

Newsletter – 10th October 2021

St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Repairs to St Mary's Spire

Over the past few months you may have noticed the ladders on the spire of St Mary's. They made a wonderful picture on the front of last month's Chronicle. The ladders belong to the steeplejack who has been inspecting and then repairing the shingles on the spire. There were a number of different areas that needed attention.

The cost of the work carried out was a little under £9,000 which St Mary's has financed. No grants are available for this work. We thank those that have already made donations towards this work.

Before this work St Mary's had an outstanding loan of £35,000 following the major repairs and improvements to the church's facilities completed two years ago. St Mary's also have reserves to cover emergencies of £20,000. These reserves have allowed St Mary's to authorize the work to be completed before the autumn and winter weather resulted in further damage to the spire. This has made a big dent in St Mary's reserves.

Please consider making a donation to help fund this work so that St Mary's can continue to be maintained to a high standard. It is important that your Parish church is available for the school, baptism's, weddings and funerals and for all community events for years to come. Please contact Tim Jackson, Hartfield PCC Treasurer (timjackson317@hotmail.com or 01342 850902) for details on how to make a donation.

A summary update from our Vision morning which was facilitated for us by Canon Rev Rob Dillingham

St Marys have been asked to produce a realistic Mission Action Plan for our church and community

Inward

Developing Home Groups to study the bible and have an opportunity to share with each other. There are currently two homegroups established with about 24 people signed up. The current study is looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Prayer

Prayer meetings happen every Monday and Tuesday 8.30-9am in St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome.

School

A school covenant has been signed to work more closely with the church and community. If you would like to volunteer to help in the school or attend the weekly Collective Worship services, please let me know. Every Wednesday at St Mary's 9.30-10am.

Upward

Looking at our current Sunday patterns of worship. These will remain the same for the time being with occasional 8am BCP Holy Communion.

Much discussion was had around our children and youth work.

Sunday Discoverer's has commenced with a team of 5 planning and leading. This is for our age 3-8 year olds on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

It was agreed we would continue with a once a month connect@6. This will be led by Kate Dillingham at the Rectory with bible study and a meal. For year 6 upwards.

We need to look at holding other events throughout the year to engage our young people.

It was felt there was a need for a 'drop in' community youth group each week. This is under discussion.

Sunday Team's. These were established last year and work well for our Sunday morning worship. The hope is to recruit a few more to join a team to enable the welcome, prayers, readings and gift of hospitality and worship to be shared.

Finally, Outward

How were we engaging with our community?

We have re-launched our café on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 2-4pm.

We could do with more people to help set up, serve and bake.

This is a great opportunity to welcome people into the church.

Please let Joanne or Linda know if you are able to help in some way.

Events such as The Live Nativity were seen as a priority. A date has been set to meet up and plan but we would love to have a team to set up, make soup and welcome on the night. The date of this years event is Friday 17th December at 6pm.

Open the Book.

Is a wonderful provision for bringing the bible to life for St Mary's School. We would like to re-establish Open the Book once a month, to perform some dramatic readings from the bible. If you are interested in finding out more, please let Rev Julie know.

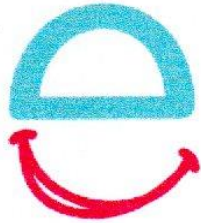
Toddler Group.

For many years, St Mary's hosted a toddler group. We would like to launch a toddler group to 'piggy back' the cafe on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and use the church with a small team on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. We would like to launch this after October half term. This appears to be a priority for the village. We have had discussions with Hartfield Playschool and they are very supportive and will come up once a month to meet parents and lead a story time.

We can only get this up and running if we have a team to help. Please would you prayerfully consider joining this team by having a conversation with Rev Julie.

We know from our sermon series as we looked at Nehemiah, the walls were rebuilt because everyone played their part. Please pray and let me know if you would like to talk further.

Rev Julie



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† *Funerals*

The funeral of Jane Holland will take place at St Mary's on Friday 15th October at 11.00am followed by a burial in the churchyard.

The funeral of Anthony Shillingford will take place on Wednesday 20th October at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Memorial Service



There will be a memorial service for Mick Neale at 11:15am on Sunday 7th November at St Mary's Church.

Remembrance Sunday



On 14th November. Services at 10:45 in both churches.

Upcoming Services

17th October

Theme: What are we doing with God's World?

9.30am St Mary's – Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers

11.00am Holy Trinity – Matins BCP

24th October

Theme: Bible Sunday

9.30am St Mary's – Morning Worship.

11.00am Holy Trinity – Holy Communion BCP

31st October

8am Said BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's Church

10am. Joint service of thanksgiving and praise at Holy Trinity.

7th November

9.30am St Mary's – Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Trinity – Matins BCP

6:30pm Holy Trinity – Choral Evensong



For your diaries

On 28th November at 10:00 am there will be a joint service at St Mary's led by the Bishop of Lewes, The Rt Revd Will Hazlewood. No service at Holy Trinity.

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