



2024 Year of the Old Testament



Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith 2023-2025

Newsletter

Sundays 25th February and 3rd March 2024

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 25th February Lent 2	Sunday 3rd March Lent 3
8am Communion at St Mary's	8am Communion at Holy Trinity
10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)	10am Sung Holy Communion* (and children and youth groups)
	3.30pm Children and Families Service
6pm Choral Evensong	6pm Parish Prayer
Midweek Service Wednesday 28th Feb	Midweek Service Wednesday 6th Mar
10.30am Holy Trinity	10.30am St Mary's

* This service will be live streamed

Parking on a Sunday at the Church Centre Car Park Request! If you are parking your car for one of our St Mary's Services on a Sunday in the Church Centre car park, please can we ask that you ensure that you are parked within the spaces provided. Please avoid parking near or at the entrance to the driveway of the property next door. With our grateful thanks for your help with this, Cath Hatton, Morag Davies and Peter Fruin.

Notices

On **Friday 1st March** at **7pm** in the **Barn**, we will welcome **Eithne Nightingale** with excerpts from her 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 involved in supporting refugees. The evening will be compered by **BBC Radio 4's Chris Aldridge** and there will be a chance to chat to the speakers over refreshments and buy a copy of the book. Entry is free with a retiring collection in aid of '**St Mary's English for Asylum Seekers**'. Please visit <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/xbn9bs5r> to register.

Horsham Community Responders have very kindly donated an **Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED)** and it has been placed next to the **Parish Office Door** at the Church Centre. Anyone can use it! It is connected to South East Ambulance Service and in an emergency, you dial 999 and they will give you the code to open the cupboard to get the Defibrillator out. It speaks to you to tell you what to do, so please use it in an emergency! Horsham Community Responders will be running a **CPR and AED Awareness training session** in the **Barn at 7pm on Thursday 7th March**. Please sign up to attend here: [CPR and AED Awareness Training Session \(07-Mar-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) All are welcome to attend to learn this life saving skill! Cath Hatton will tell us more about Horsham Responders during the 10am service on **Sunday 17th March** and invite donations to this very worthwhile charity.

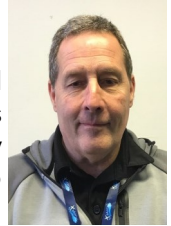


The Flower Festival team has decided to concentrate and plan for a festival in 2025 and not hold a festival in 2024. Judy or Jo are eager to gather a new team together to plan and begin the work necessary to set up **Flower Festival 2025**, so please consider what support you can offer. There are a variety of jobs you can become involved in, not simply flower arranging but helping in planning and promoting the Festival, running the café and stewarding. The Festival is a great means of outreach and engaging other churches and groups to participate and bring the community together. If you are able to help in any capacity, please speak to **Judy or Jo**. Their phone numbers together with the list of tasks will be put on the "Can you Help" notice board, at the back of church by the font.

We are getting **33 Causeway** ready for **Scott** to move in and there are some items that he needs: a coffee table, saucepans, glass tumblers, wine glasses and a set of cutlery. If you can help or make a donation to buy something, please contact **Morag** on 01403 240854 07974679399.

Across the Parish

We are delighted to announce that **Mike Watson** has joined our staff team as our new **Parish Premises Manager**. Mike, originally from Bishop Auckland in County Durham, moved to Crawley in 1988 and then on to Horsham. Mike joins us after working as a Premises Manager at various primary schools across West Sussex. Mike is married, with two daughters, a son and a dog called Bailey. Welcome Mike!



We will be offering the Church of England's '**Living in Love and Faith**' 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 Mondays at 7.30pm on Zoom from 19th Feb to 18th March. [Click here](#) to sign up for the Zoom sessions. The course will also run on a Thursday morning in the Leslie Room 10.30am–12pm from 22nd Feb through to 21st March. [Click here](#) to sign up to the in-person sessions.

Our **Lent Lunches** will once again be running on the Saturdays in Lent, from **Saturday 17th February to Saturday 23rd March** between **12noon & 1.30pm**, in the **Leslie Room**. Donations will go towards our work supporting local Asylum seekers. No need to book ahead for these lunches, just come along! If you'd like to help to prepare or serve a lunch, Hennie Sleeman would be pleased to hear from you! You can contact Hennie on hennie.sleeman@horshamstmarys.org.uk or via the Parish Office.

Opportunity to Visit St Nicholas Children's Centre in Kenya. Peter Scofield will be visiting this link charity in April 2024, and there is an opportunity for another representative from the parish to go too. This is a chance to experience life for children who are unable to remain in their families due to poverty, illness or loss of parents. This visit will help further our relationship with the Centre and the Diocese of Nakuru, and oversee essential maintenance work at the Centre. This opportunity could be for a younger person looking to explore Christian Ministry or for someone with technical skills (e.g electrical, mechanical, plumbing) who is seeking to volunteer in such an endeavour. The Friends of St Nicholas is a small charity funded by donations from members of various parishes around our Diocese. If this opportunity is of interest please contact Peter (pscofield@horshamholyltrinity.org.uk) or 0779 267 2443 to discuss further.

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In Your Prayers



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

**Forgive those things we have done
which have caused you sadness,
and those things we should have done
that would have brought you joy.
In both we have failed ourselves, and you.
Bring us back to that place
where our journey began,
when we said that we would follow
the way that you first trod.
Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. Amen**