



## Newsletter

June 2026

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!**

## May Highlights

**May Camp 2026:** We had another very successful May Camp this year with 34 young people and 7 leaders join us. We all had a very hot weekend filled with worship, games, and fellowship together. A huge thank you to all those from our church family who have supported us financially, with prayers, cakes or helped us set up/pack down. We look forward to telling you more about what we got up to very soon!

## 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.

**A message to St Mary's from Horsham Matters:** thank you for donating to our foodbank. Your generosity will help make sure a family does not have to go hungry when there is no money left for food, your donation will make 53 meals. The cost of living increases continue to take a toll on residents and our 15 weekly foodbanks remain busy. March foodbank use was up 19% on the previous year and we expect the coming year to remain challenging for many given the further expected rises in energy and food prices. With your support we can continue to provide practical support and impactful advice to make a difference. As one foodbank user told us recently: "Knowing I can use the foodbank when in crisis takes the worry and guilt away. The constant feeling of not doing enough for my children is exhausting and the foodbank really helps."

# Across the Parish

Volunteer sign-up sheets to help with this year's **Flower Festival**, For the Joy of Music, 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. It's also not too late if you or someone you know would like to make a donation towards the running of the festival and you can contact [sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk](mailto:sue.keegan@horshamstmarys.org.uk) for more information. Thank you for all your support.



**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!

**Church Centre Mural Project** - You may have noticed in the Church Centre, we have a large 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. Thank you very much!

## Vacancies at St Mary's Primary School

St Mary's Primary school are looking for Learning Support Staff to fill various positions that are coming up - both full time (or jobshares) and part time. Please take a look and by all means pop in for a chat if you might be interested - they'd love to meet you! Details here: <https://www.stmarysschoolhorsham.co.uk/>



## 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](mailto:welcomers@horshamstmarys.org.uk) or the Parish Office on 01403 253762 if you would like to find out more about joining the team.

**Coffee Morning** A reminder that the monthly coffee morning on a Thursday now meets in the South Aisle at church rather than at the Barn. Still at the same time of 10.30am-11.30am on the third Thursday of each month. All are very welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!



## Upcoming External Events

**Saturday 6th June at 3.30pm at St Mary's Church - Billingshurst Choral Society** perform 'Rejoice in Song' a selection of joyful works by John Rutter. Complimentary tea and cake will be served afterwards with donations received going towards the [St Mary's Organ Appeal](#). To buy your tickets, please visit the BCS website: [billingshurstchoralsociety.org.uk](http://billingshurstchoralsociety.org.uk)

**Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church - Horsham Chamber Choir** perform 'The Strange and The Exotic' - Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Eric Whitacre and others will take our audience on a journey of mystery, wonder and imagination. Tickets are available [online](#) or on the door.

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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, Harry, Tala, Vyvien and baby Freddie. We remember before God those who have died, and among them Lawrence Windwood, and pray for their families.

**Father, in the midst of confusion and uncertainty, quiet my restless thoughts.**

**Open my eyes to see the path You have prepared for me.**

**Remove fear from my heart and replace it with trust in Your perfect timing.**

**Lead me step by step, and let every decision I make be rooted in Your truth. Amen."**