

May 2026

News from Horsham Parish, the Diocese and opportunities for us all to be involved in caring for God's creation.

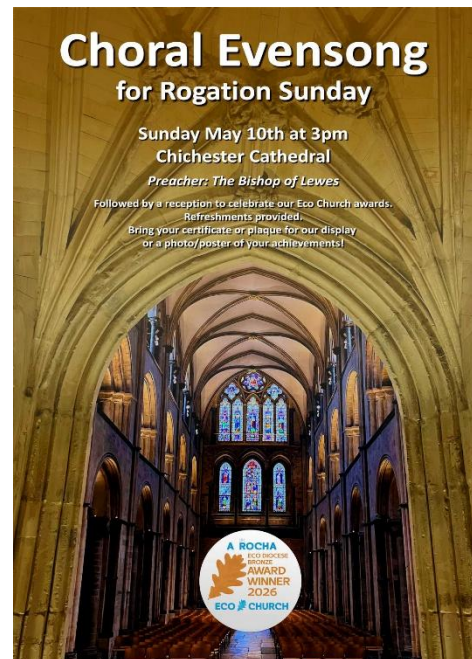
ECO CHURCH EVENSONG IN CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

A group from St Mary's is planning to attend this special service to give thanks for and celebrate all that has been achieved in the Diocese to care for God's good creation. As holders of an Eco Church Bronze Award, we will be taking our award plaque. These will all be on display during the reception which follows the service.

Sunday 10th May at 3pm, followed by a reception.

Please contact Hennie Sleeman if you would like to join us

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RECYCLING AT ST MARY'S



Since February we have had new recycling bins in the **Bethany kitchen, South Aisle kitchenette** and by the **Welcome Desk**. Many thanks to Cath Hatton who has gifted these to St Mary's.

If you are using any of these areas, please do ensure that items for recycling (paper or card packaging, milk cartons etc) are put in the correct bin and NOT mixed with general waste (plastics, food waste etc). Recycling bins can also be emptied into the big Council recycling bin outside the vestry door when full.

OTHER NEWS

There is still time to book a place on the Diocesan Environment Day:

Saturday May 16th 10am – 4pm at St Peter’s Church in Bexhill

[Diocesan Environment Day Saturday 16th May 2026 - Diocese of Chichester](#)

No Mow May is back: the annual national campaign encouraging people not to mow their lawns throughout May in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and moths.

Follow the link to Garden UK’s page for encouragement and information about the benefits of letting the lawn grow unmown this month: [No Mow May and No Mow Lawns Guide | Garden UK](#)

From the RSPB. Latest guidance on what and when to feed garden birds: *Feed Safely, Feed Seasonally*. [Our latest guidance on what and when to feed garden birds: Feed Safely, Feed Seasonally](#)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Westminster Briefing

Last November, ten of the UK’s leading experts briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media.

The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy.

A film based on the Briefing, introduced by Chris Packham, is now available for community screenings – [including here in Horsham](#).

Fri 26 Jun 2026 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Brighton Rd Baptist Church, HORSHAM, RH13 5BD

Seats are free but limited so please book in advance. [Select tickets](#)

After the film there will be a short open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally.

More information on the Eco Church noticeboard at the back of St Mary’s Church.

Creation Care Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

