

Newsletter – 8th September 2019



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



Harvest Supper



On **Saturday 28th September** we will be holding our annual Harvest Supper. This year in addition to giving thanks to God for the many blessings we have received, we want to support countries for whom the basics of life are not available. This year we are aware how blessed we are at both churches, to have toilet facilities and running water.

Our Harvest Supper will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 28th September. Time 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Main course will be provided but we will have sign up sheets for bring and share salads and puddings.

(these can be found at the back of each church).

Cost £5.00 per adult; £2.50 per child. On the night, if you would like to make an additional donation towards the toilet twinning, it would be much appreciated.

There will be games for the children and some singing of traditional Harvest Hymns.

If you would like to know more about the evening, please contact Rev Julie Sear on either 01892 770436 or revjuliesear1@gmail.com
70 tickets available from either Linda Graham or Sheila Van Maurik.

In addition, we will be collecting goods for the East Grinstead Foodbank. A box will be in each church for the month of September. St Mary's School will also be part of our Harvest appeal. Here are some of the goods needed for the foodbank.

- DEODORANT FEMALE/MALE; TOILET PAPER (2+4 ROLL PACKS)
 - TOOTHPASTE; TINNED MEAT
 - PASTA 500G PACKS; SHAMPOO - MALE AND FEMALE; JAM
 - UHT MILK GREEN LONG LIFE 1 LITRE; TINNED VEG. PEAS /CARROTS / SWEETCORN
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- FINALLY - WE WELCOME GOOD CONDITION, 'BAGS FOR LIFE' TO REUSE, AS OUR STOCKS ARE LOW

Sunday 29th September will be a joint Harvest Service at St Mary's Church. All goods brought to church will go to the East Grinstead Food Bank and all financial gifts to the toilet twinning project. Everyone welcome.

Thank you so much. **Rev Julie**

TOILETS, TAPS AND TRAINING – A LIFESAVING TRIO
WE ARE FLUSHING AWAY POVERTY, ONE TOILET AT A TIME.

By donating £60 to twin your toilet, you help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

When you twin, we'll send you a certificate to hang in your loo – showing a photograph of your overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin's location on Google Maps!

Community Children's Choir

Are you between the ages of 8-14? Do you like singing fun songs and performing? Then do come along to the new Community Children's Choir starting in Hartfield Church this September.

Start date Monday 23rd September till Monday 2nd December.

Half term week commencing 28th October.

3.30pm to 4.15pm

Learn to sing a wide variety of different types of songs from classical to pop, and pick up some important musicianship skills along the way too!

Led by Frances Rowberry, an experienced local singing teacher, the sessions will be 45 mins once a week and cost £5.00 a session.

Contact Frances on 07719245539 or by email francesrowberry@hotmail.co.uk.

"A Transformed Life"

"Are you fully satisfied with life? Have you ever wondered how you can make more of your life - no matter what your age or life situation?"

Well the good news is that you can have the opportunity to explore these questions. Why not join us for **"A Transformed life"?**

Beginning the week of 16 September, two small groups will be looking at this challenge.

One group, led by Gill Philcox, will meet Monday afternoons - from 1.00-2.30pm at Joyce Jameson's in Upper Hartfield... allowing plenty of time to collect the children from school. A second group led by Kathy Green will meet Tuesday evenings from 17 September - from 7.45.

For these opening sessions, each group will provide a light shared lunch/supper to get the ball rolling!

If you have any questions about the groups, please do contact Gill or Kathy. We would love to see you!

Tom & Rosie Hewson - Small Group co-ordinators

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next prayer breakfast is on Saturday 14th September. 8.15-9.30pm

***St Mary's Church for a time of sharing and listening to the Lord.
Everyone welcome.***

Bishop Richard Jackson *announcement from
Bishop Martin*



It was announced on 3rd September from Downing Street that Bishop Richard is to be the next Bishop of Hereford.

Bishop Richard was ordained in this Diocese and has spent all his ministry here. We shall miss him, and Deborah, his wife, greatly.

