



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

*We welcome Bobbie Smyth and her family here today,
for Bobbie's Baptism.*

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Paul and Silas in prison

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.'

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown

into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

³¹ They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

Second Reading: John 17: 20-end

Jesus prays for all believers

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'



#PLEDGE2PRAY THY KINGDOM COME

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.

St. Mary's & Holy Trinity Church are joining the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, (May 30th – June 9) it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's Spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

St. Marys will have a **Prayer Space from June 3rd through to the 9th June** open from early morning **8am** until the church closes at **6pm**. You are invited and encouraged to come and spend time in the peace of this special space to be still before the Lord and to **pray. Tuesday and Wednesday evening we will be open for prayer from 7:30.**

Wednesday we will share Compline a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day at **7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.**

We hope you will find time to come in and enjoy the prayer spaces. St Mary's has a history of prayer and worship. Come in and sit a while. Enjoy the space and quiet. Pray for someone you know or a situation on your heart.

Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, **prayer**, and forgiveness. ... **Prayer** is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. ...

To be a Christian without **prayer** is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. *Reverend Julie*

MANY VOICES, ONE SPIRIT AT THE DOME BRIGHTON - REGISTER NOW

This year the event will take place at the Dome in Brighton on Sunday, June 9th.

Booked as the keynote speaker is Roy Crowne from Hope Together. Roy became HOPE Together Executive Director in March 2010 and was previously the National Director of Youth for Christ in Britain for 12 years.

Stuart Barbour, acclaimed singer and songwriter from Sussex, will be providing first class worship music and Revd Martin Poole will be applying his usual Beyond style creativity using both traditional and contemporary ways to provide a stunning visual effect in a way that helps everyone to worship God and be inspired by the Spirit.

There will be a family prayer space, a healing space and a contemplative prayer space.

Prayer spaces will be open from 2.00pm - 6.00pm for people to drop in any time they like, and a programme of workshops on these themes will be available soon.

This ecumenical event will be followed by an evening of worship music from 7.00pm.

This event will be free and registering details can be done through Rev Julie.

We would love to take a group to this event.

Please let me know by Sunday 2nd June if you would like to go.

Rev Julie Sear



St Mary's Summer Social on 15th & 16th June 2019

St Mary's is having a fun day on Saturday 15th June.

- ❖ A walk from St Mary's Church from 2 - 3pm
- ❖ Games on the Croft from 3 - 4.30pm
- ❖ BBQ at the Pavilion from 5 - 6.30pm

This date has been a save the date for several months, so we are hoping you can all come and relax together.

Please could you sign the sign up sheet to give us an idea of numbers and to let us know if you can bring a salad or a pudding. Meat will be provided.

On the Sunday, we will have an informal service together at 9.30am, with Holy Communion.

Rev Julie

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Church Services

2nd June – Sunday after Ascension Day

Holy Trinity 18.30 Choral Evensong

9th June – Pentecost

St Mary's 8.00 Holy Communion BCP*

9.30 Morning Praise

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion

16th June – Trinity Sunday

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion with
Sunday Discoverers

Holy Trinity 11.00 Matins

23rd June

St Mary's 9.30 Morning Praise

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion BCP*

30th June

Joint Service at Holy Trinity at 11am

7th July

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 11.00 Sunday Praise

18.30 Choral Evensong

14th July

St Mary's 8.00 Holy Communion BCP*

9.30 Morning Praise

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion

BCP = Book of Common Prayer*