

Weekly Newsletter

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

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15th November 2015

Dear Friends

We are writing to you on behalf of the church, to express our deep appreciation for the financial support that you have given St Mary's over the past year.

As part of our vision 'to build a dynamic, vibrant church sharing Christ's love with people of all ages in our 21st century rural community', we have developed a Mission Action Plan for the year 2015/16. This is to focus on children's work, prayer and to hold an Alpha course. The Sunday Discoverers children's groups are up and running on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and we have been able to purchase some furniture and materials to facilitate this. It has become evident that a suitable space within the building is needed for our children's activities and we are investigating the possibility of creating a meeting room on a mezzanine floor in the tower, which would become part of the major re-ordering. Recent payments of consultation and architect fees demonstrate our commitment to this faith project which over-all will be at significant cost.

We have been delighted to be offered the services of an experienced team of volunteer youth workers who have launched HYPE (Hartfield Young People) with the support of St Mary's, and they meet on alternate Mondays in the pavilion. Your regular giving has made it possible to purchase equipment and games for these youngsters, many of whom have recently left St Mary's School for secondary schools.

Another major factor in progressing our Mission Action Plan is the appointment of a Children's and Families' Worker, made possible by a Diocesan Grant spread over three years. It would require a financial commitment from ourselves for the longer term mission to families.

A project that has received wider publicity and is of benefit to the greater community, is the Garden of Remembrance. Work on the garden is almost complete and the monument stone is now in place. We are very grateful to the many who have contributed to the fund, which is not yet closed.

Once again thank you for your support both financially and in many other ways

From Revd. Julie Sear and the Churchwardens Graham Varley and Kathy Green

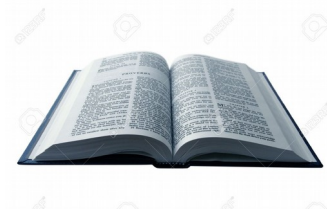
SMALL GROUP

The small group will be meeting at Kathy Green's Home. Foxbury, High Street, Hartfield TN7 4AA tel 01892 770208 email: kathygreenhartfield@gmail.com Tom and Rosie Hewson are leading and facilitating the group. The studies will follow on from the sermon from the previous Sundays. Tom and Rosie's Contact details are 01342 319027 If anyone would like a lift to the group, please contact either Tom or Kathy.

Coffee and cake 7.45pm ~ 8pm start.

17/11/15 ~ God is Love ~ 1 John 4

24/11/15 ~ Born of God 1 John 4 and 5 Leading us to Advent



Advent Prayer Journey

St Mary's Church will be filled with Advent Prayer Stations
8.30am-6.30pm
22nd November -26th November

An opportunity to come into church and take some time to reflect and pray or listen. To bring your personal prayers. Your hopes and dreams, your joys and sorrows.

Everyone of all ages is welcome at any time of day to come in and explore and enjoy the journey. The journey is full of creative moments for you to experience or you can just sit in the prayerful space.

As we approach Christmas we buy presents in preparation to give to our friends and family. Life gets busy and rushed. Advent is an opportunity for preparation of ourselves. To take time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

Station One:	Connecting
Station Two:	Focusing
Station Three:	Prayer
Station Four:	Seeing
Station Five:	Hoping
Station Six:	Waiting
Station Seven:	Pondering

For Your Prayers

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

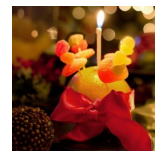
Please continue to pray for all those who are unwell or recovering from recent surgery. We pray for Julie O Flanagan, Peter Sharpe and Vicky, Paul and Jess Storey. Please also pray for Adrian and Sheilah Fenton.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."



Christingle Service

Come to our Christingle Service on **29th November** at **10am** at St Mary's. All welcome! This is a joint service. No service at Holy Trinity



Diary of Services

15th November	9:30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's with Sunday Discoverers
15th November	11:15am - Matins at Holy Trinity
22nd November	8:00am - BCP at St Marys
22nd November	9:30am – Café Church at St Mary's
22nd November	11:15am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
29th November	8:00am - BCP with Holy Communion at St Marys
29th November	10:00 am - Joint Service at St Mary's – First Sunday in Advent. Christingle Service for all ages. No service at Holy Trinity
6th December	9:30am Family Communion with Sunday Discoverers at St Mary's
6th December	11.15 Matins at Holy Trinity
6th December	6:30 pm Joint Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity

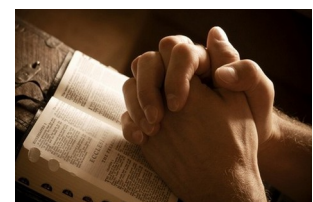
Collect for Second Sunday before Advent

*Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



Time of personal prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to take the time to consider your words of truth, and to follow you with a faithful heart. You know all about my doubt and confusion, you see my weaknesses and you also see my strengths. Strengthen me and guide me; increase my faith in you, in your name I ask this in your name. Amen



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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