



2024 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 14th and 21st January 2024



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 14th January	Sunday 21st January
8am Communion at St Mary's	8am Communion at Holy Trinity
10am All Age Holy Communion*	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
6pm Evensong	6pm Horsham Churches Together
Midweek Service Wednesday 17th Jan	Midweek Service Wednesday 24th Jan
10.30am St Leonard's	10.30am Holy Trinity

* This service will be live streamed

St Mary's AGM is on **Sunday 4th February** at the end of the 10am service. We are inviting people to stand for nominations for St Mary's Church Committee, the PCC, the Deanery Synod and to join the Deputy Church Wardens team – nomination forms will be in the church from Sunday 14th January.

Join us for coffee and a chat at the Coffee Morning at **10.30am** on **Thursday 18th January** in the Barn. Everyone welcome.



Notices

Home for Good would like to thank everyone at St Mary's for their kindness and generosity. With your donation they will be able to work to find local homes for local children across the UK.

There is an ongoing need for **second-hand Ipads** or similar for the **asylum seekers** at the Cisswood House hotel. The children would also love to receive a **football goal!** If you think you might have something you no longer use, please consider donating it. Donations can be left at the Welcome desk in St Mary's or email Sue Keegan at sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk to arrange collection or for queries.

On **Friday 1st March** at **7pm** in the **Barn**, there will be an opportunity to hear from **Eithne Nightingale** with excerpts from her newly published book "*Child Migrant Voices in Modern Britain – oral histories from the 1930s to the present day*". Listen to the experiences of child migrants themselves, together with speakers from Horsham Refugee Support Group and others involved in supporting refugees. The evening will be compered by **BBC Radio 4's Chris Aldridge** and at the end there will be a chance to chat to the speakers over refreshments and buy a discounted copy of the book. Entry is free with a retiring collection in aid of '**St Mary's English for Asylum Seekers**'. Please register your attendance at <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/xbn9bs5r>

Horsham District Foodbank: There is an **urgent** need for these items: custard, rice pudding, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, tinned potatoes, coffee. Please place your donations in the box next to the Welcome desk in church or by visiting Horsham Matters in Redkiln Way.



Across the Parish

Following Lisa's sermon at St Mary's on 7th January, we will be offering the Church of England's '**Living in Love and Faith**' course as our **lent course** this year. This is an opportunity to explore the teaching of the church around **LGBTQI inclusion**, and to listen carefully to one another and to the leading of the Holy Spirit in relation to these issues. The course will run on Monday evenings at 7.30pm on zoom from 19th February to 18th March and on Thursday mornings in person from 10.30am from 22nd February to 21st March (venue TBC). Sign-up details will be available later in the month.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th-25th January 2024

'You shall love the Lord your God... and love your neighbour as yourself.'

Please join us on: **Thursday 18th**: Brighton Road Baptist Church (7.30pm); **Friday 19th**: Prayer Walk–Horsham Town Centre (meet at 12 noon at Carfax Bandstand); **Saturday 20th**: St Margaret's Church, Warnham (10am); **Sunday 21st**: HCT United Service at St Mary's Parish Church (5pm); **Monday 22nd**: St John's Broadbridge Heath (7.30pm); **Tuesday 23rd**: St Mark's Church, Holbrook with Horsham ECO Churches (7.30pm); **Wednesday 24th**: Trafalgar Road Baptist (12.30pm); **Thursday 25th**: United Reformed Church, Springfield Road (7.30pm)



DODI Coffee and Social - Drop off and Drop in! Dropping the kids off at St Mary's Pre-School or the Primary School? Fancy a coffee before tackling the rest of the day? On **Friday mornings during term-time from 8:30am to 9:30am**, tea and coffee are served in the Leslie Room. Babies and young children are welcome and toys available.

We are looking for singers for performances of **Oliver and Annie: A tale of 2 Orphans**. Open to all in school years 3-6 who would like to participate. The performances will be on **Saturday 23rd March** and rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings (5.30-6.30pm) starting on 3rd January at St Mary's Church, Horsham. Contact St Mary's music director for further information at jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk

Tickets are selling well for **The King's Singers** visit to St Mary's on **27th January** at 7pm in a concert presented by **Horsham Music Circle**. Don't miss hearing this exemplary group who are known and loved around the world, bringing us 'Taste, impeccable intonation and refined musicianship'. To mark the accession of King Charles III to the throne, and the extraordinary contribution of Queen Elizabeth II to our country, the King's Singers have created a special royal programme '**Long Live the King**'. This explores the wealth of music associated with royal occasions celebrating some of the famous songs connected with our royal family and history including works by Byrd, Purcell, Arne, Parry, Vaughan Williams, Goodall, Weir and Meador. Also included are audience favourites from the King's Singers' treasure trove of jazz, folk and spiritual arrangements. For tickets phone 01403 252602 or email horshammusiccircle@gmail.com. Online at wegottickets.com/HorshamMusicCircle. Tickets also on the door. Website www.horsham-music-circle.org.uk

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In Your Prayers



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

**Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,
according to your will,
according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin
and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.**