

Newsletter 24th March 2024



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

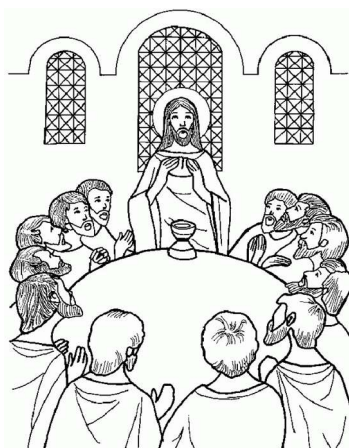
Palm Sunday



Hosanna
in the highest!

9.30am – All Age Service at St Mary's

11.am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity



Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday

7pm – Holy Communion with music and Reflection at St Mary's Church

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

10am – All age service with prayer stations, Easter garden, and hot cross buns at St Mary's Church

2pm – Meditations at the foot of the cross at Holy Trinity Church



Sunday 31st March - Easter Day



Sunrise Service

Sunrise service at the four counties car park on the forest.

Weather Permitting

Time to be confirmed Please check the website.

**For more information, Please contact Rev Julie Sear on 01892 770436 or email: revjuliesear1@gmail.com.
Websites: hartfieldchurch.org, colemanshatchchurch.org**

Sunday 31st March - Easter Day

8am – Holy Communion BCP at St Mary's

9.30am – Easter Celebration with Holy Communion
at St Mary's Church

11am – Easter Celebration with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity Church



Sunday 7th April

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
led by Rev'd Trevor Harrison

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

Sunday 14th April

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Sunday 21st April

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11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

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Dear Friends,

30 years ago, in March 1994, the first women were ordained as priests, some had been ordained as Deacons before this while many had previously ministered as Deaconesses. In the Diocese of Chichester, the ordinations took place on 15 May 1994 at St Swithun's, East Grinstead. In celebration of this anniversary and in thanksgiving to God for the priestly ministry of women, the Cathedral is planning a portrait exhibition of all the women serving as priests in the Diocese today. The exhibition will run from late April to May culminating in a celebration service on Monday 13th May.

I received an email asking me to send in a current photo and to answer some questions in preparation for the exhibition. I found the whole exercise very challenging as I have always believed it is so important for both men and women to be seen to flourish together in ministry.

The exhibition begins by highlighting our story, and ministry both past and present. It is about celebrating the strength, diversity, and journey of faith, reflecting on the progress made and inspiring a future generation of the church. I so often forget that the ordination of women is still very new in the life of the church.

As I began to write; I found myself looking back with thankfulness. The very fact that God would call me to be ordained in the Church of England, has always reminded me that God is a God of surprises. Having grown up in a family that did not go to church and where I thought it was only men who could be Vicar's; it was an incredible moment in my life to have that sense of vocation confirmed.

I recently celebrated ten years in the parishes of Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch. It has been a privilege to serve across the benefice and to be Rural Dean of Rotherfield. To see both churches flourish alongside and within their communities. We have come through a Pandemic together with all its incredible moments of community and huge sorrows. I have always made it clear that the church is not the building it is the people. We have our lovely church buildings but they should not contain what the church is there for. A place of worship. A place of hope and purpose. A place of love; peace and prayer where anyone can come and receive the gift of God's love in an extended family. We might gather on a Sunday but then we take God's Word, grace and love out into the world.

My own sense of calling was slow and at times resistant but surrounded by prayer; amazing family; good friends and a willingness to open to the call of my Heavenly Father. God is a God of surprises and for that I am incredibly thankful.

Every blessing.

Rev Julie

Collect Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

JAZZ ON THE LAWN

Saturday 1st June 2024
6.30—9.30



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.

Entry is £10.00 per person, children under 13 free. We do hope you will be able to join us for this fun event.

Tickets available from Trinity Café or by telephone from:
Caroline on 07513 290482
email events@colemanshatchchurch.org



Music in Country Churches, a charity which promotes concerts of beautiful music in our splendid country churches, will be sponsoring the award-winning choir Tenebrae on the 20th July in Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch.

Tenebrae are known all over the world for the passion and precision of their performances. They will perform a programme called 'I Saw Eternity' which features music by J.S. Bach and Sir James Macmillan.



Tickets will be available online from the 25th of March via Ticket@ource:ticketsource.co.uk/micc. Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear one of the greatest choirs of our time!

