

Newsletter 19th November 2023



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



The Parable of the Talents

Welcome to Our Services on Sunday 19th November

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the

bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end

⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.’

¹³ Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine.”

¹⁴ The great day of the Lord is near— near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath— a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness— ¹⁶ a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

¹⁷ “I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath.”

In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

Next Week

Sunday 26th November

- 9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's. With the
Baptism of Elaine Frost.
11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 3rd December

- 9.30am – A Quiet Reflective Service of
Holy Communion – St Mary's.
11am – Matins – Holy Trinity.
6.30pm – Advent Choral Evensong – Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 6th December

- 9.30am – St Mary's School Christingle Service –
St Mary's.

Friday 8th December

- 6pm – Live Nativity, starting on the croft in
Hartfield Village – St Mary's.

Sunday 10th December

- 9.30am – Christmas Praise Service with
St Mary's School – St Mary's.
11am – Holy Communion with blessing of the crib -
Holy Trinity.

Sunday 17th December

- 9.30am – Holy Communion – St Mary's.
11am – Matins – Holy Trinity.
6.30pm – Nine Lessons and Carols – Holy Trinity.

Sunday 24th December

- 11am – Matins – Holy Trinity.
4pm – Crib Service – St Mary's.
11.15pm – Midnight Communion – St Mary's.

Monday 25th December

8am – Holy Communion BCP – St Mary's.

9.30am – Christmas Celebration Service for
all ages(No Communion) – St Mary's.

11am – Christmas Celebration Communion Service -
Holy Trinity.

Sunday 31st December

9.30am – Morning Worship – St Mary's

11am – Matins – Holy Trinity.

Rev Julie writes.....

Please would you pray for the outcome of discussions at General Synod. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, as Presidents of the General Synod of the Church of England, met this week with members of the clergy and laity,

Diocesan Synod meets on Saturday 18th November in Eastbourne. Please pray for Bishop Martin in his presidential address, as he updates us on the recent LLF discussions. Pray for Rev Julie as she sits on the Diocesan Synod amid the challenging discussions for the whole Church of England.

Lord Jesus Christ, send forth your Spirit of love and truth on the bishops in synod and on all who assist them in fulfilling their task. Make them more faithful to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches; stir their souls and teach them truth by that same Holy Spirit. Amen

Deanery Synod is on Tuesday 21st November at St Thomas's Groombridge. 7pm coffee- 7.30pm meeting commences. The theme of the evening is Love and Encouragement for our older generation. Rev Julie will be chairing this meeting.

We are leading into a very busy season. Please pray for all clergy and laity in the coming days.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me Strength"



Dates for
the Diary:



COMMUNITY DROP IN



Friday 1st December

10am – 12 noon

The Memorial Hall, Cowden

Come and enjoy a cuppa with friends.

All very warm welcome to all.



Confirmation Service

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

Bishop Will Hazlewood will be confirming candidates
from both churches.

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

Rev Julie.



TRINITY—

— Talks 

Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church,

Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN

Friday 22nd December 2023, 6pm

Theatrical Costumes by Kate Bryant

Friday 19th January 2024 6pm

The North West Passage by Caroline Daszewska

The talks begin at 6.00pm and last for about 45 minutes.

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

Contact the following for more details and booking.

events@colemanshatchchurch.org

Caroline Daszewska- 07513 290482



TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Recommences on Friday 26th January 2024

Our experienced caller, Alex, leads us with kindness and patience and it's quite surprising how quickly we learn the steps!

The music is uplifting, exuberant, and always enjoyable.

We are keen to recruit new participants so if you would like to join, we meet on the 4th Friday each month starting at 7pm, with a break at 8pm for our supper which we bring with us.

The entrance fee is £5 per person which includes a glass of wine.
Children are free and most welcome.



Homegroup Supper

Our homegroups are excited to announce that on Tuesday the 28th of November, we will be hosting this year's much anticipated Homegroup Supper! This is open to anyone from St Mary's and Holy Trinity.

If you are new to the church or are thinking that you may want to join a group in the future (Or just fancy coming for a good plate of food!!), you and your family are more than welcome to attend! It will be held in St Mary's Church from 6.30pm. Our Homegroup members will be bringing a plethora of delicious culinary genius for us to enjoy - It's always fun to try and work out who made what!!

For more info, or to book your place, please email Matt at: m.marriott@btconnect.com or Gill at: gillianphilcox@gmail.com

See you on the 28th!!

Collect Prayers

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Trinity Cafe

You are welcome to our first café of December
on Thursday 14th.

To put us in the mood for the season, the Hall will
be suitably decked with Holly, Ivy, Christmas
decorations and a beautifully trimmed tree.

Our final café of the year is on Thursday 21st,
when we will be presenting a cheque from funds
that have been raised throughout the year from
your generous donations to the café.

Our chosen local charity this year is Hindleap
Warren, A fully comprehensive centre,
working with children and young people, who have
additional needs, giving them incredible experi-
ences, spending time away from home in a very
different living environment.

Seasonal cakes and pastries will be available at
both cafes. On this occasion there will be a visit-
ing choir, a few Carols and lots of good cheer for
the season.

The Café team wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

**We are back after the Christmas break
on January 11th and 25th**



CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS CAFES

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER

2PM - 4PM

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHOIR WILL BE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND
MAKING DECORATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE**



THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER

2PM - 4PM

WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**COME AND ENJOY DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKE, TEA AND COFFEE
EVERYONE WELCOME**

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

Church Street Community Cafe

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

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

upcoming dates

Please see our Christmas Cafe flyer for
December dates

Thursday 4th January

Thursday 18th January

Thursday 1st February

Thursday 15th February

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on
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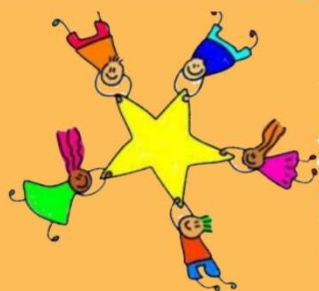
Children and Youth Corner



Parent & toddler group
Mondays @ St Mary's Church,
Hartfield

Upcoming dates

4th December
11th December
8th January
15th January
22nd January
29th January
5th February



9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided

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
admsmht@gmail.com

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!!!



14th December

CHRISTMAS

11th January

25th January

8th February

22nd February

5-6.15pm
Games, Food, Bible story

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

Hartfield Village Hall

Year 5 and up



5pm - 6pm
The Oast House in the
Anchor car park

18th January
15th February

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

Sunday Discoverers

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

From 9.30am.

We now have 3 groups;

Sparklers,

Explorers,

And Trailblazers.

Connect@5 Extra

Connect@5 extra had there last
session of the year this week.

We look forward to seeing you
again in the new year!

1st & 3rd Sundays, 9.30am



Dates of Sunday Discoverers
this term

17th December

7th January

21st January

4th February

*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

Trailblazers

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:

19th November

17th December

7th January

21st January

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



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.



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.

Biodegradable baby wipes

Christmas family biscuit selection. Family Circle 400g

Christmas chocolate selection box 145g

Fruit juice 1ltr Long life(NOT CHILLED)

Hair conditioner

Pringles

Surface spray cleaner

Washing up liquid

All purpose cloths. 10 pack

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 and undergoing tests; for Elizabeth Eggleton; Nancy Lawrence, 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 the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Pray for the future of the Holy Land. Pray for those who will weep, and fear, and die tonight. Lord God, we pray, by your great mercy, defend your children from all perils and dangers of this night.

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine.

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 27th November.

If you would like something placed into the newsletter please send it to

admsmht@gmail.com

