



2023 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 19th and 26th November 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 19th November	Sunday 26th November
8am Communion at Holy Trinity	8am Communion at St Mary's
10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* 10am Fusion Service at the Barn for Children and Young People
6pm Informal Praise	6pm Choral Evensong
Midweek Service Wednesday 22nd Nov	Midweek Service Wednesday 29th Nov
10.30am Holy Trinity	10.30am Holy Trinity

* This service will be live streamed



We are asking for **donations** to put together some **Christmas gift bags** for the asylum seekers in our English classes at **Cisswood**. Simply pick a tag hanging on the **Gift tree** at the back of church and buy the item written on the tag. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Please remember to attach your tag to the gift you have purchased and leave it in the box next to the tree before **Sunday 9th December**. If you would prefer to contribute some money to buy gifts, please see **Sue Keegan** or **David Mowll** after the 10am Sunday services on the 19th and 26th November and 3rd December. Many thanks for your generosity and **Happy Christmas!**

Notices



The choir invites you to join them for the annual **St Cecilia's Day Cake Sale**, after the 10am service on **19th of November**. All monies raised go towards the Choir fund.

Harvest 2023 Thank you to everyone who brought in food gifts to our Harvest Services. The food gifts were given to **Family Support Work** (FSW) who help families in Sussex to overcome their difficulties in times of trouble. To find out more about FSW please click on the link <https://www.familysupportwork.org/>. At our Harvest Lunch we heard from Rob and Helen Quail about their work with **Engineering Ministries International** (EMI) and their work in Nicaragua. From your generous donations we were able to send £500 to support their work. To find out more about Rob and Helen and their work with EMI please click on the link <https://www.emi-quails.com/>. Special thanks to Jay Pearson and her team who prepared and served a fantastic Harvest Lunch.

Becky Hunsberger has been a member of our church for 6 years, and works in Horsham for **TeachBeyond**, an international mission organisation that provides transformational education services. The church that she's come from in the US closed two years ago, and so she's asked for us to become her '**sending church**', offering her prayerful support and encouragement. Sarah White is going to be drawing together a group of people who will commit to meeting with Becky a few times each year to hear about her work, and then praying for her. If you are interested in being part of this group, please get in touch with Sarah on sarah@whitex.net

Across the Parish

Remembering Laura Skuce, is on **Friday 24th November** at **7pm** in St Mary's church. Will Duerden invites you to "come along to St Mary's to celebrate and remember my lovely mum Laura. We'll be playing a variety of music and also some of Mums recordings!" Tickets are available from <https://rememberinglauraskuce.eventbrite.com/> and all proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to cancer research. Excessive sparkle, glitter, sequins and colours are strongly encouraged in true Laura style!

Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market takes place on **Saturday 25th November** between 10am and 4pm in **St John's RC Church Hall** in the Bishopic. Have a Fairtrade Christmas!





The **Horsham Music Circle** presentation on **Saturday November 25th at 7pm** in St Mary's Church offers a very different concert experience. We invite you to come and be intrigued and wowed by **Harry the Piano** whose extraordinary talent has taken him worldwide. He has appeared on BBC Radios 2 and 4, and is the go-

to improviser on Radio 3 where presenter Iain Burnside said 'you can't be a pianist and not be a fan'. We anticipate hearing most of the following - classical favourites, show tunes, seasonal melodies and certainly the popular audience request session. Come prepared to ask for 'any tune in any style'. To book tickets phone 01403 252602, email horshammusiccircle@gmail.com or go online at wegottickets.com/HorshamMusicCircle.

As part of our Christmas preparations, an **Advent Course** will be held at Holy Trinity and St Leonard's on the three Thursdays preceding Christmas at 7.30-9pm. At each session we will reflect on the gospel for the coming Sunday and how this ties into the broader Advent themes of expectation and alertness. The sessions will be held in-person at Holy Trinity and all are welcome to attend: **7th December:** John the Baptist, a voice crying in the wilderness; **14th December:** John's testimony, and pointing to the True Light; **21st December:** the Annunciation, and Mary's faithful response.

Year 1 at St Mary's School (aged 5-6) are learning about the history of our local area and investigating how Horsham has changed over time. We would love to hear from anyone who has lived in Horsham for a long time and could come into school to talk to us about how it used to be different. We'd welcome visitors for a chat in our classroom to share examples of **living history** on the afternoons of 22nd, 23rd, 29th Nov and 7th Dec. Please contact Mrs Peel on gpeel@stmarysschoolhorsham.co.uk or call into the school office Wed-Fri if you are able to help!

The **Christmas Remembrance Service** to remember precious babies gone too soon will take place on **Friday 8th December** at St Mary's Church. Arrive from 6.30pm, the service will start at **7.00pm**.



Horsham Matters invites you to **The Magic of Christmas Concert** featuring Singergy Horsham Choir, Big Notes Choir and Jodie Munday on **Friday 8th December** at the Drill Hall in Denne Road, Horsham. Doors open at **6.30pm** and tickets can be purchased online (£8) at www.horsham-matters.org.uk. All monies raised will help fund the work of Horsham Matters in the local community, including the foodbank, energy provision and essential household items.

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In Your Prayers



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

Dear Father of all, help us to see the world through your eyes, without dividing lines; To see just land and water, mountains, trees and skies; Help us to lay aside our class and skin, our background and race; To know our shared humanity, to see a brother or sister in every face; Help us to wear forgiveness, to lay down our pride and pain; To seek first to understand, Lord may peace and reconciliation reign; Help us to feel your compassion so we can freely forgive; May we weave new threads of grace and cause seeds of hope to live; Help us to play our own small part, with acts of kindness and of care; May we arise as your children and seek out what is just and fair; Cause us to make new bonds of trust with neighbours near and far; And so to fashion a world where peace comes to Earth in this hour. Amen