

# Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019



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



## Harvest Supper



On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

There are a few tickets left, please contact Rev Julie Sear on 01892 770436

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
- 
- FINALLY - WE WELCOME GOOD CONDITION, 'BAGS FOR LIFE' TO REUSE, AS OUR STOCKS ARE LOW

## **Joint Harvest Service**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 am 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!

**"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***

**Bishop Richard Jackson** *announcement from  
Bishop Martin*



*It was announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> September. All enquiries to Donna on 01342 326424

### *Prayer for Autumn and Harvest*

*We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,  
And we bless each other,  
That the beauty of this world,  
And the love that created it,  
Might be expressed through our lives  
And be a blessing to others,  
Now and always  
AMEN*



St Mary the Virgin  
Church of England School

*Learning with love, strength and faith following the example of Jesus*

## New! Prayer Meeting for St Marys School

*From Rachel Reid:*

I've arranged the first school prayer meeting for **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 09:30** in the church.

Everyone welcome. People can just turn up!

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 09:30 –**  
**12:00 at Trinity Hall**

Run by the Trinity Café Team and Friends. Raffle and competitions as well as excellent tea coffee cakes and scones!



Enquiries/donations to Pauline Maynard Tel: 01342 823618

# New! Together@4

Any Questions? - Contact Rev Julie on 01892 770436

**NEW!**  
SUNDAY'S:  
Oct 20, Nov 17,  
Jan 19, Feb 18,  
March 15

@ St Mary's  
Church,  
Hartfield

An informal &  
engaging service  
**TOGETHER  
@4**

Geared  
towards the  
young people  
but  
**EVERYONE  
is welcome!**

Time to **talk**  
& discuss  
how the  
**Bible** applies  
to **you.**

This new teatime service will commence on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker will be Loyd Harp from Rudgwick.

Hot Chocolate/coffee/lots of cake.

4pm at St Marys Church. Everyone welcome.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September till Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Half term week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:francesrowberry@hotmail.co.uk)

### Websites

[www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org)

[www.colemanshatchchurch.org](http://www.colemanshatchchurch.org)