

## *Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024*



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

### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Readings for today**

**Acts 10:44-end**

**John 15:9-17**



### **This Weeks Services**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11.am – Matins at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

# Upcoming Services

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day

10.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's – Gift Day

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday (Patronal Festival)

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy communion at Holy Trinity

## Deanery Confirmation Service

There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

At Wadhurst Parish Church, 7.30pm.

Bishop Ruth will be presiding.

If anyone would like to be Baptised or Confirmed,

please contact Rev Julie Sear

at [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com) or 01892770436.

Rev Julie Sear will get in touch with you to arrange classes.

## Bishop appoints Six New Canons

**Bishop Martin has appointed 6 new Honorary Canons of Chichester Cathedral.**

One of them is our Rev Julie.

The appointments have been made in recognition of the contributions they make to the apostolic life of the diocese. In particular, this invitation has recognised Rev Julie's work in parochial ministry in the rural context and especially as Rural Dean of Rotherfield.

The new Canons will be installed at special services in the Cathedral during June (see below). Family members, friends and parishioners will be able to join them on the day.

Each is given a designated stall, which is theirs to occupy for the duration of their canonry.

The installations will take place at the Cathedral in the context of Evensong:

***On Sunday 16 June at 3pm,***

**The Revd Julie Sear**, Rector of Hartfield with Coleman's Hatch, (soon to be also Priest in Charge of Cowden) and Rural Dean of Rotherfield, will take the Stall of the Prebendary of Somerley.

*Rev Julie writes.... "This has been an unexpected honour. I feel very humbled. It represents the wonderful gift of rural ministry across our rural churches and the people who serve and are served in our parishes to know love and follow Jesus".*



## **Licensing of the Revd Stephen Hills and Revd Julie Sear**

We are delighted to announce the licensing of Rev Stephen Hills as Associate Vicar of Cowden.

To take place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cowden, Edenbridge, TN8 7JD.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm.

The Service will be Led by the Bishop of Chichester.

Rev Julie will be licensed at the same service as Priest in Charge.

Everyone is welcome to come along and support Revd Stephen and Revd Julie.

Revd Stephen and his wife Elizabeth will live in Cowden.



### **Stephen Hills**

Stephen has spent his 25 years of ordained ministry in Southborough and Bidborough. As Curate at Christ Church he launched a new service at St Peter's Church on Southborough Common, and was able to continue to lead there when St Lawrence Bidborough joined the Southborough Team Ministry and Stephen became Team Vicar. A few years ago the parishes were re-configured, and Stephen became Rector of St Lawrence's and St Peter's.

Earlier in adult life, Stephen worked in the City for some years, before sensing a call to train for ministry. He and Elizabeth spent a very special two years in Cambridge, with their three young children, during his training at Ridley Hall, before moving to Southborough. Tim, Lucy and Georgina went to secondary schools in Tonbridge, and are now grown up, and the family has grown to include their lovely spouses, and 4 young grandchildren, all nearby in Crowborough.

At the beginning of 2023 Elizabeth retired from 15 years working at 'Good Neighbours' in Tunbridge Wells, offering support to the elderly, and she and Stephen began to think and pray about what the future might hold. They sensed a call to serve somewhere where their experience of both village ministry and working in a team with other churches could be used, which led them to pray about the post advertised at Cowden, Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch.

Stephen and Elizabeth are delighted to be moving to Cowden, and are looking forward to seeing, hearing and joining in with all that God is doing in these three communities through His church, to encouraging folk in discipleship, to making new friends, and to praying and working with others to see God's kingdom come.

They are also looking forward to the different pace of life and ministry that comes with a 'House for Duty' post, and to time for walks on the Ashdown Forest with grandchildren, more sailing, gardening and other assorted hobbies.

### **Collect Prayers**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal 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.

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.





# St Mary's Church

Heart for the Community

## ST MARY'S DEVELOPMENT 2024

*St Mary's stands at the heart of our community and is so important to us as a village - as it has been for centuries.*

It is now six years since the Heart for the Community project transformed how the village could make use of the church building. Regular users of the building now include the school, the Church Street Community Café, the Little Stars toddler and carers group and one-off users such as HARTS, a children's holiday club and community suppers.

Time, however, moves on and a regular architect's inspection of the church identified urgent repairs are required to the stone work, particularly around some windows. Repair of these windows and replacement of rainwater goods and other repair work has had to start immediately. **The cost of these works is £100,000.**

In addition, there are repairs required to the Lychgate Cottage and various projects already identified to further improve the facilities within the church for community use, especially our children's area, improvements for our school visits, improved accessibility for our older visitors and heating & security improvements. For more information on this, please visit our website at [www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org)

The church community has already raised about £75,000 from donations and grants, including from the Sussex Historic Churches Trust but we would like to **raise an additional £100,000**, making a total of £175,000 to help us complete this vital work.

If you feel you can support this important community development, there will be a Gift Day in St Mary's on Sunday 19th May at 9.30am. Alternatively, please look overleaf to see how you can be a part of this exciting venture.

For more information, please contact Rev'd Julie Sear ([revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)) or our Treasurer, Tim Jackson ([timjjackson317@hotmail.com](mailto:timjjackson317@hotmail.com)).



## Hartfield Remembers

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, Hartfield will participate in the international tribute with a short service in the Memorial Garden followed by lighting the beacon on the Town Croft.

