



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 16th and 23rd April 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



16th April 2023	23rd April 2023
8am Quiet Communion at <i>Holy Trinity</i>	8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's
10am All Age Communion*	10am Sung Holy Communion* and AGM (and children and youth groups)
3.30pm All Age Informal Service	
	6pm Choral Evensong
Midweek Service Wednesday 19th April	Midweek Service Wednesday 26th April
10.30am St Leonard's	10.30am <i>Holy Trinity</i>

* This service will be live streamed

Come along to **St Mary's Quiz Night** on **Saturday 15th April** in the Barn. Tickets are £5 for adults (£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. Any money raised will go towards the South Aisle project in St Mary's Church. To book your tickets: <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/8wktqmxo>



Notices

Horsham Deanery Synod is looking for new members. If you are interested in the work of the church beyond our own parish, please consider offering yourself for election to Horsham Deanery Synod. (All Deanery Synod members are also on the PCC). The Deanery Synod consists of lay members and all clergy from 14 parishes nearby. At the APCM, Horsham can elect 7 lay members to join our clergy and Val Burgess, Nigel Stalley and Brenda Large, who are ex officio as they are on the Diocesan Synod.

Piers Pollard's story: *In October 2013, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. I received treatment in August 2014. In October 2015, I decided, as part of my recovery, happily supported by my family, to start doing 5km Park Runs. That decision really helped my path towards remission. Finally, in October 2022, I was*



discharged from The Royal Surrey Hospital; Praise The Lord. I am so grateful for all the prayers that have been made for me over the years. Supported by my children who have joined me in doing Park Runs over the past 7 and a half years, I hope to reach the milestone of completing 150 Park Runs (hopefully in mid-April) and to celebrate, I would like to raise some money for St. Mary's Church South Aisle Project.

If you would like to donate to support the project please follow the link:

<https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/nyvht3oa>

or click on the QR code -



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>.



West Sussex Philharmonic Choir will be holding its Spring Concert at St Mary's Church on **Saturday 22nd April** at **7.30pm**. Accompanied by the Orpheus Sinfonia and soloists, the choir will be performing the St John Passion, J S Bach's dramatic setting of the Passion story, composed in the 18th Century. Tickets on the door or from westsussexphilharmonicchoir.org.uk

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.

God Save the King! Join us for a concert featuring The Slinfold Concert Band and St Mary's Church Choir on **Monday 8th May** at **5pm** at St Mary's Church. Tickets are £10 (£1 child) and can be booked online via the St Mary's Church website in the 'What's On' section (stmaryshorsham.org.uk). Tickets will also be available on the door subject to availability.



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, Gillian, Kathleen, Jane, Stef, Sheila, baby Tala and baby Logan. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Barbara Smith and Lois Dart, and pray for their families.

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us, may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us, may your touch release us.

When grief torments us, may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us, may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us, may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us, may your challenge renew us.

When courage leaves us, may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us, may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us, may your resurrection light lead us.