



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 24th September and 1st October 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 24th September	Sunday 1st October
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)
	3.30pm All Age Informal Service
6pm Choral Evensong	6pm Parish Prayer
Midweek Service Wednesday 27th Sept	Midweek Service Wednesday 4th Oct
10.30am Holy Trinity	10.30am St Mary's

* This service will be live streamed

Come and join us for a delicious **Harvest Festival Lunch** on **Sunday 8th October** from 12.45pm in the Barn. This Harvest we are supporting the **Engineering Ministries International** and during the meal we will have a short presentation from Rob and Helen Quail, our mission partners who are working with Engineering Ministries International out in Nicaragua. Tickets can be booked via the 'What's On' page on the St Mary's website or can be booked at the Welcomers Desk in Church. Tickets are £10 for an adult and £5 for a child (under 12 years of age). We hope to see you there.

Notices

FOOD GIFTS FOR HARVEST We will be giving our **Harvest food** donations to the foodbank run by **Family Support Work** (FSW). About 30 food boxes are sent out to families each week; FSW aim to provide enough for about 20 meals in each box, plus loo roll, cleaning products and toiletries. This can make a significant contribution to helping families through the cost of living crisis. Please bring along your donations (no fresh food please) to our **Harvest Festival service** at **10am on Sunday 8th October**.



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Mission Partners for 2024 – Once again we are looking for Mission Partners for our Church to support, this time for 2024. This year in 2023 we are supporting: Roundabout Talking News, Engineering Ministries International, Family Support Work and Home For Good. The Serving MAP team are keen to hear of a charity or organisation, that you perhaps are involved with, who you would like to put forward to be a potential Mission Partner for 2024. We normally look to directly support our Mission Partners at a particular point in the year such as Lent, Harvest and Christmas. Support could be just financial or could include time and talents or perhaps, for example, gifts of food. The final decision of who we are to support in 2024 will be made later this year by the St. Mary's Church committee. If you would like to know more or to put forward a charity for consideration, please contact Nigel Stalley (nstalley@horshamstmarys.org.uk).

The **Mothers' Union** is collecting **NEW men's socks** for the detainees at Brook House and Tinsley House at Gatwick. If anyone is able to donate a pack of socks we would be most grateful to receive these as soon as possible (any sizes from 8-12). There will be a box near the welcome table or they can be handed to Karen Ind or Christine Bright before the **7th October**.



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

Across the Parish

St Mary's Parish are recruiting for a part-time, flexible **Premises Manager!** Further information about this exciting and varied role can be found here: [Premises-Manager-ad-2023.pdf \(stmaryshorsham.org.uk\)](https://www.stmaryshorsham.org.uk/Premises-Manager-ad-2023.pdf)

If you, or anyone you might know, are interested, you are invited to apply by midday on the 28th September. All details regarding the role and the application process can be found in the link above.

Help is needed with **TGIs**, our **Parish Youth Club** on **Friday evenings** in the Barn. We would like to expand our team of volunteers to work with the wonderful teenagers we are privileged to have in our Parish. You can help as a one-off or perhaps think about something more regular as part of a rota with either one or both of the sessions: 6-7.30pm for Years 7-8 and 7.30-9pm for Years 9-11. Please speak to Lee Buck PCC Youth Worker (youth@horshampcc.org.uk) or Cath Hatton (cathe-rine.hatton@horshamstmarys.org.uk) for more information.



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 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>



You are invited to a **Harvest Barn Dance with Ploughman's Supper** on **Saturday 14th October** (5.30pm-9pm) at Holy Trinity Church in Rushams Road. Bring your own drinks (soft drinks provided free) and glasses/cups will be provided. To help with catering please book places via the Holy Trinity Church Horsham website Events page. Alternatively, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Holy Trinity Church is open from 10am until 4pm weekday and Saturdays. There is no set ticket price though donations will be gratefully received.

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If you would like to give to St Mary's please contact the Stewardship

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In Your Prayers



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

Compassionate God, source of all comfort, we pray for the people whose lives have devastated by earthquake, rain and flood.

Bring them comfort, we pray. Be close to those who mourn.

Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Keep at bay the spread of disease. Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry. And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise. For we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.