



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025


Newsletter

Sundays 19th and 26th March 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



19th March 2023 Mothering Sunday 	26th March 2023
8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity	8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's
10am All Age Communion* (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
3.30pm All Age Informal Service	
	6pm Choral Evensong
Midweek Service Wednesday 22nd March	Midweek Service Wednesday 29th March
10.30am at Holy Trinity	10.30am at Holy Trinity

* This service will be live streamed

Now that the Warm Space is no longer being offered, the "informal coffee morning" has reverted back to the Barn at **10.30am on Thursday mornings**. The dates are 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November, 21st December (tbc). So why not pop in for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome.



Notices

The **Lent Lunches** will be held in the Leslie Room from 12 until 1.30pm on **18th March, 25th March** and **1st April**. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds will go to **Roundabout Talking News** which is a nationwide service for the blind and visually impaired. Locally in Horsham we produce a weekly audio file of 'The West Sussex County Times'. The file is then transferred to a 'Memory Stick' which is copied and sent out free of charge, to visually impaired people on a mailing list. There is also a Magazine section which covers items of interest from a wide range of subjects. This service is run entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause:

<http://www.roundabouttalkingnews.co.uk>

These are the dates of the **Book Club** meetings for this year and the books we will be discussing at them:

Wednesday 12th April, 7.45pm, The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom; Philoctetes by Sophocles

Wednesday 12th July, 7.45pm, God's Smuggler by Andrew van der Bijl, Elizabeth Sherrill, and John Sherrill; The Shack by William P Young

Wednesday 11th October, 7.45pm, Reimagining church in the 21st century by Stephen Croft; Little Bee by Chris Cleave

Anyone is welcome to join us as a one-off or regularly. Please contact Karen Inglis-Taylor (theitfamily@gmail.com) for more information and details of the venue.

Working Party! Wednesday 29th March, 10am-12pm.

Please come to the Barn at 10am to help make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Please let Val Burgess of the Parish Office know if you can help.



From Horsham to Oz and Back Again! - Come and see a very special performance of the Wizard of Oz performed by primary school children from across Horsham, directed by Jeremy Weaver and Zoe Eborn. There will be two performances of the show on **Saturday 25th March**, at 4pm and 6pm. Tickets can be booked via the 'What's On' page on the St Mary's Church Website or by calling the Parish Office. Tickets are free to book but donations will be very gratefully received on the day to help fund this and future youth musical productions at St Mary's.

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>



Across the Parish

Horsham Memory Café is a dementia friendly space that runs the first Tuesday of every month from 2-3.30pm at St Mark's Church (RH12 5PU). Tea, coffee and conversation for people living with dementia, their partners and carers. For more information contact Beverly on 07976586232 or beverly.jordan@careuk.com



Little Footprints Baby and Toddler Group meets at St Leonard's Church Hall **every Friday** during term time 10-11.30am. Lots of toys and activities for the children, refreshments (for little ones and grown-ups!) and song-time to end the session. For more information contact: families@horshamstmarys.org.uk We are currently looking for new volunteers to help at our toddler group, either with setting out and clearing away the toys, or to help serve refreshments. If you would like to find out more please speak to Linda Baker or the Parish Office.

Greyhound Protection UK (West Sussex) invite you to come along to an **Easter Craft Fair** on **Sunday 26th March** (2-4pm) in the Barn, the Causeway. Free Easter Egg Hunt, lots of stalls and find out more about volunteering or adopting the hounds.

Sewing Machines for Refugee Project – A sewing project for refugees has been started. It is very successful as the people are learning to make clothes for themselves and their children. However, there is a need for more sewing machines (in working order), material and thread so that more people can take part. If anyone knows of, or has a spare sewing machine that works, material and/or thread, please contact Ros Pollard through the Parish Office with your name and contact details.



Horsham branch **Mothers' Union** will be holding their Lady Day service at 10.30am on **Saturday 25th March** at St Leonards Church, followed by refreshments.

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: Wendy, Rachel, Jenny, Lois, Gillian, Kathleen, Jane, Stef, Sheila, baby Tala and baby Logan. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Connie Caddell, and pray for their families.

**Dear Jesus, We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere,
and for the special love they have for their children.**

**We thank you Jesus for your special care and comfort and the perfect
love you have for us all.**

**Help us all to show your love to those who care for us, and to the
people that we meet in our lives. Amen**