

Weekly Newsletter

Parishes of St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield and Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch

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Prayer BREAKFAST

Mother Teresa said this:

"Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." ...

As humans we are most fully alive when we become people of prayer. From the very beginning Jesus taught His followers to pray. From the birth of the Church at Pentecost prayer, (together with teaching, fellowship and breaking of bread) was a four founding cornerstone. (Acts 2:42).

On this Easter Sunday, as God's Church here, we stand at a really important place. At our away day last month, we determined to focus on three key areas in our Church life this Year and one of those key areas is Prayer. So as one of the ways of focussing on prayer on the 4th Saturday of each month, beginning on 28 April, there will be here in church, a **Prayer Breakfast**.

- Between **8.30am-9.30am**
- A light and healthy breakfast- no fry ups!

Followed by:

- A short input time of helping us discover or deepen what prayer may mean for us

Then we shall get down to praying for:

- The life of this benefice
- The needs of our local communities
- Whatever else the Lord may lay on our hearts,

We'd love to invite you all...come hungry for food and even more hungry for God. One hour a month to discover the life giving power of prayer in our lives. We'll give further details as April rolls out.

But for now we need 3- 4 people to be on the team to help set up....make sure everyone is fed/ watered...and then put the church back in place at 9.30. If you'd like to be on the team please talk to me or to **Julie or Tom**

"Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God."

- Oswald Chambers

Please pray for those we know who are unwell or lonely. Continue to pray for those who are recently bereaved and the housebound. With the HATCH AGM taking place on the 15th April at 2pm. Please can I encourage you to think about offering as a driver to help those who are in need.

Tim and Marion Jackson.

I would like to ask you to pray for Marion and Tim Jackson. Some of you will know that Marion has not been well for some months and was especially poorly before Christmas. This has left Marion feeling very tired and concerned about the symptoms she has been experiencing. In the coming few weeks, Marion will be undergoing further tests and scans to find out what is wrong. This is a worrying time for her and for Tim. Tim as Churchwarden and in the process of exploring the possibility of being selected as a Lay Reader bears a great deal of church responsibility. However, both Tim and Marion know that Marion must take first priority. This means that some of the practical jobs that Tim helps carry out (such as moving of chairs for the service on Sunday and School) need to be gathered up by others. Tim may also need to step back from other things to give him and Marion space in the coming weeks. I would ask you to pray please and offer your love and support to them both.

If you think you could help in a practical way, please speak to me. Rev Julie

Dick and Hilary Rowberry

Many of you will know that Dick has not been feeling too well for some months. Dick has asked to stand down from his role as Churchwarden at the APCM. He and Hilary have been carrying a heavy load as Chair of School Governors and Dick with his ill health and recent death of his brother. Please pray for Dick and Hilary and offer them your love and support. They will both continue to be regular members of St Mary's but are looking forward to some space over the summer. **Rev Julie**

APCM

As many of you know. Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings are nearly upon us. These meetings are an opportunity for all of us to Thank God for all His blessings to us and to thank those who work so hard to serve God and all of us in the life of the church. This meeting is not just for a few it is for all who are part of both church families. There is obviously a business side to the proceedings and it is important but it is also about vision. Where is God leading us in the coming year. We elect our Churchwardens and elect our new PCC's.

Holy Trinity ~ Coleman's Hatch is on Thursday 23rd April ~ 7pm ~ 7.30pm dessert and glass of sparkly. 7.45-8pm Vestry meeting followed by the APCM

St Mary's ~ Hartfield is on 28th April: 7.30-8pm dessert and sparkly wine. 8pm for the vestry meeting followed by the APCM at 8.15pm.

Please can I encourage you all to come to the APCM at your church. All of us have gifts to offer and hearts to thank God for his immeasurable love and blessing to each one of us. I look forward to seeing you there. **Rev Julie**

Holy Trinity: reports downloadable from the website with effect from 17th April and paper copies from the church

Notes from the recent PCC meeting for St. Mary's Church

New Faces - The PCC will change greatly in April when Dick Rowberry stands down as Churchwarden and John Cope retires from being Treasurer. Kathy Green and Anthony Simm will be standing for election in their place. We will thank Dick and John at our APCM

APCM - The Annual Church meeting will be held on April 28th: please come along. The APCM is for everyone. An opportunity to thank God for all His blessings to us as a church. To thank our Wardens and PCC and to look forward to the coming year.

Away Day - As a result of our away-day, we plan to do more work with children, including recruiting a children's and families' worker. We will also set up regular prayer meetings, and hold an Alpha course in the near future.

Garden of Remembrance - We are progressing with plans for an expanded Garden of Remembrance, for the burial of ashes, at the north of the church.

Re-ordering Project - We are also moving on with plans for improved heating and audio visual systems in the church, as well as the plans for a toilet and kitchen area. We are considering ways of lighting the churchyard to make it safer after dark. All these plans will be shared with the whole church once they have been prepared.

Mission to Children - We will be running children's activities in the vestry on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after Easter.

We Need People - People to help at weddings and funerals, people to be school governors and people who would help in keeping our church running in all sorts of ways. Perhaps you would consider standing for the PCC?

Collect for The Second Sunday of Easter

*Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen*

He Is Risen



St Marys Primary – Open Afternoon -Saturday 18th April, 2-3 pm

St Mary's School warmly invites you to our Open Afternoon on Saturday 18th April from 2-3pm. St Mary's has recently had a large investment from the Local Authority and Governing Body to redecorate and improve the school. You are invited to see all the improvements. St Mary's is a dynamic, vibrant and nurturing village primary school offering a cross-curricular approach to learning. Discover our all-encompassing education in action through French, PE, Mathematics, and Early Years lessons as you tour the school. Everyone is welcome.

Next Weeks Services

19 April	9.30am: Communion at St Mary's with new Childrens Church
19 April	11.15am: Mattins at Holy Trinity

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WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCHES

Every Tuesday: 14:45 St Mary's School Service at St Mary's

Every Friday: 10:00 Peace Prayers at St Mary's