In his time as Bishop of Lewes, Richard and Deborah have exercised an exceptionally generous ministry of hospitality – an outward expression of their pastoral and spiritual care for those with whom they share the Christian life. At the same time Richard has been imaginatively and generously engaged in turning our attention to the evangelistic and missional aspects of our vocation as a household of faith. He has encouraged this engagement across the whole spectrum of the Diocese, and done so with kindness, humour and flair (Harley Davison flare!).

Bishop Richard will continue in post with us until the end of this year: details will follow of our formal farewell to him and Deborah. Given that there will now be a vacancy in the suffragan sees of Horsham and Lewes, we have put in place the consultation process that is required for the appointment of two suffragan bishops. The first part of the process is setting up a consultation group. This group, appointed by the diocesan bishop, puts together a statement of why this diocese needs its suffragan bishops and a role description for each of the new appointments.

A School Prayer for St Mary's as they begin a new term.

We **pray** our **school** would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Bible Course

Trevor and Julie will be hosting and leading this course in the Rectory. The evening will begin with supper. 7pm-9pm commencing on the 18th September

An 8-session course helping you explore the world's bestseller.

Accessible and interactive, it will enhance and inform your ongoing Bible study, whether you are new to the Bible or want to go deeper. Using a unique storyline, the course shows how the key events, books and characters all fit together. You'll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible applies to your life. Please contact Trevor and Julie direct if you would like to attend.

revjuliesear1@gmail.com or 01892 770436

Donna Dewar will also be running the Bible Course for anyone who would like to attend during the daytime. Friday afternoons from 2-3.30pm commencing on Friday 20th September. All enquiries to Donna on 01342 326424

The state of the nation - a message from Bishop Martin.

“The decision to prorogue Parliament has heightened tensions and division in national life. How should we respond as the Church of England? Our primary contribution is one of prayer that seeks wisdom, truth, and respect for each other, at every level of national life, in what we do and say. I therefore ask that in every service conducted in our churches this coming Sunday there should be specific prayers offered for this nation, for the Queen, the government, all who bear the responsibility of public office, and the future welfare of every citizen and those who are domiciled here. Please pray for your local MP and all who represent the people of Sussex in Parliament. Resources for prayer and conversation for Brexit can be found on the Church of England’s website. I also commend the State Prayers that are in the Book of Common Prayer. The following words from the prayer for the High Court of Parliament has been used by previous generations in many such circumstances. It gives us a good outline of what we believe and what we seek: “That all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations”. Our second contribution is that we have a legitimate responsibility to expect from those in public office the standards of conduct in legislative policy, debate and decision that will contribute to recovering a sense of national unity. This is easy to say but difficult to deliver: we all know that. We look to the Prime Minister, his cabinet and his advisers to steady the nerve of the nation with temperate and prudent action. But at the local level, our own words and attitude can also contribute to a calm and constructive handling of the difficult times we are facing.”



Prayer

*God of justice and mercy
In your son you warned that a house divided against itself
would fall
Look with grace upon this country.
Bring wisdom in the face of haste
and humility in the context of dispute.
At this time of division and anxiety
Show your people a true way,
a deep truth and an abundant life;
that in years to come we might look back on these moments
and say this is when we truly understood who we are.*

Administrative Assistant

In October 2018, the Benefice employed a part time Administrative Assistant for Rev Julie. The post was for 8 hours per week and we were pleased to welcome Rachael Tufo. Rachael balanced her role alongside working the other days of the week at St Mary's School. Sadly, for personal reasons, Rachael resigned from both roles in June. We want to thank her for her time with us and wish her every blessing as she looks for a new job. The advert for the Benefice Post went into the newsletter and on the website for a month. During that time we had three enquiries but only one applicant. This applicant was interviewed by a representative from both churches. It was felt he had the skills for the job and will commence on the 2nd September. We welcome Trevor Sear into this post and we pray for him as he works alongside Julie on behalf of Holy Trinity and St Mary's. Donald Clarke and Kathy Green. Trevor will be working Tuesday's 1pm -4pm and Thursday's 9am – 3pm
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Websites

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