



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 27th August and 3rd September 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

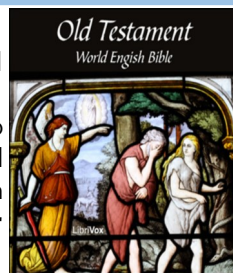
Services



Sunday 27th August	Sunday 3rd September
8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's	8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity
10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
	6pm Parish Prayer
Midweek Service Wednesday 30th August	Midweek Service Wednesday 6th September
10.30am Holy Trinity	10.30am St Mary's

* This service will be live streamed

During **September** and **October** we will have a sermon series across all our services, inspired by **Old Testament characters**. Our ministry team have each been asked to choose an Old Testament character to preach on, hopefully some that we already know well and others that may be new to us. As we embark on this series, we pray with Samuel, **'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'** (1 Samuel 3:9).



Notices

Becky Hawkins is walking the **100km Thames Path Challenge** on **9-10th September** (60 miles overnight), raising funds for the work of **IMPACT Bangladesh**. Some of you heard about their work at Parish Prayers in June and St. Mary's have supported the work of IMPACT before, whose aim is to prevent needless disability in the poorest communities in the world. You can find out more, including her visit to see the life changing work, and how to give at www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Hawkins23



We all care about the planet and are working towards becoming an **ECO church** at St Mary's. So, **PLEASE** can you help by bringing in your own recyclable cup for your tea or coffee after the service.



We have full approval to proceed with the **South Aisle work**, including the removal of **pews!** We thank those who are and will be giving good homes to these pews, which are true antiques; being to the design of SS Teulon, the Victorian Gothic architect who effectively gave us the church building that we have today. We still have 9 of the pews available for purchase at £500, which will contribute towards the cost of the South Aisle work. For more details please contact the clergy or the wardens or email Nick O'Riordan nick.oriordan@horshamstmarys.org

We have been asked from now on not to park on the driveway/pathway to **St Mary's School**. This has to be kept clear at all times for access if needed by emergency vehicles and is an insurance requirement. This applies to any day of the week, including attending church services.

Across the Parish

Come along and enjoy an evening of **Swinging Jazz with Andy Walker and Friends** on **Saturday 7th October** at 7pm in St. Leonard's Church Hall. Tickets are £20 (£19 if bought during August) and include a Fish and Chip supper. There will be a licenced bar with beer and wine. Money raised will be going to the St. Mary's Church South Aisle Project. Click on this link to buy your tickets:

<https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/rpp7zky8>

We are offering the last **'Wonderful Wednesday'** summer holiday activities for children. On the **30th August** will be running drama mornings suitable for children aged 6 and above (adults do not need to stay at these sessions, but are invited back a bit before the end to enjoy the performance!) Spaces are limited so pre-booking is essential, please use the links below or go to the 'What's On' page on the St Mary's Church website to book in. Each session is £2 per child and will take place at the Barn.

['Wonderful Wednesdays' Drama Morning for Children at St Mary's \(30-Aug-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

There will be a **Parish Confirmation Service** at St Mary's at 6pm on **Sunday 10th September** led by +Will, the Bishop of Lewes and Hastings. Please pray for the candidates: Sam, Diana, Amanda, Fiona, Jodie, Bram, David, Matilda, Freya and Emily. All are welcome to attend and support them.



Horsham Churches Together will be holding **Worship in the Park** on **Sunday 10th September** in the Human Nature Garden in Horsham Park. Join us for an informal picnic from 4pm (bring your own picnic) and Worship will begin at 5pm.

Many of the residents at Cisswood enjoy **chess** and when a set was donated recently, there were many interested players. If you have any spare **chess sets** that you no longer need, please consider donating them by placing them at the back of church adjacent to the Welcome Desk. They will be very gratefully received!

Sheku Kanneh-Mason (Cello) and **Plinio Fernanandes** (Guitar) are performing in a concert in St. Mary's Church on Thursday 28th September at 7pm. The star cellist Sheku is a household name whose career and performances span the globe. Virtuoso guitarist Plinio has recently signed to Decca Gold Records. They collaborate in a programme of solos and duos from Bach to Brouwer and Villa-Lobos. The Concert is raising funds for the **Loiyangalani Trust** (our Mission Partner in 2020) and our **South Aisle Project at St. Mary's**. Tickets can be bought on-line from:

<https://www.wegotickets.com/HorshamMusicCircle>

More details can be found at:

<https://www.horsham-music-circle.org.uk/what-s-on>



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In Your Prayers



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

Almighty God, We pray for our schools. We pray for all the teachers and staff who work in them and all the children who study in them. We pray our schools would be places of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May they be places where we love to learn and where we learn to love and where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.