



Newsletter

Sundays 7th and 14th September 2025

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

Services



Sunday 7th September	Sunday 14th September Patronal Festival
<i>8am Quiet Communion at Holy Trinity</i>	8am Quiet Communion at St Mary's
10am Sung Holy Communion* and children & youth groups	10am All Age Sung Holy Communion Service*
<i>11.30am Parish Social at Holy Trinity Church</i>	6pm Evensong <i>Café Connect for Youth at Holy Trinity</i>
Midweek Service Wednesday 10th Sept	Midweek Service Wednesday 17th Sept
<i>10.30am St Leonard's</i>	<i>10.30am St Leonard's</i>
Wednesday Compline	
<i>8pm Weekly Service at Holy Trinity on 10th September and thereafter from the beginning of October</i>	

* This service will be live streamed

There will be a coffee morning on **Thursday 18th September** at 10.30am in the Barn. We will welcome the students from the Queen Elizabeth II School who will help serve the refreshments and bring their delicious homemade cake.



Notices

St Mary's Church, Junior Choir The choir runs every Wednesday from 6.30pm til 7.00pm at St Mary's Church and is aimed at Primary school age children from Year 2-6. Although the principle role of the choir is for enjoyment and learning how to use the voice properly, they will be expected to sing at the Informal service every second Sunday in the month. This is a training choir which could eventually lead into the main church choir and the songs learnt are both secular and non-secular. For more information please contact Jeremy Weaver, Director of Music on jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk or on 07396 767816.

If you can spare a couple of hours, please come and join us for an **"Autumn clean"** of the church on **Saturday 8th November** from 9.30-11.30am. Whilst the church is regularly cleaned, it is in need of an extra special deep clean in some of the nooks and crannies. Cleaning products will be provided but please bring along your own non electrical cleaning aids. Please join us if you can. 

St Mary's are offering an **Organ Scholarship**, providing a new and unique opportunity to support and train any aspiring organist who is looking to be involved with choral and organ music. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age, but the opportunity is open to anyone who enjoys organ and choral music. Honorarium will be in the form of organ lessons and use of the church organ, in addition to remuneration in line with the choristers pay scale. If you are interested in applying or would like to find out more, please visit: [Organ-Scholarship-2025-26.pdf](#) or contact Jeremy Weaver (Director of Music) on jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk or on 07396767816.

We are looking for **Mission Partners** for our Church to support in **2026**. This year we are supporting: Friends of Children in Romania, Horsham Matters, Family Support Work, St. Catherine's Hospice, Engineering Ministries International, Teach Beyond and Horsham Food Bank. We are keen to hear of a charity or organisation, that perhaps you are involved with, who you would like to put forward to be a potential Mission Partner for 2026. We normally look to directly support our Mission Partners at a particular point in the year such as Lent, Harvest and Christmas. Support might be financial or could include time and talents. The final decision of who we will be supporting in 2026 will be made later this year by the St. Mary's Church committee. For more information, please contact Nigel Stalley nstalley@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

On **Sunday 12th October** we will be holding a Harvest Brunch in the Barn after the 10am service.



Across the Parish

Our annual **Parish Summer Social** is fast approaching but it's not too late to book your place. This year it will be in the **Holy Trinity Church** garden (or Holy Trinity Church and Hall if the British Summer doesn't co-operate!) A pizza van will be providing delicious hot food, but please do bring along a rug or chair to sit on and something to drink (some chairs will be available). If you feel able, we would be very grateful for a donation of £9 per adult / £5 per child, to help cover the cost of the catering. Please don't worry if you are not able to donate at this time though, please do still come - all are very welcome! It would really help us to plan for the catering if you could please book in through ChurchSuite:

[Horsham Parish Summer Social \(07-Sep-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

There is limited parking available at Holy Trinity Church, and overflow parking at Trafalgar Infant School which is just around the corner from the church on Victory Road (RH12 2JF). For more information please get in touch with the Parish Office on 01403 253762 or office@horshamstmarys.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you, come rain or shine, on Sunday 7th September!



Upcoming external events

Saturday 20th September - Horsham Music Circle's Opening Concert for the 84th Season will be bringing together the celebrated talents of Ensemble 360 for a joyful evening of Chamber Music starting at 7pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets can be ordered by calling 01403 252602 or emailing horshammusiccircle@gmail.com or online at wegottickets.com/HorshamMusicCircle

Friday 4th October - Lumos Live present a Vivaldi and Mozart Candlelight Experience. Three concerts at St Mary's Church starting at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. Tickets can be booked online at www.lumos-experiences.com

Contact Information



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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: Jenny, Sheila, Stef, Beryl, June, Godfrey, Lisa and Peter. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Veronica Kidd and Christine Atfield, and pray for their families.

Dear Lord, we give you praise for the wonders of this summer that now draws to a close. We are thankful for such wonders as the sunshine, the rain, the song of birds, the garden produce, and the family gatherings. Now a new season is coming, one that causes us to move indoors and that changes the landscape from green to harvest gold. Help us to learn from all of nature how life must change. Bless the passages and the transitions that happen in our lives. Guide us to healing and deeper understanding, and may we let go with courage and allow you to lead us into the next steps of our journey. Amen