



Newsletter

April 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

March Highlights

Thank you to all those who helped with the Lent Lunches this year and to all those who came along and supported us by having a lunch. We hope to have raised over **£690.00** for the **Phoenix Stroke Club**.

Notices

Please be very mindful **NOT TO PARK** outside of the white painted line markings, and not to block the gate within the Church Centre car park which is the entrance for several of our neighbours in the Causeway and the only route through which they can access their cars!

The Horsham Society are kindly **organising guided tours of St Mary's Church**. These will take place on Wednesday 17th June, Wednesday 22nd July and Wednesday 19th August all at 11am. Spaces are limited so booking is essential, to book a place email: events@horshamsociety.org. There is no charge, donations made on the day will go towards St Mary's.

Steve Gurr, Chaplain at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre is leading a workshop on **"Sacred Spaces"** at St. Mary's Church on **11th April 2026**. There are a few spaces available so please contact Morag if you would like to attend on 07974 679399 or mdavies@horshamstmarys.org.uk. What draws you to the idea of Sacred Space? Is it intriguing? Or possibly threatening? A day to explore together how we might understand and experience sacred space day to day. Is sacred space limited to particular places, or can it be found anywhere? The day will include: Addresses and times for discussion; space for quiet contemplation and reading for further reflection. Coffee at 9.30am with a prompt start at 10.00am. Bring and share lunch at 12.30pm, finish by 4.30pm.

Across the Parish

Holy Trinity Church invite you to a **Quiz and Cheeseboard evening** on **Friday 24th April** starting at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm). Make up a table of six brainy friends and bring your own drinks.



The delicious cheeseboard will include a selection of cheese, grapes, celery, crackers and butter. Tickets cost £15 and there will be a raffle. To book tickets please scan the QR code or contact the Holy Trinity Church Office on 01403 288465.



Time to get planting those seedlings for the Plant Stall at this year's **Parish Flower Festival!** I am also delighted to inform you that we can once again accept donations of **homemade jams and chutneys** which proved to be very popular in previous years. So if your talents lie in the preserving pan, please just ensure that all ingredients are clearly shown on the label.

This year's Flower Festival theme is "For the Joy of Music" and will take place in July (15-19th). If you are interested or know friends/companies who might be interested in sponsoring this wonderful event, please contact sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk.



Join us between **4th-10th December 2026** on a **McCabe Travel tour** based near **Zell am See, Austria**, led by Ven Philip Jones. With a focus on Pilgrimage, we will visit the Medieval town of Rattenburg, the city of Salzburg and historic Berchtesgaden, together with some of the famous pilgrimage churches, including Maria Plain and Maria Kirchentail. There will be plenty of opportunities to visit Christmas markets and to engage in Advent-focused worship and reflection. For full details please contact us on venp2005@outlook.com or by text/phone on 07909 981119 if you have questions or to express an interest.

You are invited to **'Come and Sing' Sir John Rutter's Magnificat with St Mary's Choir and Guest Conductor Peter Allwood** on **Saturday 2nd May** at St Mary's. Rehearsals start at 2pm with a free public performance at 5pm. Cost is £20 including music hire with all proceeds going to the Organ Fund. To book a ticket to take part please visit the ['What's On'](#) page on the St Mary's Church website or pick up a flyer from the Welcome Desk for further details.

Vacancy: Clerk to Governors at St Mary's CE Primary School The governing body at **St Mary's CE Primary School** is looking for a reliable, proactive and organised **Clerk to Governors**. This is a permanent, casual contract. Hours of work are typically 10 - 20 hours *per school term*, to include attendance at meetings (currently 5-7pm on one Thursday per half term, plus an additional annual meeting each September) and preparatory / follow up work. With the exception of meeting times, hours can be worked flexibly at a time that is convenient for you. As clerk, you will be a key member of the team with access to regular training and advice to support you in the role. Main duties include preparing and sharing minutes and agendas, ensuring record keeping and compliance. Previous experience as a clerk would be desirable but not essential - full training can be provided. Visits or a phone call with a member of the leadership team are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit. For further information and how to apply, please view the vacancy on our school website: www.stmaryschoolhorsham.co.uk/CLERK-TO-GOVERNORS/

Upcoming External Events

Friday 10th April at 7pm and 9pm at St Mary's Church - Lumos Live present a Candlelit Concert featuring the music of Abba. Tickets available online: www.lumos-experiences.com/events/

Friday 17th April at 7pm at St Mary's Church - Horsham Music Circle present a compelling recital , bringing together violinist BRAIMAH KANNEH-MASON and pianists JÂMS COLEMAN and ISATA KANNEH-MASON. Tickets from 01403 252602 or horshammusiccircle@gmail.com Online bookings at wegottickets.com/HorshamMusicCircle

Saturday 18th April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church - Billingshurst Choral Society will be performing Haydn's *The Creation* accompanied by Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted by Marcio da Silva. Tickets available at www.billingshurstchoralsociety.org.uk

Saturday 25th April at 7pm at St Mary's Church - West Sussex Philharmonic Choir perform Handel - Theodora, conducted by Jonathan Lucas Wood. www.westsussephilharmonicchoir.org.uk

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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, Ann, Peter, Bob, Alice, Harry, Rosemarie, Tala and baby Freddie.

We remember before God those who have died, and pray for their families.

May the miracle of Easter bring you perfect peace and eternal happiness.

Wishing you a blessed Easter that fills your heart with the joy of the resurrection.

May the light of the risen Lord shine upon you and guide you throughout this Easter season. Amen