

Newsletter 10th September 2023



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

Dear Friends, We haven't been away over the summer but I have had moments to stop and press the pause button. It is good to do that from time to time. To review our lives, the good things and the more challenging areas. Where do I need help? What can I change? Who needs my prayers? Who can I offer a gift of hospitality? The questions are endless. Into those silent conversations I pray and ask God to help me. It is a good rhythm and pattern to put into practice.

There is a wonderful verse in the Old Testament which I have used over many years. It reminds me that it is okay to stop and look for the good way. To look for the plan and purpose God has for our lives. We sometimes need to press the pause button and ask for help or be brave enough to let go of something to find the right way to walk.

Please don't hesitate to phone me or email me if you would like to come and talk.

Jeremiah 6:16 ¹⁶ This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

I pray at the beginning of this Autumn term, you will find moments to be still and know that God is with you. Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46 v 10.

Services this week

Sunday 10th September

8am – BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Pet Service at Holy Trinity



Upcoming Services

Sunday 17th September

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

Sunday 24th September

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity where
we will welcome Rev Trevor Harrison

Saturday 30th September

6.30pm- 8.30pm – Joint Harvest Supper at St Mary's.
Everyone welcome (More information below)

Sunday 1st October

9.30am – Harvest Festival at St Mary's

11am – Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Harvest Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

Sunday 8th October

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Sunday 15th October

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

Sunday 22nd October

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Sunday 29th October

8.30am – BCP Spoken Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

9.30am – Joint Morning service at St Mary's where Archdeacon Edward will be speaking about his trip to the holy lands (more information to follow).

Thursday 2nd November

11am – All souls service at St Mary's Church



Autumn Conference and AGM

Thursday 19th October 9.30am – 2pm at
Bishop Hannington Church, Hove

Bishop Julian Henderson, President of the Church of England Evangelical Council, former Bishop of Blackburn (and now Hon. Assistant Bishop in this diocese), will be speaking at the conference.

FREE for paid-up members, otherwise £5.

Please make every effort to come (and invite others!). This will be an important meeting as we look towards the culmination of this latest stage of the *Living in Love and Faith* process at the November session of the General Synod.

Further details and publicity available soon.

PSALM ROAR SUSSEX

Psalm Roar Sussex - 14th October 2023

St Mary the Virgin, Warbleton 10am-4pm

A DAY OF ROBUST, JOYFUL, VIGOROUS PSALM-SINGING

Singing psalms is commanded by God. It is part of a life filled with the Holy Spirit. We join our voices with Christ, our heavenly Worship Leader. If doctrine strengthens our minds, psalm-singing fortifies our hearts. Do not imagine the gentle singing of a choir in a cathedral. Picture a rugby team about to go onto the pitch, or an army preparing for battle. Jesus is the Lion of Judah and this will be a day to roar the Psalms

This will be a day on why and how to sing the Psalms, with lots of singing.

We'll try singing the psalms to well-known metrical hymn tunes, in four parts, in a Genevan style, and using Anglican chant. The emphasis is on enthusiastic participation rather than musical perfection. No prior music knowledge required

See Psalm Roar Sussex – Psalm Roar for more information and to book.

(For an idea of what might be involved, see:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0USdyRu1Cby9AnblfYQ4JUDHdbOqyvUY

Harvest Festival

Harvest Supper



Our Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 30th September.

6.30-8.30pm. St Mary's Church.

There will be a quiz, and activities for the children.

Main Course Provided, and please sign up if you are willing to bring a pudding or a salad. (NO NUTS).

Please bring your own plate, bowl, cutlery, and drink of your own choice. Glasses and jugs of water will be provided.

An opportunity to give thanks to God for all we have received and to bless the work of Crawley Open House and our Local Foodbank. Please bring donations on the night.

Ian Wilkins Head of fundraising and relationships at Crawley Open House will be our guest at the supper. He will have an opportunity to share some of his work with us.

Our Sunday Collections on the 1st of October in both churches will be split between Crawley Open House and our local Foodbanks.

Please let us know if you would like to attend. You will find more information on our websites.

Sign up sheets will be at the back of each church.

revjuliesear1@gmail.com www.hartfieldchurch.org

Elaine Frost Benefice Administrator. admsmht@gmail.com

Harvest Appeal



1st October – Harvest Festival Services.

We would like our harvest donation to be both monetary and gifts.

In anticipation of a tough winter and Christmas please could you come to church on the 1st October, ready to give financially to Crawley Open House and our Local Foodbank. The money will be split between the two charities.

Please give generously and bring your gifts to church.

AN UP TO DATE LIST WILL BE SENT OUT NEARER THE DATE.

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

If you would rather give a financial gift specifically to the Foodbank.

Please put it in the Gift Aid envelope marked up FOODBANK.

Angela Ogle has kindly been buying items each week with monies donated.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES FOOD AND MONEY ON A REGULAR BASIS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE GENEROUS.

Collects

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for^[a] their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of^[b] them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister^[a] sins,^[b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’^[c] ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”



Church Street Community Cafe

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

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.
Everyone welcome.

upcoming dates

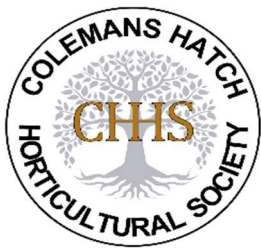
Thursday 21st September

Thursday 5th October

Thursday 19th October

Thursday 2nd November

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on
07941 856715 or msjoannegriffin@gmail.com



Colemans Hatch Horticultural Society Autumn Show 2023

Holy Trinity Church and Hall
Saturday September 30th from 12pm

This year's show takes place at the end of the month, so we hope you have already made your entries or are about to do so (the closing date is Wednesday September 27th so get the form to us soon!). You can also come along and join us on the day to view the entries, meet up with friends or enjoy the entertainment and have some refreshments. The full Autumn Show schedule and entry forms are available from the Society's website (www.colemanshatchflowershow.co.uk) and you can also collect copies from

Holy Trinity Church Café on Thursday Sept 14. Classes include flower arranging, vegetable and flower growing, cooking (including foccacia and Guinness cake), photography & art as well as chutneys & jams. We also welcome entries for home-made wine, beer, cordials and gin. **Jilly Goulden**, TV wine expert, will be one of our judges which is very exciting news.

