



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 2nd and 9th April 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



 2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday	9th April 2023  Easter Sunday
<i>8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity</i>	<i>5.30am Sunrise Service at Holy Trinity</i>
10am Procession and Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)	8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's
3.30pm All Age Informal Service	10am All Age Communion*
6pm Parish Prayer	6pm Evensong
Midweek Service Wednesday 5th April	Midweek Service Wednesday 12th April
10.30am St Mary's	10.30am St Leonard's

* This service will be live streamed

Come along and join in Easter craft, music and fun on **Good Friday** at 10am in St Mary's church. No booking required. Then on **Easter Sunday** there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard after the 10am service.



Notices

The last **Lent Lunch** will be held in the Leslie Room from 12 until 1.30pm on **1st April**. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds will go to **Roundabout Talking News**.



Easter Activities for Young People On the **4th April** there will be a **Movie night** in the Church Centre Chapel. 6pm opening and 7.30pm film start. 8.30pm pick up. Popcorn and milkshakes, donations welcome. Then on the **6th April** there will be an **Easter Walk** around Denne Hill and Chesworth Farm. Meet at 10am at the Barn. For more information about these activities contact Lee Buck (0773 078233).

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>



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.

Across the Parish

Red Heaven, a play by Simon Machin will be performed at 7.30pm on **Saturday 29th April** at St John's Church, Broadbridge Heath. For tickets please visit <https://redheaventickets.eventbrite.com>.

The first session of **STEPPING STONES** Bereavement Group is starting on **Thursday 4th of May**. Horsham Parish warmly invite you to an informal coffee morning to meet with others that have been recently bereaved for company, conversation and support. The group will meet at St. Mary's Church (Leslie Room) on the first Thursday of the month from 11am-1pm.

HCT Good Friday Service, Carfax - Call for Stewards! We're looking forward to the Good Friday Service in the Carfax on **Friday 7th April** from 11.15am. The speaker this year is Rev Sam Maginnis from Holy Trinity Church. As ever, we need to get a small team of stewards together to support the event which will finish just after midday. The main task is distributing song sheets and helping to keep space for 'passers by'. If you think you can help, please email richard.jackson@horshamct.org.uk.

HCT Prayer and Worship Session 26th March Around 200 people joined us for the first HCT Prayer and Worship session for Horsham town and the villages which surround it. We were really excited by the turnout, and grateful to the Kingdom Faith musicians and team for hosting us for an inspirational and powerful evening. Missed it? The next session will be on **Sunday 2nd July** from 6pm. Venue to be confirmed. In the meantime, keep praying as we seek God's will for a new season.



Horsham Matters Open Day - Thursday 20th April The Horsham Matters team are keen to showcase and inform us about their work in the District, so you are warmly invited to drop into the Horsham Matters Open Day on **20th April**. This event is at the Foodbank in Redkilyn Close at 10am, 11am, 1pm or 2pm, to find out more about the many ways in which the dedicated team work to support the local community.

Volunteer as a Chaplain We are seeking compassionate, understanding people of faith to become Volunteer Chaplains! If you are a good listener, have a heart for helping young people, have a couple hours to give on a Thursday evening and like cooking meals with others and sitting round a table to eat with them, then we would love to hear from you! Our volunteer Chaplains spend one evening every few weeks cooking a simple meal and sitting round a table to eat with vulnerable young people who would otherwise be homeless. Their listening presence connects the young people with their community and they feel valued and heard. A simple meal brings togetherness and creates a homely atmosphere that many of us take for granted. They are also there to talk about faith or pray, should a young person ask for it. Interested? Contact Samantha Burton, Tel: 07557855779 or email samantha.burton@ymcadlg.org.

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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, 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.

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

Amen