

Newsletter

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

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19th February 2017

Lent Courses at St. Mary's and Holy Trinity 2017

For this Lent, we want to continue broadening what we offer in exploring and deepening our Christian faith. So this year there will be two different five week Lent courses on offer across the benefice. We really want to encourage you to attend the Lent course that most interests you. Cross benefice mixing of our congregations can only be a good and blessed thing.

Choice 1: Lent 2017: "Living Jesus' life today." (5 Sessions)

There is a choice of groups on Monday afternoons, Tuesday or Thursday evenings in the week beginning 6th March. Details are on the sign up sheets in each church.

One of the unchanging calls of Christianity is "How do we live Jesus shaped lives? How do our lives reveal God's presence and love? What are God's plans for us? How can we align our life with God's plan for each of us? How can our lives reflect the holiness and goodness of the Lord, wherever we are, whatever we are doing, no matter who we are with? These are big and yet important questions for us all.

As a part of our observance of Lent, we are offering a series of five Lent small group sessions exploring these and other questions, as well as whatever questions that you bring on these issues. You have the choice of signing up for the Monday afternoon, Tuesday or Thursday evening groups. The material will include a scripture reading, a video streamed talk, group discussion time, and a time of silence and prayer. It is our hope that this Lent we shall go deeper into living Jesus' life.

Sign up sheets are now at the back of both St. Mary's and Holy Trinity churches with details of group times, group leaders and group meeting places/ times. If you have any questions about these groups please contact Tom, Rosie or Rev Julie. *continued*

Choice 2: Lent 2017: "Hear the Word of the Lord" (Diocesan Lent Course)

The group will meet on Wednesday, 12.30-2pm at Trinity Hall- with a light lunch included, in the week beginning 6th March

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| 1. Bible overview | 8th March |
| 2. The Torah | 15th March |
| 3. The Prophets | 22nd March |
| 4. Other Old Testament Writings | 29th March |
| 5. The Gospels" | 5th April |
| 6. The New Testament Letters | 12th April |

Sign up sheets are now at the back of both St. Mary's and Holy Trinity churches with more details of the group. If you have any questions about these groups please contact Rev Julie or Rev Karen. There will be a special service in St Mary's on Maunday Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm

Rev. Karen Higgs

Karen will be ordained to the Priesthood at **Holy Cross Uckfield on 10th June at 6pm**. Please put this date in your diary. Karen will then serve in our parishes for a further three years.



Tony Shillingford

19th March 6pm at Holy Trinity. A service of thanksgiving for the ministry of Tony Shillingford. Choral Evensong with the Venerable Edward Dowler, Archdeacon of Hastings. Tony is retiring as Licensed Lay Assistant after 20 years of ministry. We would welcome you all to join us for the service and refreshments in Trinity Hall afterwards.



Monday Morning Prayer Time

Monday's 9-9.30am in St Mary's Church. This will start on 20th February after half term. The Rector and anyone who would like to join her, will be meeting in the church from 9-9.30am to pray for the Parishes and the School. There will also be moments of reflection as we consider God's word for the day. We will meet in the Lady Chapel. **Rev Julie**

St Mary's Church and PCC Away Day 'Growing in Love'

The PCC and Church Away Day will be day of Bible Teaching, fun and plenty of opportunities to get to know each other better. The aim of the day is for us all to have an opportunity to be part of the vision and mission of St Mary's. The last three years have seen us grow on a journey together. I would like to invite everyone to be part of the next three years as we put together our Mission Action Plan. This is your church and we would like you all to be on the day to be part of the exciting work that God is doing. There will be opportunities for the children and young people to share their vision and some fun activities for them to enjoy. As well as a chance to learn there will also be plenty of time to chat, have fun and relax.

There will coffee and cake available throughout the day. Please bring something to contribute towards the bring and share lunch.

When?

Saturday 11th March

8.30am (for 9.15am start) to 2.30pm

Where?

Forest Row Baptist Church. Chapel Ln, Hartfield Rd, Forest Row RH18 5BF

Please could you let Rev Julie know if you are able to attend by sending an email or signing up on the sign up sheet in church. revjuliesear1@gmail.com

Luke Philcox

The funeral service for Luke Philcox will take place at St Richard's Church in Crowborough.

Date: Tuesday 7th March

Time: 1.30pm

The funeral service will be followed by a private family only committal at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Please continue to pray for Gill, Ali and Isaac as we offer them our love and support.

Please pray

for all those who are unwell or recently bereaved.



Diary of Services and Activities

26 February	8:00am - BCP at St Marys
26 February	9:30am – Café Church at St Mary's
26 February	11:15am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
27 February	HYPE and PULSE in the Village Hall
1 March	10:00am - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St Mary's
1 March	2:30-4:00pm – Open House at The Rectory
5 March	9:30am - All Age Communion at St Mary's with Sunday Discoverers
5 March	11.15am- Matins at Holy Trinity
5 March	6.30pm: Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity
6 March	HYPE and PULSE in the Village Hall
12 March	8:00am - BCP at St Marys
12 March	9:30am – Church Family Praise at St Mary's
12 March	11:15am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
19 March	9:30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's with Sunday Discoverers and Big Breakfast
19 March	11:15am - Matins at Holy Trinity
19 March	6.00pm: Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity – Service for Tony Shillingford

Womens World Day of Prayer

Praying for The Philippines

Holy Trinity Colemans Hatch

Friday 3rd March 2017 at 2:00pm

All are welcome

Refreshments afterwards in Trinity Hall



Collect for The Second Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God,

give us reverence for all creation

and respect for every person,

that we may mirror your likeness

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

