# Newsletter 8th October 2023 St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

Thank you

# A great big 'Thank you'. Harvest and Flower show

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest, And we bless each other, That the beauty of this world, And the love that created it, Might be expressed though our lives And be a blessing to others, Now and always Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

Last weekend we celebrated our harvest festivals. It was a wonderful opportunity to thank God for his many blessings to us. Both our churches looked glorious.

A huge thank you to Jenny Hudson and Liza Jones and all who helped make our churches look so beautiful.

On the Saturday evening, we held our annual harvest supper. Our guest speaker was Ian Wilkins from Crawley Open House. He gave a moving example of how easy it is to fall on hard times.

Thank you so much to everyone who gave donations and groceries. These will be shared out between our local foodbank and Crawley Open House. Thank you to those of you who helped with the supper and brought delicious food to eat.

I will let you know how much was raised in due course.

The food bank have specifically asked for shaving foam as an urgent request. Our giving will be ongoing to the food bank in both churches.

It's not too late to give to the Foodbank and Crawley Open House, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October Crawley Open House speaker Ian Wilkins is coming to talk to our primary school children, if you would like to donate the items asked for are deodorant, sweets treats like Chocolate fingers or jaffa cakes and warm gloves.

Thank you also to those who worked so hard to make the Autumn Flower show such a success. It was a wonderful day. The sun shone and the entries were amazing. On behalf of Holy Trinity Church and Coleman's Hatch, I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work.

Last week, my sermon ended by using the letters from the word HARVEST. I talked about the EARTH. How we have been given the earth to care for and to make sure that all have enough.

How God looks to the HEART. How generous can we be to make sure we can give to others who have very little.

We have a choice. STARVE or SHARE. I asked the question. Are we prepared to live more simply in order for other's to simply live.



Pictures from the Flower Show

#### Pictures from Harvest





# Upcoming Services

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October

8.30am – BCP Spoken Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.30am – Joint Morning service at St Mary's where Archdeacon Edward will be our guest speaker.





#### Armistice Day. Saturday 11th November at 11am.

Please do join Rev Julie Sear for a short service at the War Memorial in Hartfield. A wreath will be laid and a two minute silence held.

#### Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's

This year our Remembrance Day service will commence at **9.45am** in St Mary's Church. The names will be read out in church and the two minute silence held to remember those who died. At the end of the service the congregation will walk down to the war memorial with their standards to lay wreaths and crosses and hold silence.

If you are carrying a banner, standard or wreath. You will be asked to gather in the Anchor Car Park at 9.20am before walking up to the church.

Everyone is welcome. **Please NB** the change of time of the service.

Holy Trinity Remembrance Day Service will take place at 10.45am in church on Sunday 12th November.





#### PSALM ROAR SUSSEX



Psalm Roar Sussex - 14th October 2023 St Mary the Virgin, Warbleton 10am-4pm A DAY OF ROBUST, JOYFUL, VIGOROUS PSALM-SINGING

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=PL0USdyRu1Cby9AnblfYQ4JUDHdbOqyv

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# The Prince of Egypt

# Family Film Evening at Cowden Church

# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - 5:30pm

Do join us as we celebrate Harvest come along to a light tea and a viewing of The Prince of Egypt - an epic adventure about two brothers - one born of royal blood, one an orphan with a secret past.



# **Confirmation Service**

Our confirmation service for our benefice will now take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm at St Mary's Church.

Bishop Will Hazlewood will be confirming candidates.

Please pray for all who are preparing to renew their baptism vows and declare their faith together.

Rev Julie.

# An Invitation to A Time to Remember Service Thursday 2nd November, 1.15 pm St Mary's Church

Hartfield

A time to remember loved ones who have died. To light a candle in their memory as part of a short service of music and reflection, readings and prayers.

Everyone welcome.

Followed by tea and cake at the Church Street Community Cafe.

R.S.V.P - Rev Julie Sear: 01892 770436 revjuliesear1@gmail.com 11am - 4pm Sat 14th October 2023 St Mary's Church, Hartfield

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Hartfield's annual community art event A day of *FREE* creative activities for all ages

> CELEBRATING TREES!

Paint swirly trees like Van Gogh Giant branch drawing Clothe a forest with leaves Sculpt clay forest animals Flip book making & tree hugging!

> Drop in any time Lunch & Snacks Stall Try as many activities as you like

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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TRES

Freddie

Elouise

Amelia



Evelyn



Logan

# John 15:1, 5-9

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

# Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

# <u>Collects</u>

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

God, our judge and Saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Have Have You Seen Our Web Site?

<mark>Websites</mark>

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.

# Church Street Community Cafe

#### lst and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

#### <u>upcoming dates</u>

Thursday 19th October Thursday 2nd November Thursday 16th November Thursday 7th December Thursday 21st December (Christmas cafe with carols)

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

# **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.



For more information or queries please contact the office at <u>admsmht@gmail.com</u>



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



For more information Contact Matthew Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com

# Hartfield Village Hall

# Year 5 and up

#### CONNECT@5

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there!!!



Connect@5Extra is a monthly meeting for our Connect crew.

We will be meeting at The Oast House, where Matt and Christina can share some food while we chat, read and question, while exploring the Christian faith together.

Year 5 and up

Contact Matt Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com



15th October 5th November 19th November 17th December Join us for each Sunday discoverers as We find out More about God

### **Sunday Discoverers**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. From 9.30am.

We now have 3 groups; Sparklers, Explorers, And Trailblazers.

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

**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!! Dates are: 15<sup>th</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> November 19<sup>th</sup> November 17<sup>th</sup> December

For more information on Trailblazers please contact Matt Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com



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 nonperishable.

Clothes Washing Liquid Sachets

Instant Mash Potato – Packet

Marmite Small Jar

Spray Surface Cleaner

Washing up Liquid

Shaving Foam

Kitchen Roll Shower Gel Tin Potatoes Toilet Rolls

Deodorant

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

# SEE OUR NEEDS IN REAL-TIME

East Grinstead Foodbank working with BanktheFood.

Download the BanktheFood app for free from your App Store or Google Play.



### 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 and undergoing tests; for those who have been bereaved.

For our foodbanks and for Crawley open house.

Pray for Little Stars our parent and toddler group in St Mary's Church.

Pray for our Bishops as they prepare for discussion General Synod. For our clergy and especially our Rural Dean Julie.

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

#### Deadline for next newsletter is 12pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

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

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

- 2 Corinthians 3:17