



Newsletter July 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

June Highlights

On **Sunday 21st June** Bishop Ruth confirmed the following candidates from within the Parish at Rudgwick Church. Please keep *Louis, Rafael, Thomas, Liam, Emil, Poppy, Maryam, Carla-Marie, Grace, Diana* and *Anna* in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Notices



We are purchasing another commercial dishwasher and water softener for the Leslie Room kitchen, costing around £1500. This will be for use during the Flower Festival and for future concerts/events/teas. If you feel able to donate towards the cost please either use the QR code or link provided below to make a financial contribution online:



<https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/5evyfrmX>

Alternatively, donations can be made by bank transfer to **Horsham PCC No 1 Account**, Sort **60-11-17, 62148826**, ref dishwasher or raise a cheque to Horsham PCC No 1 Account writing "Dishwasher" on the reverse.

Please contact Steve Benson at sbenson@horshamstmarys.org.uk if you would like more information. Thank you!

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.

Across the Parish

It's not too late to sign-up to help with this year's **Flower Festival**, For the Joy of Music. Sign-up sheets can be found on the notice board near the font. The festival runs from the **16th to 19th of July** and there are lots of opportunities to help in a variety of ways: welcoming and stewarding; helping in the South Aisle café; selling plants and other items on the stall outside the church; or joining a rota to help serve the Vintage Afternoon Teas. It really is all hands to the deck for our biggest annual fundraiser so please do have a look and see if there is something you could help with. We also need some strong pairs of hands to help move furniture to prepare the church on Monday 13th and then put it all back once it's all over on the 21st July.



Vintage Afternoon Teas During the Flower Festival we will again be offering Vintage Afternoon Cream Teas in the Leslie Room. Sandwiches, a selection of savoury and sweet delicacies, scones with clotted cream and strawberries will all be served. Tickets cost £15 (adult) / £10 (child) and can be booked through [our website](#) or from Gill Carter in church. Please do book in advance to avoid disappointment!

St Mary's School will be holding their **Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July from 12-3pm.**

Please do go along to help support our school. There will be a lots of games, stalls, food and a raffle! All are very welcome.





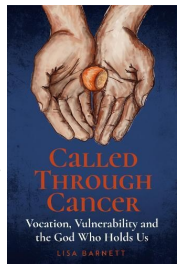
St Mary's Pre-School will be celebrating the end of their term on **Friday 17th July with a raffle** offering prizes including, a meal for two at The Red Deer, and many vouchers for local shops such as Fleurs, Cook, Horsham Butchers and many more, as well as fun family days out including Fishers Farm! Tickets are only £1 and can be bought from Karen or Lai at church on Sunday 5th or 12th July. All proceeds go towards the Pre-School.

Would you be interested in joining our Team of Church Welcomers?

If you have a few spare hours each week, or even every now and again and would be interested in joining our Church Welcoming Team we would love to hear from you!

To keep our church open from Monday through to Saturday from 10am-1pm we rely on a team of wonderful volunteers to be at the church to welcome visitors. Even if you can only do an hour a week or be on duty occasionally, it all helps! Please get in touch with Katherine Potter on welcomers@horshamstmarys.org.uk or the Parish Office on 01403 253762 if you would like to find out more about joining the team.

On **Wednesday 12th August at 7pm** Revd Canon Lisa Barnett, Team Rector here at St Mary's, will be joined by a panel of guests to discuss the release of Lisa's debut book: **'Called Through Cancer'**. The evening will include a panel discussion, a Q&A with Lisa and the opportunity to buy a signed copy of the book. Please sign up on [ChurchSuite](#) if you would like to come along or call the Parish Office on 01403 253762 to book a place or find out more.



Upcoming External Events

Saturday 4th July - Horsham Symphony Orchestra at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm The orchestra's summer concert featuring: Introit St John's, Stephen Montague; Symphony No 6, Sibelius; and Scheherazade, Rimsky-Korsakov. Tickets can be booked at ticketsource.co.uk/HorshamSymphony

Saturday 11th July - West Sussex Philharmonic Choir at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm The choir presents 'A Gilbert and Sullivan Gala' with Orpheus Sinfonia, Beth Lewin (Soprano) and Jon Openshaw (Baritone). Tickets can be booked online at www.eventbrite.com

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In Your Prayers



We pray for those from our own church family who are unwell, and among them: Audrey, Shirley, Jenny, Stef, Beryl, Sheila, Bob, Peter, Harry and Tala. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Kathleen Puttock and Lawrence Windwood, and pray for their families.

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen