

Newsletter 5th February 2023



St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield
Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

Salt and Light



Matthew 5: 13-20

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¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Isaiah 58: 1-9

“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.

Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion

and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

² For day after day they seek me out;

they seem eager to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that does what is right

and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions

and seem eager for God to come near them.

3 'Why have we fasted,' they say,
 'and you have not seen it?
Why have we humbled ourselves,
 and you have not noticed?'

"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please
 and exploit all your workers.

4 Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife,
 and in striking each other with wicked fists.
You cannot fast as you do today
 and expect your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
 only a day for people to humble themselves?
Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed
 and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?
Is that what you call a fast,
 a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
 and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
 and break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
 and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
 and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
 and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
 you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
 with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

Collect Prayers

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.
Amen

Dust and Glory

Both Churches are going to read Dust and Glory Lent Reflections together.

Copies have been ordered.

DUST ✝
GLORY

Some news from Tim Jackson

I am taking part in a programme run by Chichester Diocese to become an Authorised Lay Minister. There are two elements that I am taking - Worship and Liturgy, and Preaching.

The Worship and Liturgy module involves five study days and aims to give a practical and theoretical grounding in the different aspects of planning and leading worship. The course is based in Hove and there are 24 people taking part. They are of a wide range of backgrounds and come from all over the diocese and from a wide variety of church traditions. So far I have attended one session which was stimulating.

When authorised I am permitted to lead all or part of non-eucharistic worship, but not preach, under the supervision of Julie, or if she is not available then in agreement with the wardens.

The module on preaching will take place remotely and has not started yet. It aims to provide a practical introduction to preaching. Once completed I am authorised to preach six times a year in the benefice.

These modules complement the Theology, Ministry and Mission degree that I completed in 2021. It means that I will then have the diocesan approval to help in worship and so assist Julie on Sunday mornings and on other occasions.

I will be formally commissioned at Chichester Cathedral at 2.00 pm on Saturday, 29th April. Please do come along.

It will be a privilege to be able to lead and to preach in this community.

Tim Jackson.

TRINITY — Talks



Trinity talks in Trinity Hall

The next Trinity talk to take place is on the 17th of February.

Speaker: Nigel Manger.

Subject: Life on Submarines.

Time: The talk will begin at 6pm and will last for about 45 minutes.

Refreshments will be offered from 5.45pm, and also after the talk, when questions may be asked. Hope to see you there.

Contact the following for more details and booking.

events@colemanshatchchurch.org

Caroline Daszewska on 01342 321150



Next date are:

Thursday 9th February

Thursday 23rd February

For more information, please contact:

Caroline Daszewska 01342 321150

Sheila Van Maurik 01892 770273

Eve James 07753 615032

Trinity Café

Throughout the year we offer freshly made, home baked cakes and pastries, delivered on the morning of our café. Hot chocolate, squash, fresh coffee, a choice of teas all served in our best vintage china. We do not have a price list; all donations are divided between our locally chosen charity and to the upkeep of Trinity Hall. All are welcome. We also have a puzzle swap a small library where we bring and exchange books, a seed and puzzle swap and an area for children with books and toys.

Church Fete

Saturday May 13th from 1pm – 5pm on the Tennis Lawn to the rear of Holy Trinity Church in Coleman's Hatch. Collectables, Bottle Tombola, Books, Cakes, Produce, Raffle, Clothes, Linens, Toys Plants, Gifts and Bric-a-Brack. For more information contact any of the team.

Coronation of King Charles III

Last year proved to be a wonderful celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Marquees were erected on the lawn, and everyone joined in the celebrations. The whole village turned out for the happiest event of the year.

Each family brought a dish to add to the table and a most delicious lunch was served to all by the café team. We were entertained on the Tennis Lawn with music from Paul, our resident musician, and an entertainer, exclusively for the children. Everyone had a chance to visit the Throne Room for photographs.

A similar event is now being planned for Sunday 7th May to celebrate The Coronation of King Charles III. You, your family and friends are welcome to be part of the celebrations. Please give your name and contact details to any of the team at Trinity Café on 2nd and 4th Thursday each month between 9.30 and 12pm and you will receive our official invitation.

Jazz on the Lawn

An all-age family event for which you are invited to bring a picnic and listen to the New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band with their excellent vocalist. On the Saturday 3rd June.

Entry is £5.00 per person. (Children 13 and under, free.)

Tickets available from Trinity Café or by telephone from Caroline on 07513 290482 or **events@colemanshatchchurch.org** We do hope you will join us for this fun event.

For more Information on these events held at Holy Trinity Church Please contact:

Caroline on 01342 321150 m. 07513 290482

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Eve on 01342 823506 m. 07753 615032



1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm till 4pm

Homemade cake, tea and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

Next dates are:

Thursday 16th February

This Café will be held at the Rectory and NOT the Church!

Thursday 2nd March

Thursday 16th March

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715 or

msjoannegriffin@gmail.com

Kate's Children and Youth Corner

Little Stars parent and toddler group

Every Monday during term time
from 9.15am – 10.45am

For ages 0-5

We play sing some songs do a bible story.
With snacks for the children and tea and
coffee for the adults.



