



# Eco Church Newsletter

## May 2026

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

### FLOWER FESTIVAL – NO FLORAL FOAM

This year's Horsham Parish flower festival runs from 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July. As last year, the arrangements will be created without the use of environmentally damaging oasis / floral foam. Instead, the flower arrangers will be using a variety of sustainable media and support structures. You may also have admired the beautiful Pentecost flowers in St Mary's a few weeks ago: the font arrangement was simply in water, and a wool-based medium supported the flowers beside the high altar.



### CHURCHYARD

You may notice some uncut patches of grass in the churchyard beside the path from St Mary's School. They were left by our Horsham District Council contractors when they noticed flowers growing. We will leave them to grow and see what else comes up to support pollinators and give ground cover for insects. So far there are buttercups, speedwell, yarrow, a variety of grasses and more. Please have a look and let us know what you find.

### UPDATE ON WEST SUSSEX RECYCLING



#### Recycle at home!

Non-black plastic plant pots and seed trays can now be recycled at home in your blue-lidded recycling bin. West Sussex County Council ask that the plant pots are clean and dry (no soil or compost) and are placed in your recycling bin loose, not stacked inside each other.

## Locally produced soil conditioner now available

You can now purchase locally produced soil conditioner compost from all West Sussex Recycling Centres.

Garden waste collected from our centres is composted and transformed into Revive, a high-quality soil conditioner suitable for domestic use. It adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil, helping improve structure and manage moisture, and can also suppress weeds when used as a mulch.

This approach means materials are collected, processed and reused here in West Sussex, reducing waste, cutting carbon, and supporting a more sustainable local environment.

Bags can be purchased and collected from any West Sussex Recycling Centre.



## PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING (PEB)

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 45 minute 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**

**Doors open at 7pm. Please BYO soft drinks.**

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

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pebhorsham/2169276>

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

Bring a friend, neighbour or family member: everyone is welcome.

### ***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.***