Prices range from £15 to £25 and there are two-for-one tickets available for children and parents/grandparents (the child goes free).

Concert goers who would like to have a picnic in the grounds of Holy Trinity before and/or after the concert are most welcome to do so and there will be a licensed bar.



Trinity Cafe
Second and fourth Thursday
each month

From 9.30 to Mid-day

We have new dates for your diary this year.

Saturday 11th May is the date of the Church Fete from 1 pm. And on **Saturday 1st June** we will be relaxing with Jazz on the Lawn from 6.30 pm with the *New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band* with singer *Penny Payne*. See the ads in this magazine for details.

Here at the café we continue to serve our fresh cakes and pastries, sweet and savoury.

Everyone is welcome to take advantage of our bookshelves next to the front entrance and also the selection of puzzles available beneath. There is a noticeboard for your information and beneath that, a seed swop tray where you are welcome to bring and/or take away seeds for your garden. If you have young children, we have a soft play-mat available as well as a choice of toys. Just ask a member of the team. At the end of the morning, before leaving, you are welcome, for a donation, to take away any of the remaining cakes and pastries.

Caroline Daszewska
Sheila Van Maurik
Eve James

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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

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 16th May

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



TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

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.

£5 per person which includes a glass of wine.

no experience necessary

For more information: Caroline 07513 290482

TRINITY—
—Talks



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

Friday 19th April 2024, 6.00pm

Volunteer with Ukraine in Moldova

By Graham Varley

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 Graham will be happy to answer your questions.

Our next talk will be on Friday 17th May 2024 "Standing up for Trees" by Gilly Halcrow

After any expenses incurred, all proceeds from Trinity Talks go directly to **Crawley Open House** our nominated charity 2024

LITTLE STARS

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

Upcoming dates

25th March
15th April
22nd April
29th April

9.15 to 10.45am Tea and Coffee Provided





Holy Trinity Church Fete

Saturday 11th May 2024 from 1pm

Enjoy a fun day out, with friends and family, browse and buy from the stalls, Plants and Produce, Childrens Stalls, Nearly New, Books, Linens, Bric-a-Brac and Gifts. Collectables, Bottle Tombola and Raffle

Afternoon tea and cakes.

Entertainment from Paul Stanworth,

3pm Maypole dancing.

4pm Spirimawgus Morris Men

After expenses, all proceeds are shared by our nominated charity for 2024 **Crawley Open House** and to the upkeep of Trinity Hall

Contacts: Caroline 07513 290482 Sheila 01892 770273

CONNECT

For young people aged 10+

Join us for games,
food and fun
From 5-6.15pm in
the Village Hall

Thursday dates are

28th March

25th April

9th May

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



Sunday Discoverers

Discover us every 1st & 3rd Sunday morning at 9.30am, as we find out more about our Creator

This term's dates: 21st April, 5th May, 19th May

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

CONNECT EXTRA

**Held in the Oast House in the Anchor car park from 5pm-6pm, For young people aged 10+
A monthly meeting for our connect crew.**

Where Matt and Christina can share some food while we chat, read and question, while exploring the Christian faith together.

**Thursday dates are:
18th April
16th May**

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

Sunday **CONNECT**

For young people aged 10+

*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!!*

Sunday dates are:

21st April

5th May

19th May

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

Fruit Juice 1 LTR Long Life
Hair conditioner
Hair Shampoo
Kitchen Roll
Long Grain Rice 500g/1kg
Porridge Oats 500g
Spray Surface Cleaner
Toothbrush
Washing up Liquid 450ml

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

For more information visit
eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk



This week we are praying for...

For peace and justice in our world.

For the leaders of the nations.

For our government and all who bear responsibility on our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace. Ukraine. Israel and Gaza.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response.

For those who are unwell and undergoing tests.

For the families of Dick Rowberry, Ron Wood and Jack Dowling, all those who have been bereaved.

For our Rural Dean Julie.

For our Homegroups.

For Holy Week and all our Easter Services.

Give thanks for our flower arrangers. Jenny Hudson and Liza Jones and their wonderful teams.

Please pray for our Café teams this week, Trinity café and Church Street Community Café.

With every blessing,
Rev Julie

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Deadline for next newsletter is 12pm Monday 15th April.

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



***I can do
all things through***

Him
***Who gives me
Strength***

Philippians 4:13