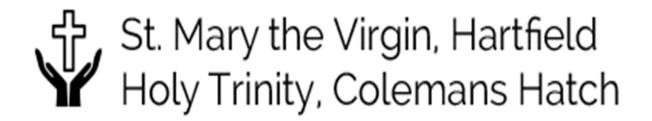
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Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday

Lord, we thank you for giving us others to share in our lives: For parents, and the love which brought us to birth: We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today. For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us: We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today. For fathers who have loved and supported us, We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today. For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home: We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today. For friends and our church family, We praise you, O Lord; And bring you thanks today.

# 2 Timothy 1:1-5

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

# John 19:25b-27

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

## **Collect Prayers**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

| Holy Trinity APCM Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April<br>at 7pm in Trinity Hall.<br>Cake and coffee provided. | St Mary's APCM Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April |  |
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| at 7pm in Trinity Hall.   | in Church – 9.30am for a time of             |  |
| Cake and coffee provided.   | café style worship with our APCM.            |  |

Please put the dates for the APCM's in your diary.

This is a significant moment in the life of the church. It is a time of thanksgiving as we look back and give thanks to God for all that He has been doing in the life of our churches and community.

It is a time to focus on the present, what are the blessings and challenges. It is also a time to look forward, to pray for the coming year with vision and hope. All ages, different skills and gifts all growing and praying together.

We elect our Churchwardens and PCC.

Please make this meeting a priority and pray for the mission and growth of our Benefice.

Rev Julie

#### **Responding to God's Generosity**

First, thank you to everyone for their support to St Mary's, whether it is through prayer, time or financially.

During Lent everyone is being asked to review their response to God's generosity to us. As the Holiday Club learnt: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) What a wonderful gift! We live in a world created by God, and it is His creation that we care for, and it is His that we return to Him in our giving.

At the start of the year we reviewed our Mission Action Plan copies of which are available in church. This document sets out our hope and ambitions for 2023. Two weeks ago a Congregation Briefing on the parish's income and expenditure in 2022 was circulated which set the context for those plans. If you want to know more please ask.

During Lent we are praying and thinking about our giving in all forms with a short reminder at each of the services.

This week we look in more detail at the ways we can give financial support to St Mary's.

The best method by far is the Parish Giving Scheme ("PGS"). You can give through PGS either on a regular or a one-off basis. The best way to do so is via their website which explains how PGS works and the giving page is: <a href="https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/setting-up-your-gift/">https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/setting-up-your-gift/</a> To make a gift you also need our PGS Parish Number which is 103060484. If you dislike doing things on-line paper forms are available in church, just ask. PGS is particularly good as they take care of all the Gift Aid administration.

You can also give via the donation station at the back of the church using a contactless payment card.

If you wish to give by cash, there is the offertory plate just as you enter via the tower door. If you can donate using Gift Aid please complete one of the blue envelopes. If you are in church during the week there is also the alms box by the south door.

Longer term, if you are estate planning please consider making a legacy to the church.

Please prayerfully consider how you are responding to God's generosity. Tim

Church Treasurer



#### Church Fete

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 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

An event is now being planned for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month between 9.30 and 12pm and you will receive our official invitation.



Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 6.00pm Beaverbrook The War Years by Barbara Richards



The talk will begin at 6.00pm

and will last for about 45 minutes.



Refreshments will be available from 5.45 and also after the Talk, when Barbara will be happy to answer your questions.

Contact the following for more details and booking. <u>events@colemanshatchchurch.org</u> ne Daszewska- 07513 290482

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# TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

## Come and join us!

Next Session Friday 24th March 7pm to 10pm

Supper Interval—bring your own. Expert caller

Everybody welcome—no experience necessary £5 per adult children free + very welcome

For more information: Caroline 07513 290482

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Sheila on 01892 770273

Eve on 01342 823506 m. 07753 615032



1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month from 2pm till 4pm Homemade cake, tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Next dates are:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715 or <u>msjoannegriffin@gmail.com</u>

# Kate's Children and Youth Corner

## Little Stars parent and toddler group

At St Mary's Church 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

At St Mary's Church from

Connector 5 - 6.30pm. Connect @5 is a group aimed at youths aged from year 5 and upwards, with games, food and a bible study. The next Connect @5 dates are: Thursday 30th March Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April



#### Sunday Discoverers 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Future date for Sunday Discoverers is 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Do come and join us. Sunday Discoverers Team.

An 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



Easter Church Services

## 2023

| Date                                 | Times  | Church       | Service   |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|---|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March               | 9.30am   | St Mary's    | Morning Worship   |
|                                      | 11am   | Holy Trinity | Holy Communion  |
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|                                      |  |              |   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Apríl                | 9.30am   | St Mary's    | Holy Communion  |
| Palm Sunday with                     | 11am   | Holy Trinity | Matíns  |
| Procession of palms                  | 6.30рт   | Holy Trinity | Choral Evensong   |
|                                      |  |              |   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Apríl                | 7pm  | St Mary's    | Joint Service of Holy   |
| , , , , , ,                          |  |              | Communion with  |
| Maundy Thursday                      |  |              | Music and Reflections   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Apríl<br>Good Fríday | 10am   | St Mary's    | All age with Prayer<br>Stations, making of<br>Easter Garden and hot<br>cross buns |
|                                      | 2рт  | Holy Trinity | Meditations at the foot<br>of the cross with music and<br>readings                |
|                                      |  |              |   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Apríl                | Possíble Sunríse Service on The Forest         |              |   |
| Easter Day                           | Time To Be Confirmed Please check the website. |              |   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Apríl                | 8am  | St Mary's    | Holy Communion BCP  |
| Easter Day                           | 9.30am   | St Mary's    | Easter Celebration with   |
|                                      |  |              | Holy Communion  |
|                                      | 11am   | Holy Trinity | Easter Celebration with   |
|                                      |  |              | Holy Communion  |

For more information, Please contact Rev Julie Sear on 01892 770436 or email: <u>revjuliesear1@gmail.com</u>.

websites: hartfieldchurch.org, colemanshatchchurch.org



#### 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; for those who are bereaved.

For Donna Dewar as she has her hip operation on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

For Joyce Jamieson as she recovers from her knee operation.

We pray the family of Enid Lambeth. For James, Roger, Daniel and Toby. A service of thanksgiving will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in St Mary's Church followed by a burial in St Mary's Churchyard.

We have been asked to pray for Teddy who is 1 and is battling Leukaemia. We pray for his parents Kate and Scott. Teddy is currently in Great Ormond Street hospital and will be there for several months, undergoing intensive treatment. Pray for the specialists who are treating him. If you would like to know more about Teddy here is the link <u>https://gofund.me/7cb5a41c</u>.

I can do all things through who Strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13