023 Year of the Old Testament**



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

## Newsletter

*Sundays 5th and 12th February 2023*

# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

## Services



<b>5th February 2023</b> <b>Bible Overview</b> 	<b>12th February 2023</b>
<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 All Age Communion*
3.30pm All Age Informal Service	
6pm Parish Prayer	6pm Evensong
<b>Midweek Service</b> <b>Wednesday 8th February</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b> <b>Wednesday 15th February</b>
10.30am at St Leonard's	10.30am at St Leonard'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

**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.

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>



**Huge thanks** to those who have already responded to our **Money Sunday Appeal**. We have now received £33,000 (including gift aid) towards the South Aisle Project, and an extra £240/month pledged in regular giving, which is wonderful! It's not too late to respond to these appeals, so please do consider your response if you haven't yet.

Gifts towards the South Aisle project can be made by credit or debit card using this link: <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/1tyhgeq7>

For larger gifts, the most cost effective way to give (saving us the card charge) is by sending funds directly to our bank account (PCC Horsham Stewardship, Sort Code: 60-11-17, Account 62148826) referencing "South Aisle Project" with your payment. Cheques payable to PCC Horsham can also be put through the letter box at the church office, marked for the South Aisle project.

Questions about regular giving can be directed to Jean Mitchell who can be contacted directly on [stewardship@horshamstmarys.org.uk](mailto:stewardship@horshamstmarys.org.uk).



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 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.

## Across the Parish

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/rodmrvrv>

Thursday Mornings (in person)

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

**Re-engage** is a charity that provide vital, life-enhancing social connections for older people at a time in their lives when their social circles are diminishing. They arrange tea parties for older, isolated people and all their services are free. There is a need for more hosts for the parties as well as drivers so that the older people can get to the tea parties. If you are interested more information can be found at [www.reengage.org.uk](http://www.reengage.org.uk)



The Sussex charity, **Family Support Work** are appealing for people to donate their winter fuel allowance to support families in poverty this winter. To donate please follow the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stw22>



**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.

# Contact Information



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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, Joan, baby Tala and baby Logan. We remember before God those who have died, and among them John Priddle, Jock Goodall and Jane Bowen and pray for their families.

**Dear Lord, we pray for constructive discussions between government, employers and unions and for each side to seek to understand the other. We pray for a recognition of the dignity and value of work, particularly for those working in highly pressured conditions, and for a resolution that will be acceptable to all. Help us to give grace and be patient during this ongoing strike action and to love one another as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name, Amen**