

Newsletter

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

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4th March 2018

Diary of Services

Due to heating failure at St Mary's services will be held in the Village Hall

4 March	9:30am - All Age Communion at Village Hall with Sunday Discoverers
4 March	10:30am- Sunday Praise at Holy Trinity
4 March	6.30pm: Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity
11 March	8:00am - BCP at Village Hall – Mothering Sunday
11 March	9:30am – Church Family Praise at Village Hall – Mothering Sunday
11 March	10:30am – BCP Holy Communion at Holy Trinity – Mothering Sunday
18 March	9:30am – Holy Communion at Village Hall with Sunday Discoverers and Big Breakfast
18 March	10:30am - Matins BCP at Holy Trinity
25 March	8:00am - BCP at Village Hall - Palm Sunday
25 March	9:30am – Café Church at Village Hall- Palm Sunday
25 March	10:30am – BCP Holy Communion at Holy Trinity- Palm Sunday
29 March	7:30pm – Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity
30 March	2:00pm – Good Friday – Meditations at The Cross at Holy Trinity
30 March	3:30 – 5:00pm -Good Friday Messy Church in the Village Hall
1 April	10:30am - Easter Day celebrations with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity (Joint Service with St Mary's)
8 April	8:00am - BCP at Village Hall
8 April	9:30am – Church Family Praise at Village Hall
8 April	10:30am – BCP Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
15 April	9:30am – Holy Communion at Village Hall with Sunday Discoverers and Big Breakfast
15 April	10:30am - Matins BCP at Holy Trinity

Church Heating

In January we turned up at church to find there was no heating. A lot of work has been done since then. Thank you to all who have contributed.

We have discovered that the old system is beyond repair and have come forward with a detailed, costed proposal for a replacement heating system. The costs are based on the architects' specifications and a quantity surveyors report. They are solid figures.

The costs include upgrading the heating in the church, providing a loo and lighting in the churchyard to improve access in winter months. It is not just replacing a boiler.

As we are dealing with a Grade 1 listed building, that is centuries old and a churchyard, we have to meet demanding, and expensive, standards set by national bodies. There are no short-cuts. If we don't meet their standards, we don't get the necessary permissions.

There will be a public meeting to explain the proposals in St. Mary's on 23rd March at 10:00 a.m. The architect will be present. We have also been working hard on an appeal booklet to be sent to everyone in the village at the end of March and this will be available at the public meeting.

After discussions with Wealden we have obtained planning permission and are part way through the final stage of obtaining a Faculty from the diocese which has to be obtained before the work can go ahead.

We have been working hard on the financing. We have got about £100,000 of financing in place, and in addition have received donations for just under £10,000 in the last month. **THIS IS GREAT NEWS.** Thank you to those people that have already donated, it really helps to keep working on the project encouraged by your support.

But it still leaves about £75,000 to be raised. We are exploring the availability of grants and other sources of funding as well as seeking donations from the local community.

As an act of faith, we have engaged with a heating contractor after a competitive selection procedure to start the work in mid-June. We have also begun the tender process with five builders to identify a contractor to carry out the bulk of the necessary work.

We have applied for what is called an Archdeacon's Loan. This is for a maximum of £50,000, and if approved, is provided by the diocese for up to five years. This loan allows us to install the new heating and toilet this summer. But it still leaves a gap of about £25,000 to be found as soon as possible and loans have to be repaid. In total we still need to raise a further £75,000. You can give towards the project **now**, you do not have to wait for the appeal booklet. **If you wish to make a donation please contact Tim Jackson.**

From Andy and Katrina Thomas

Alex's Operation - 15th March

As many of you will be aware, Alex Thomas needs to have an operation. Alex was born with a range of mid-line birth defects, some of which have a lasting impact on his life day to day. Here is an update for your prayers.

The plan for Alex on the 15th March is to go in at 7:30am to be on the morning list for general anaesthetic. Whilst he is under they will take lots of blood to test for kidney function, perform flexible cystoscopy (use camera to look at the whole urinary tract right up to the kidneys) and to place the catheters and sensors for the tests in the afternoon. The tests in the afternoon, once he has recovered from the anaesthetic he will be having what they call Video Urodynamics testing- here is a link which explains it (except it will all be done same day)

<http://www.gosh.nhs.uk/medical-information-0/procedures-and-treatments/video-urodynamics>

Once that is done, we can come home and we will have to return for results once they have been collated and there is a plan of action for remedial surgery and treatment.

The reason for all of this is that he gets regular UTIs which are an unusual strain of bacteria (proteus), which you would expect to only get once in your lifetime- Alex has had 13 such infections and that is only the ones that have been tested at the lab. The main cause of this kind of infection is reflux to the kidneys, and can cause kidney scarring and reduced function. In the tests they did in September, it seemed that there were lots of factors at play- dilated tubes, small inefficient valves, rigid bladder and possibly an obstruction caused during his previous surgery.

Alex seems to be getting quite nervous about it- he is struggling to understand the idea of anaesthetic. The day is going to be quite hard going as he is going to be tired and uncomfortable, however, it is necessary in order to work out how to fix some of the ongoing issues.

Andy and Katrina

Funerals

Please pray for the families of

Jane Hayes. Funeral will take place on Friday 9th March at Holy Trinity Church at 11am. This will be followed by a service at Worth Crematorium at 12.45pm.

John Dickenson who died this week. Please pray for his Son Paul and family. Funeral will take place on Wednesday 14th March at 11am at Holy Trinity Church

Chris and Jackie Riley, Their Mother Rosemary Riley died this week. Service will take place on Thursday 22nd March at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 10.45am

Contact

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Important – Due to heating failure at St Mary's services will be held in Village Hall

'Prayer is where the action is'
John Wesley



Prayer is the powerhouse of the church. It is said that the spirituality of a church can be measured by the substance and demeanour of its weekly prayer meeting.

During this Year of Prayer I really want to encourage us as Churches to strengthen our personal prayer and corporate prayer. I hope that through the various opportunities, we will grow in our spiritual lives and worship. I also hope that as we share life together we will see our churches grow and flourish. There are so many ways we can pray in the coming year. In our small groups and Sunday worship or in the various activities we will have on offer for 2018.

Please do read the newsletter or keep an eye on the website for more information and helpful thoughts around prayer and praying for each other.

Prayer Breakfast

We meet at Rectory at 8.15am for a light breakfast together. From June the meetings will be in St Marys Church. There follows a time of reflection on a bible passage and a time of sharing and praying for our Benefice and the wider community, each other and the world. The time of prayer finishes at 9.30am.

The Rectory: Jan 27/Feb 17th/March 17th/May 19th

St Marys Church: June 16th/ July 21st/Sept 15th/Oct 20th/Nov 17th

Day of Prayer on Friday 22nd June 9.30am -5.30pm

There will be a Parish Day of prayer ending with a Healing Service. (look out for more information) It will be a day where you can come to some of the day or stay all day.

Community Prayer walks

We will be organising two prayer walks around the parish.

Opening a Prayer Garden at St Mary's School and launching the year of Prayer

Developing a Rule of Life

For each of us to have a Way of Living is important if our life of prayer is going to be ordered and disciplined and is going to change the way we live our lives and engage with others and the wider world. There will be practical material on the Diocesan website about how to make a **Rule of Life** which could make this Year of Prayer life-changing and life-enhancing for us. The material, written by Bishop Martin, is called 'IHS: A Way of Living'. It can be found on the Diocesan Website

<http://www.chichester.anglican.org/yearofprayer>