



Newsletter

May 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

April Highlights

We are delighted to have passed the halfway point in our Organ Appeal! Recent fundraising events included the Horsham Music Circle concert with two of the talented Kanneh-Mason siblings, who donated the proceeds from the interval refreshments, and the West Sussex Philharmonic Choir gifted their retiring collection to the Organ Appeal. The church choir also hosted a fantastic 'Come and Sing' event, welcoming over 30 guests to sing the John Rutter Magnificat. These events have added another £2,000 to the fund; enormous thanks to all involved! More information on the Organ Appeal, what we're fundraising for and how to donate can be found on our appeal website: <https://www.stmaryshorshamorgan.org.uk>

Notices

From **September** our **evening services** will be changing slightly. Evensong at St Mary's will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays with a new Healing service alternating between St Mary's and Holy Trinity on the 4th Sunday. On the second Sunday there will now be an Evensong at Holy Trinity and the informal Youth service at St Mary's. All 8am and 10am services will remain unchanged.

Everyone is warmly invited to join the **Mothers' Union** for our meeting on **Thursday 28th May** in the South Aisle at St Mary's Church. Kathryn Anderson will be doing a PowerPoint presentation on Gender Based Violence. We begin at 10am with refreshments, have a hymn, bible reading and prayers at 10.30am and the presentation will finish at 11.30am. We look forward to welcoming you.

If you would like to know more about the selection of the next Bishop of Chichester, please click on the QR code provided. Lisa is on the "Vacancy in See" committee.



Across the Parish

Time to get planting those seedlings for the Plant Stall at this year's **Parish Flower Festival!** I am also delighted to inform you that we can once again accept donations of **homemade jams and chutneys** which proved to be very popular in previous years. So if your talents lie in the preserving pan, please just ensure that all ingredients are clearly shown on the label. This



year's Flower Festival theme is "For the Joy of Music" and will take place in July (15-19th). If you are interested or know friends/companies who might be interested in sponsoring this wonderful event, please contact sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk.

Join us between **4th-10th December 2026** on a **McCabe Travel tour** based near **Zell am See, Austria**, led by Ven Philip Jones. With a focus on Pilgrimage, we will visit the Medieval town of Rattenburg, the city of Salzburg and historic Berchtesgaden, together with some of the famous pilgrimage churches, including Maria Plain and Maria Kirchentail. There will be plenty of opportunities to visit Christmas markets and to engage in Advent-focused worship and reflection. For full details please contact us on venp2005@outlook.com or by text/phone on 07909 981119 if you have questions or to express an interest.

From Handel to Hollywood: Trumpet and Organ Concert - Sunday 17th May at 3pm here at St Mary's Crispian Steele-Perkins and Ian le Grice present a wonderfully varied programme in aid of the St Mary's Organ Appeal. The two musicians have been working together since 2005, presenting the best quality of music in an informal style. The programme will include Crispian's entertaining demonstration of the Evolution of the



Trumpet - fascinating for all ages. Please book tickets using the QR code or online via the [What's On page](#) on the St Mary's Church website. Adult tickets are £10 (no charge for under-15s accompanied by an adult). The musicians are giving their services for free, and we hope that by keeping the ticket price low, you will perhaps feel you can invite your friends and their children to come along for a wonderful afternoon of music in aid of the St Mary's Organ Appeal.

Our youth are soon off to **May Camp** and with 34 young people and 9 leaders a lot of cake is needed! A huge way you can support us is to provide a **cake**. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of Church. No nuts please! Cakes should be in a tupperware/cake box with your name and Church on it. Cakes can be left in St Mary's on the 21st May between 10-1pm. Thank you.



Church Centre Mural Project - You may have noticed in the Church Centre, we have a lovely freshly plastered wall and we are very excited that local artist, and member of our church family, Becky Melliard, is going to be designing and painting a mural for us based on the theme of '*For the Beauty of the Earth*'. If you have any spare pots of paints at home, either tester pots, or larger pots that are half used - we would love to take them off your hands to use for the mural. Any colours would be welcome, the paint just needs to be designed for interior use and no gloss paints please.



Please can you contact Laura at the Parish Office if you have paint that you can donate, so that we can arrange drop off at the Church Centre - please don't leave half used paint pots here in church just in case of an spillages! Thank you.

Upcoming External Events

Saturday 16th May 1.30pm at St Mary's Church - Marina Haywood-Lieberman Student Recital - featuring Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Debussy, Gliere, Einaudi, Chopin. Doors open at 1pm. All our welcome, donations are very gratefully received on the day.

Saturday 16th May 7pm at St Mary's Church - Cantabile - Humour and Harmony a capella style - The ever-popular Cantabile - The London Quartet, return with their renowned blend of vocal finesse, effortless charm and sparkling humour. Tickets can be booked by contacting 01403 252602 or horshammusiccircle@gmail.com or online at wegottickets.com/event/683442#tickets

Saturday 30th May 11.15am at St Mary's Church - Cantatrice Voices - Sun, Moon and Stars - featuring 'Bring me Sunshine', 'Sunshine Sunset', 'Another Star', 'Moonlight in Vermont', and 'Here comes the Sun'. Tickets are £8 and available on the door or online from www.cantatrice.co.uk

Sunday 31st May 1-4pm at the Barn - Spring Craft Fair - in aid of the Southern Sighthound Rescue charity. Free entry.

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In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Jenny, Sheila, Stef, Beryl, Peter, Bob, Alice, Harry, Tala, John and baby Freddie. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Rosemarie Ivatts and Ann Ryalls, and pray for their families.

Loving and gracious God, we lift up every student preparing for and sitting their exams. Grant them calm hearts, clear minds, and steady hands.

May their hard work bear fruit, and may they recall with ease all they have learned.

When anxiety rises, replace it with peace; when doubt creeps in, fill them with confidence. Bless their efforts, guide their thoughts, and remind them that their worth is far greater than any grade.

May they walk into each exam knowing they are supported, loved, and capable. Amen.