



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 14th May and 21st May 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



14th May 2023	21st May 2023
8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's	<i>8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity</i>
10am All Age Communion*	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
6pm Evensong	3.30pm All Age Informal Service
Midweek Service Wednesday 17th May	Midweek Service Wednesday 24th May
<i>10.30am St Leonard's</i>	<i>10.30am Holy Trinity</i>

* *This service will be live streamed*

We are delighted to welcome the students from the QEII School who will bring homemade cake and help to serve the refreshments at the coffee morning on **Thursday 18th May** at **10.30am** in the Barn. Everyone is most welcome.



Notices

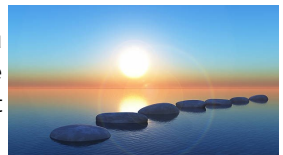
Are you missing your glasses? Available for collection from the back of the Church. If unclaimed by 1st June they will be given to charity.



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.

Across the Parish

'Stepping Stones' Horsham Parish Bereavement Support Group - we were greatly encouraged by our first 'Stepping Stones' coffee morning that took place earlier this month. It was wonderful to welcome familiar and new faces to St Mary's to hear their stories of grief and offer a safe place for support, compassion and company. Following feedback that we received from the first meeting, going forward the group will start at the slightly earlier time of 10.30am-12pm - but still on the first Thursday of the month, up in the Leslie Room at St Mary's. Please continue to spread the word to anyone who you feel may benefit from attending. If you would like any more information, please talk to Morag or get in touch with the Parish Office.



Parish Prayer Sunday on June 4th at 6pm – Come and hear from Becky Hawkins about her trip in January with Ernie and Veronica James to visit **IMPACT** in Bangladesh. They had the privilege of seeing services and projects supported by St Mary's and local fundraising. Come and find out how we can support this work in prayer. As this is one of the organisations we support as a church, it will be interesting to find out more about what they do.

Can you help please? **The Loiyangalani Trust** (who were one of our Mission Partners in 2021), along with Horsham Music Circle, are organising a concert in September which will be held in St. Mary's Church. The concert will feature Sheku Kanna-Mason (Cellist who won Young musician of the Year in 2016). They are looking for local companies who would be prepared to help in sponsoring the concert. If you have any contacts in local businesses who you think might be able to help out, please let Nigel Stalley know nstalley@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

Benedictine Spirituality for Daily Life - You are invited to an afternoon of events exploring the richness of Benedictine spirituality on **Saturday 24th June, 1-4pm**. The afternoon will commence with Midday Prayer at 1pm in Worth Abbey Church followed by a welcome talk from Abbot Mark Barrett and will conclude with sung Benediction at 3.30pm. There will be a number of sessions for people to participate in throughout the afternoon including accompanied walks to the Quiet Garden and Silent Prayer as well as Children's activities so families are very welcome. Complementary refreshments will be served. To secure a place, please register at <https://worthconnecting.org.uk/event/stbenedict> or email pilgrims@worth.org.uk for more information.

Wintershall presents **The Life of Christ** – the greatest story of all time between **27th June and 1st July** (10am-3.30pm). Follow over 100 actors in full costume moving through the beautiful grounds of the Wintershall estate with its lakes and ancient woodland re-enacting the remarkable events of Jesus' life. Tickets available on the website www.wintershall.org.uk or by phone (01483 892167).

Exam Invigilators Needed Holy Trinity School in Crawley (our local Church of England Secondary School) are looking for Exam Invigilators for their GCSE and GCE Level exams this summer. This paid work has no regular hours. Working hours are by agreement during the exam season. If you would like to find out more, please contact: HR@holytrinitycrawley.org.uk



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In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Lawrence, Clive, Stuart, Rachel, Jenny, Gillian, Kathleen, Jane, Stef, Sheila, and baby Tala. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Jonathan Powell, and pray for their families.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; to realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; to give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. Amen.