Connect@5 runs from
5 - 6.30pm



The next Connect @5 dates are:

Thursday 9th February

Thursday 2nd March

Please Contact Kate Dillingham for more information

Sunday Discoverers 1st and 3rd Sunday's at St Mary's
9.30am.



The themes for this term come from the book,
'The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross'
which is a condensed journey through the
Bible from the story of the Garden of Eden, to
the Crucifixion of Jesus and His Resurrection.

At each session we read about a bit of the
story, talk about it and have a craft.
The next Sunday Discoverers' session is on 5th of March.
We will be looking at the temple.

Future dates for Sunday Discoverers
are 19th March and 2nd April.

With holiday bible club service on the 19th February.
Do come and join us.

Sunday Discoverers Team.

You are invited to

Knights of the King

Feb 16th-17th 2023

St Mary's Church, Hartfield

10am-3pm £15 Primary school age

<https://knightsofthekinghartfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

Signed,

Knight Kate of Hartfield

Limited Numbers

For more information contact: katedillingham97@gmail.com



We have lots of exciting events coming up! Firstly, our holiday club happening in Feb half term, where we will learn to be knights, and learn about the king of the Knights; Jesus. A great chance to hear the gospel.

Another exciting event happening is in May. Connect@5 is going to Maycamp, a youth weekend away run by Chichester Diocese. We have 6 young people going, and we are really excited to see what God will do over that weekend.

Nearer the time we will be asking for cake and lots of prayers.

If you would like to get in touch with Kate her email is

katedillingham97@gmail.com

Events in the Diocese

DIOCESE OF
CHICHESTER ⊕

2023
**Year of the
Old Testament**



Join us for a year of study, reflection and discovery

Proclaiming the
Mystery of Faith
2023-2025



2023 will be kept as a **Year of the Old Testament** and 2024 as a **Year of the New Testament**.

These will prepare us for a special **Year of Faith** in 2025 which marks both 1700 years of the Council of Nicaea and 950 years of Christian mission in the diocese based in Chichester.

The Year of the Old Testament will include:

- A **series of seminars** to be conducted online which will look at various books of the Bible such as Exodus, the Psalms, the Song of Songs and Isaiah, with some added sessions for those who would like to take their study to a deeper level. (Details to be confirmed in the New Year)
- And finally a fortnightly **online book group** on the first two books of the Bible: 'Reading Genesis and Exodus as Christian Scripture for Today's Church'.

For more information on all Old Testament events take a look at the Diocesan website:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/events/2023/01/11/year-old-testament-online-book-group-first-two-books-bible-reading-genesis/>

Or contact The Revd Marc Lloyd: marc_lloyd@hotmail.com

Services

» **Sunday 12th February**

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's.

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.

» **Sunday 19th February**

8am – BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.30am – Holiday Club Service at St Mary's.

There will be no Holy Communion at this Service.

11am – Matins BCP at Holy Trinity.

» **Wednesday 22nd February**

9.30am – Ash Wednesday, school service at St Mary's

7pm – Imposition of ashes and Holy Communion
at St Mary's.

» **Sunday 26th February**

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's.

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity.

» **Sunday 5th March**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's.

11am – Matins BCP at Holy Trinity.

6.30pm – Choral Evensong.



If you would like to Donate to East Grinstead Foodbank please bring items to the church.

Demand is still very high.

Please note: ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN-DATE and WE CANNOT ACCEPT HOME-MADE or PERISHABLE FOODS

Things they are in need of:

TINNED PEAS

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED CARROTS

TINNED SWEETCORN

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED RICE PUDDING

TINNED FRUIT

For more information please visit
<https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>

Or download the 'bankthefood' app to see their needs in real-time.





This week we are praying for...

For peace and justice in our world. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to our Parishes, for host families and for the whole support network.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

Let us Pray
Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm.
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.

We pray for those who fear, gripped by a sense of anxiety, choked by doubt and living in hopelessness, full of unanswered questions. O Lord draw near.

We pray for those who wrestle with their thoughts, who feel abandoned, who are living not just in physical but emotional and spiritual separation. O Lord, remind us of your unfailing love.

For those who are unwell including Jim; Andrea: Ardyne and Sandra; for Rosie Hewson; Almighty God, we pray for those touched by sorrow today, those who mourn the loss of a loved one, those who despair for the suffering, and those who weep in the watches of the night.

O Lord have mercy.

In Jesus' name

Amen

Father, bless the work that is done,
and the work that is to be.

Father, bless the servant that I am,
and the servant that I will be.

Our Mission Action Plans have been reviewed and printed for each church. These are working documents that express our vision and mission for 2023. Please take one, use it in your prayer time, if there are ways in which you can offer your time and talents we would love to hear from you.

Rev Julie

An Evening Prayer

*Thou Lord and God of power,
shield and sustain me this night.*

I will lie down this night with God,
and God will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with Christ,
and Christ will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with the Spirit,
and the Spirit will lie down with me;
God and Christ and the Spirit,
be lying down with me.

The peace of God
be over me to shelter me,
under me to uphold me,
about me to protect me,
behind me to direct me,
ever with me to save me.

**The peace of all peace
be mine this night
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*I can do all things
through Christ
who Strengthens me.*

- Philippians 4:13