



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025


Newsletter

Sundays 28th May and 4th June 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



28th May 2023 Pentecost 	4th June 2023
8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's	<i>8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity</i>
10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
6pm Choral Evensong	6pm Parish Prayer
Midweek Service Wednesday 31st May	Midweek Service Wednesday 7th June
<i>10.30am Holy Trinity</i>	<i>10.30am Holy Trinity</i>

* This service will be live streamed

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.

Notices



Help is needed for Stewards for the Flower Festival on **Thursday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June**. The Rotas will be at the back of church on the Welcome Desk.

A big **thank you** to everyone who was involved in the Lent Lunches. £570 was raised for Talking News, which was hugely appreciated by this charity!

Please pray for our **First Holy Communion** candidates: Jessica, Chiara, Alexander, Tomas and Isaac. They will receive their First Holy Communion during June's All Age Service (11th June).

No Mow May - If anyone is doing No Mow May in their garden this year, please do send a photo and caption to hennie.sleeman@horshamstmarys.org.uk for inclusion in the next church Eco Newsletter. It would be lovely to have a range of pictures to share.



Across the Parish

Save the date! We will be holding a parish lunch, in St Mary's Vicarage Garden, on **Sunday 13th August**. More details to follow, but for now, please keep the date!

The Horsham Artists' Art Trail will once again see artists and makers across the Horsham District open their doors to the public this June. Following the trail will lead you to discover 36 artists and makers in 13 different locations across the Horsham District. These range from artists' homes, studios and retail spaces in central Horsham, to venues further afield, in Mannings Heath and Henfield to the south and Coolham and Storrington to the west. Visitors can expect to find something unique and distinctive in every venue. The range of creativity on show is hugely diverse, from original paintings, prints and textiles, to jewellery, sculpture, upcycled crafts and more. A colourful brochure and map to help visitors plan their visits on the Horsham Artists Art Trail, will be distributed to venues across the district as well as being available on line where you can view and easily download a copy. The Trail runs over two weekends, the 10th/11th and 17th/18th June. Entry is 10am-5pm and free of charge. For up-to-the-minute information, visit the website: www.horshamartists.org.



We have become aware of a significant number of **asylum seekers** who have recently moved into the local area, and we are working alongside Horsham Refugee Support Group to support them. Our English Classes for Ukrainians have grown smaller over recent months and so our well-established Tuesday morning English lessons in the Barn are soon going to be offered to local asylum seekers, while the few remaining Ukrainians enjoy informal English conversation in the Leslie Room.

Just as when we began our Ukrainian ministry, we had very little idea of how it might pan out, now we find ourselves in a similar situation as we begin to support local asylum seekers. We walk forward into this new ministry aware that there is much to learn, but sensing God's call to do what we can to bless these families who are especially vulnerable as they wait for their asylum applications to be processed. We are applying for grant funding towards this new work, but while we wait for this to be received, we are opening up a fund for donations. This money will be used towards transport and refreshments, and other immediate needs that might arise. Please use this link if you are able to make a donation towards this work:

<https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/gj5w0at2>

The total profit from the **Coronation concert** was **£1652**. Slinfold Concert Band then generously donated £326 of their share which resulted in the Organ Fund being boosted by a total of £1152. Thanks to all involved.

St Mary's Pre-school Quiz night is taking place in the Barn on **Saturday 24th June** at 7.30pm. Teams of 6 people, £10 per person; join individually or form a team of six and get ready to battle it out! 1st drink and nibbles included. There will be snacks, a bar, quiz prizes and raffles. To book your tickets contact Nicole (07775 776291) or email nmferreira3@gmail.com



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).

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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 pray for their families.

Holy Spirit, we are not ready for you, but we know that you are ready for us – ready to change our lives if we will let you.

Help us prepare by setting our hearts on fire with love;

by blowing away our fears and doubts;

by tuning our ears to the rich diversity of language and culture around the world;

by opening our eyes to the amazing beauty and power of your creation;

by breathing into us the joy and hope of the resurrected Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.