Interested in Poetry? The **Poetry Tent** on the lawn will be open from 2pm until 3pm and we invite you to compose and read out one of your own poems. Or if you prefer, come along and read one of your favorites. Please contact Steve Price on 07921136204 if you would like to present.

For the children, we have created a number of classes and will be encouraging them to enter paintings, photographs, drawings or collages using river-salvaged materials. The website and schedule give more details.

There will be a range of other stalls on the lawns, including Friends of the Medway, a tombola, 'Feel the Socks' and refreshments. DONATIONS of cakes and any other refreshments are greatly welcomed. Contact Eve James at the café who will be taking charge of refreshments.

Full details of the Autumn Show and the entry forms are available on our website:

www.colemanshatchflowershow.co.uk

Steve Price - CHHS Secretary



Trinity Cafe

In Trinity Hall, Coleman's Hatch
From 9.30am-12pm

With tea, coffee and Homemade cakes
Everyone is welcome.

Next dates are:

Thursday 14th September

Thursday 28th September

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 26th October

For more information, please contact:

Caroline Daszewska 01342 321150

Sheila Van Maurik 01892 770273

Eve James 07753 615032



Websites

Please take a look at the Hartfield and Colemans hatch websites at:

hartfieldchurch.org and colemanshatchchurch.org

for up-to-date information on Events and Services.

There is a **calendar** or **what's on** page which is being updated regularly.

Home groups

After a summer of various activities, we are resuming home groups this week

(Monday 11th September at 1.00pm and Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm).

The Monday group will be looking at the book of Acts using the Good Book Study Guide. We will be looking at the growth of Christian communities and practices from the time of the first Pentecost to Paul's arrival in Rome, a period of about 30 years.

The Tuesday group will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew, following our Sunday sermon series in church. If you are not yet part of a Homegroup, please consider joining us. Our groups provide a safe place where we can grow in community and relationship both with our Church family and with Jesus.

If you need more information, or if you can't join us but wish to follow our studies, we can supply copies of the material we will be using. Please contact Gill Philcox at gillianphilcox@gmail.com or Matt Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com for further information."



TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Come and join us!

7pm to 10pm Next session, Friday 22nd September
and then every 4th Friday every month.

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



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

Friday, September 15th, 6.00pm

Penny Farthing Jewellers
by
Stephen Rogers



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 Stephen will be happy to answer your
questions.



Contact the following for more details and booking.

events@colemanshatchchurch.org

Caroline Daszewska- 07513 290482

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

Starting on Monday 11th September

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





14th September
28th September
12th October
HALF TERM
9th November
23rd November
14th December
CHRISTMAS

5-6.15pm
Games, Food, Bible story

For more information
Contact Rev Julie Sear at
revjuliesear1@gmail.com or
01892770436

Hartfield Village Hall

Year 5 and up

CONNECT@5

Matt and the Connect team would like to welcome you to the all-new Connect@5.

We will be meeting fortnightly on Thursday's in the Village Hall (With some other adventures planned on the Croft), from 5-6:15pm.

This is your youth group and we are keen that you get the chance to shape it,

so please come on Thursday 14th September and share your ideas to make the ultimate youth group.

We may even re-design the Connect@5 logo!!?

We can't wait to see you there!!!

1st & 3rd Sundays, 9.30am



**Dates of Sunday Discoverers
this term**

17th September

15th October

5th November

19th November

17th December

*Join us for each
Sunday
discoverers as
we find out
more about
God*

For more information

Contact Rev Julie Sear at

revjuliesear1@gmail.com or 01892770436

Sunday Discoverers

On the 1st and 3rd
Sundays of the month.

From 9.30am.

We now have 3 groups;

Sparklers,

Explorers,

And Trailblazers.

Trailblazers is for youths aged 10+, and it is being held in the Rectory from 9.30am, for breakfast and chats, before heading back to church for communion.

Come, relax and chat as we build relationship with Jesus and each other!!



If you would like to donate to the East Grinstead food bank, there are boxes in both churches.

Please note items must be in date, not homemade and non-perishable.

Orange Squash 1ltr
Sanitary Pads – Heavy/Night
Sanitary pads - Medium
Tinned spaghetti hoops
Tinned Rice Pudding
Toothbrushes

For any other information please go to their website
<https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>



This week we are praying for...

Please pray for all who are struggling in mind, body and spirit.

Pray for our homegroups and homegroup leaders.

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 those who are unwell including Jim; Sandra; for those who have been bereaved of a loved one.

For St Mary's School as they begin their new term, and for the new head teacher Jane Robinson that she may settle in quickly.

For those undergoing tests.

For our foodbanks and for Crawley open house.

The advert for the House for Duty Priest at Cowden is now in the Church Times and the Diocesan Website.

Please continue to hold Cowden in your prayers. We pray for the right candidate to apply for the post.

With every blessing,

Rev Julie

www.hartfieldchurch.org or www.colemanshatchchurch.org

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is* **Freedom**

- 2 Corinthians 3:17

Deadline for next newsletter is 12pm Monday 18th September

If you would like something placed into the newsletter please send it to
admsmht@gmail.com