



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 10th and 17th September 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 10th September	Sunday 17th September
8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's	8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity
10am All Age Communion*	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
6pm Deanery Confirmation Service with Bishop Will	6pm Informal Praise
Midweek Service Wednesday 13th Sept	Midweek Service Wednesday 20th Sept
10.30am St Leonard's	10.30am St Leonard'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

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).

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the Barn on **Thursday 21st September** at 10.30am - so why not pop in for a coffee and a chat. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the Summer break.



During **September** and **October** 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).

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

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!

Across the Parish

Premises Manager News: Dan Britton, who has served for 2 years as our Premises Manager, has now found a new job which fits better with his family and so has left our staff team. We extend our thanks to Dan for his warmth, good humour, and flexibility in this role. We intend to appoint a new Premises Manager, and there will be an advert out in the next couple of weeks. Anyone who would like to know more about this role is welcome to contact Lisa on vicar@horshamstmarys.org.uk.



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.

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, Mandy, Fiona, Jodie, Bram, David, Mathilda, Freya and Emily. All are welcome to attend and support them.

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>

Sheku Kanneh-Mason (Cello) and **Plinio Fernandes** (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, Alan, Paul and baby Tala. We remember before God those who have died and pray for their families.

**Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.**

**Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.**

**Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment
the good work that You have begun in them.**

**As we prepare them for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.**

**Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.**

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.