



St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The LORD's covenant with Abram

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

'Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.'

But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.'

Then the word of the LORD came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

He also said to him, 'I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.'

But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?'

So the LORD said to him, 'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.'

Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates –

Second Reading: Luke 13: 31-end

Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Celebrations mark 25 years of women's ordination to the priesthood

Events are taking place to mark a quarter of a century of women's ordination to the priesthood in the Church of England.

The first group of women were ordained priests on Saturday 12 March 1994, in Bristol Cathedral.

Following a celebration at Lambeth Palace attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, services will be held at cathedrals and churches throughout the country.

Meanwhile the number of women entering training for ministry continues to grow.

On Friday, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby welcomed more than 80 priests to Lambeth Palace for a service to mark the milestone.

Those participating ranged from bishops to women training for the priesthood, with The Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Chaplain, giving the sermon. Speaking at the service, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: "Many of those here today have been pioneers as they work out what it means to be an ordained woman in the Church of England – not just for themselves and their communities, but for the whole of the Body of Christ. "Today let us bear witness to those who paved the way in 1994, as well as upholding those whose way into ministry has been opened up since."

Women now make up nearly a third of the 20,000 active clergy in the Church of England according to the latest

figures which also show a 38% increase in the number of women starting training for ordained ministry in the past two years.

Dr Mandy Ford, Director of the Church of England's Ministry Division, said: "As we celebrate this anniversary, it is wonderful to see how increasing numbers of women are hearing God's call to ministry and bringing their varied gifts and life experiences to serve God in the Church. "We are encouraging more women to follow in their footsteps and consider the call to ordained ministry."

With the candidates presented in alphabetical order, Angela Berners-Wilson became the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood, after final legislation had been passed by General Synod on 11 November 1992.

To celebrate the anniversary, Rev Jules Middleton from TRINITY Church in Lewes started a #JustAPriest25. She said: "For me, this is about celebration. There are so many amazing women and men who went before and fought so hard for us to be accepted as priests in the Church of England. "I want to celebrate their hard work and dedication, and I want to celebrate us as we get on and do the stuff."

You can read more about this on Jule's blog:

<http://www.pickingapplesofgold.com/justapriest25/...>

St Mary's
Church



*The Rector, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of
The Parish of Saint Mary the Virgin, Hartfield*

request your presence at

*A Service of Dedication of
The Heart for the Community Project*

Conducted by

*The Right Reverend Richard Jackson
Bishop of Lewes*

at St Mary's Church, Hartfield

on Sunday, March 31 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Light refreshments to follow

Rev Julie writes....

An invitation to the 'Service of Dedication' on Sunday 31st March has recently been sent to anyone who kindly donated to the Heart for the Community Project, but is of course extended to our church community and beyond.

It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at the service and we look forward to welcoming you at St Mary's.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Bishop Richard Jackson, who will be conducting the service and dedicating the new building work. As it is also Mothering Sunday, there will be flowers and crafts for all our young people.

We hope for a full church.

Rev Julie



Easter Church Services 2019

Date	Times	Church	Service
7 th April <i>Passiontide Begins</i>	9.30am 11am 6.30pm	St Mary's Holy Trinity Holy Trinity	Holy Communion Sunday Praise Choral Evensong
14 th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8am 9.30am 11am	St Mary's St Mary's Holy Trinity	Holy Communion BCP Church Family Praise Holy Communion
18 th April <i>Maunday Thursday</i>	7pm	St Mary's	Joint Service
19 th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10am 2pm	St Mary's Holy Trinity	All age stations of the cross Meditations at the foot of the cross
21 st April <i>Easter Day</i>	Sunrise Service On The Forest Time To Be Confirmed		
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Save the Date
Saturday 27th April 2019



Leanna

We welcome Leanna Fee, our new Youth, Children's and Families Event Administrator, who started with us last Saturday.

Leana will be developing the events, programmes and resources for our Sunday Worship. This is purely an administrative role but is vitally important for the life and mission of our children and youth work.

Over the next few months, Leana will help us develop termly programmes for our Sunday Discoverers and Big Breakfast. She will also assist in helping the Rector with developing the new evening service in May, HYPE and WAFFLE programmes. Leana will be working for six hours per week. Some of this time will take place at the Rectory.

Please pray for Leana as she begins this role in the life of St Mary's. I hope to introduce her to you all before Easter.

Hartfield Singers

Saturday 20th April 2019
St. Mary's Church,
Hartfield at 7.30pm

Schubert Mass No. 2 in G Major

And full supporting programme
With special guest soloists Henry
Waddington, Dan Meades and Rosie
Waddington
and

Featuring pupils of Tunbridge Wells Girls'
Grammar School

Tickets £12 (to include buffet) available
online at www.hartfieldsingers.co.uk,
by phone 01342 823081, or from Hartfield
Stores in the High Street

Save the date!

St Mary's, 15th & 16th June 2019

Many of you at St Mary's have been saving the weekend for our weekend away at Burrswood.

However, we have made a decision not to actually go away as a church but to have a more family orientated time together here in Hartfield.

So please do keep that weekend free. The plan is to have a walk in the afternoon followed by a BBQ with games. On the Sunday we will have a service with fun activities for our young people and children. More information nearer the time.

Rev Julie

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APCM

Holy Trinity - 8th April at Trinity Hall
- 7:15pm (coffee and dessert) for
7:30pm start

St Mary's - 28th April in Church -
9.30am for a time of cafe' style
worship followed by our APCM

Please put the dates for the APCM in your diary. This is a significant moment in the life of the church. It is a time of thanksgiving as we look back and give thanks to God for all that He has been doing in the life of our churches and community. It is a time to focus on the present, what are the blessings and challenges. It is also a time to look forward, to pray for the coming year with vision and hope. The church is like any family. All ages, different skills and gifts all growing and praying together.

Please make this meeting a priority and pray for the mission and growth of our Benefice.

Rev Julie

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Church Services

24th March

St Mary's 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

St Mary's 9.30 Café Church

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion BCP

31st March

St Mary's 9.30am Service of Celebration

Joint Service Conducted by Bishop Richard

Mothering Sunday and Dedication of the Heart for the Community Project.

No Service at Holy Trinity Today

7th April

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 11.00 Sunday Praise

Holy Trinity 18.30 Choral Evensong

14th April

St Mary's 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

St Mary's 9.30 Church Family Praise

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion BCP

18th April

Maunday Thursday St Mary's 19.00

19th April

Good Friday 10.00 St Mary's

All age stations of the cross

14.00 Holy Trinity

Meditations at foot of cross