



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 5th and 12th March 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

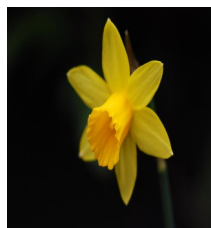
Services



5th March 2023 Start of Bible Reading Week	12th March 2023 End of Bible Reading week
<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 Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
3.30pm All Age Informal Service	
6pm Parish Prayer	6pm Evensong
Midweek Service Wednesday 8th March	Midweek Service Wednesday 15th March
10.30am at St Leonard's	10.30am at St Leonard's

* This service will be live streamed

A **Memorial Service** for Jane Bowen, who died in Conwy, North Wales, will take place on **Friday 17th March** at 1.30pm in St. Mary's followed by tea and cake in the Barn. All who knew Jane, who lived a long and happy life and most of it in Horsham, are welcome to attend. Please can you contact the Parish Office if you do plan to attend the service so that we can let the family know. Thank you.



Notices

Bible Reading Marathon– We will be reading the whole Bible within the week. Church will be open from 8.30am-8.30pm, ending at the 10am service on the 12th March. Activities and displays for all ages.

The **Lent Lunches** will be held in the Leslie Room from 12 until 1.30pm on **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.

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

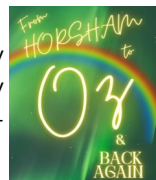
Wednesday 12th July, 7.45pm, God's Smuggler by Andrew van der Bijl, Elizabeth Sherrill, and John Sherrill; The Shack by William P Young

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! Saturday 18th March - please come to the Barn from 8.30am to help make up the posies for Mothering Sunday. Please can volunteers bring scissors, secateurs and an apron. Refreshments will be provided! Any donations of greenery would be very gratefully received and can be brought along on the day or dropped into the office during the morning of Friday 17th March. Please let Jay Pearson or 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

Spring has Sprung, at St John's Church, Broadbridge Heath on **Saturday 18th March** at 7.30pm. A musical evening featuring the Farlingtonic Choir directed by Jane Thomas together with Sopranos; Olivia Middleton and Victoria Greenwood and singers and instrumentalists from Farlington School and young members of the St Mary's Ukrainian Community. The Retiring collection will be in aid of St John's Renewal Fund and St Mary's Ukrainian Community.

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.

On **Saturday 11th March** at 7.30pm, three talented, young musicians from Horsham; **Rosie Sutton** (piano); **Will Duerden** (double bass) and **Toril Azzalini-Machecler** (percussion) will present a showcase concert in the Barn, The Causeway. Tickets available from the Horsham Music Circle Concert website.

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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, Kathleen, Jane, Stef, Sheila, baby Tala and baby Logan.

Dear God, Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and hearts to the changes needed in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.