**TIMETABLE**  
**6 JUNE 2024**  
**8:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

- 8:45 pm • Welcome address and prayer from Rev. Julie Sear
- Tribute from the Royal British Legion
- 'National Tribute'
- 9:15 pm • Lighting the Beacon
- 9:20 pm • 'Last Post' followed by the ringing of the church bells.



NORTHLEACH

24<sup>th</sup> MAY

30-31 JULY

KINGS LYNN



Music at Coleman's Hatch

Tenebrae

directed by Nigel Short

Holy Trinity Church

20 July at 6.30pm

Full details and tickets available from  
[ticketsource.co.uk/micc](http://ticketsource.co.uk/micc)  
(scan the QR code below)

20<sup>th</sup> JULY

COLEMANS HATCH

CLARE

30<sup>th</sup> JUNE

4<sup>th</sup> JULY

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1<sup>st</sup> JUNE

MUSICA IN TEMPLA RURIS



# JAZZ ON THE LAWN



The Trinity Café Team would like to invite you to join us for an informal Jazz evening on Saturday 1st June in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church Coleman's Hatch from 6.30 – 9.30 An all age friends and family event for which you are invited to bring a picnic and listen to the

## **New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band**

with their excellent vocalist Penny Paine

Entry is £10.00 per person, children under 16 free.

Tickets available from any member of the team at  
Trinity Cafe

## **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 2nd May

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 20th June

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on  
07941 856715 or [msjoannegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:msjoannegriffin@gmail.com)



**Trinity Cafe**  
Second and fourth Thursday  
each month

From 9.30 to Mid-day

We have new dates for your diary this year.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** is the date of the Church Fete from 1 pm. And on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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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# LITTLE STARS

Parent & toddler group

Mondays @ St Mary's Church, Hartfield

## Upcoming dates

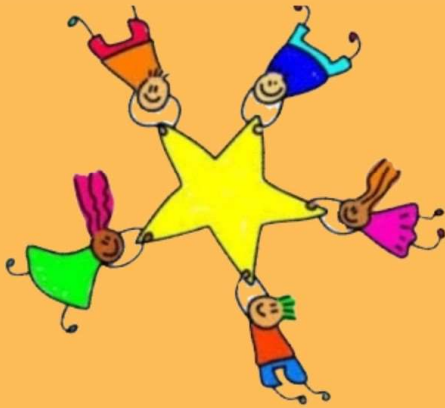
13th May

20th May

10th June

17th June

24th June



9.15 to 10.45am Tea and Coffee Provided

## Sunday Discoverers

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

***This term's dates: 5th May, 19th May,  
16th June, 7th July***

***For more information please contact  
Rev Julie Sear at [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)  
or 01892770436***





## 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.

Although we are growing in number we are still keen to recruit new  
participants. If you would like to join, us, we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month at 7pm  
and break at 8pm for our supper which we bring with us.

Whether you come alone or with friends, you will be welcomed.

£5 per person which includes a glass of wine.

No experience necessary.

For more information: Caroline 07513 290482



## *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  
9th May  
24th May Maycamp!  
13th June  
27th June

For more information  
please contact Matt Marriott at  
[m.marriott@btconnect.com](mailto:m.marriott@btconnect.com)

# **CONNECT EXTRA**

**Held in the Oast House in the Anchor car park from 5pm-6pm,  
A monthly meeting for our connect crew.**

For young people aged 10+

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

**Thursday dates are:  
16th May  
20th June  
18th July**

**For more information  
please contact Matt Marriott at  
[m.marriott@btconnect.com](mailto: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.**

**Sunday dates are:**

**5th May**

**19th May**

**16th June**

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

**For more information please contact Matt Marriott at  
[m.marriott@btconnect.com](mailto:m.marriott@btconnect.com)**



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

Deodorant for Men

Deodorant for Women

Instant Mash Potato - Packet

Jam

Jar Pasta Sauce 500g

Toothbrush

Bars of Soap 1LTR

Disposable Razors

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](http://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk)





### **This week we are praying for...**

For peace and justice in our world.

For the leaders of the nations.

For peace between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine.

For those who are unwell and undergoing tests.

Gill Philcox in hospital.

Donald Eggleton in hospital.

Sandra Owen recovering from her operation in Guildford hospital.

For all who have been bereaved. Family and friends of Rosemary Marshall. The funeral will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – private family service at the crematorium conducted by Rev. Julie.

A service of thanksgiving for Rosmary's life will take place on the same day at midday at St Michael and All Angels Church, Withyham, conducted by Rev Canon James Campbell, everyone welcome.

For the family and friends of Kevin Dixon who sadly passed away this week. Please pray for Hazel at this sad time.

Give thanks for our APCM's and the real sense of thankfulness to God in both our churches.

Please prayerfully consider your response to the works being carried out at St Mary's. The Gift Day is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. For more information please see the St Mary's Development 2024 page in the newsletter. Please see our website if you would like to download a copy of our pledge form.

With every blessing,

Rev Julie

[www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org) or [www.colemanshatchchurch.org](http://www.colemanshatchchurch.org)



**Deadline for next newsletter is 12pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

If you would like something placed into the newsletter please send it to [admsmht@gmail.com](mailto:admsmht@gmail.com)