

Newsletter 22nd January 2023



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

An Invitation to follow Jesus.



Matthew 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Collect Prayers

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

TRINITY



Talks

Trinity talks in Trinity Hall

The next Trinity talk to take place is on the 17th of February

Speaker: Nigel Manger.

Subject: Life on Submarines.

Time: The talk will begin at 6pm and will last for about 45 minutes.

Refreshments will be offered from 5.45pm, and also after the talk, when questions may be asked.

Hope to see you there.

Contact the following for more details and booking.

events@colemanshatchchurch.org

Caroline Daszewska on 01342 321150



Trinity Cafe

In Trinity Hall, Coleman's Hatch
From 9.30am-12pm

Please come and join us for Homemade
cake, tea and coffee.

Everyone is welcome!

Next Dates are:

Thursday 26th January

Thursday 9th February



For more information, please contact

Caroline Daszewska 01342 321150

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Church Street Community Cafe

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

upcoming dates

Thursday 2nd February.

Thursday 16th February - This will be held at
the Rectory and not at the Church.

Thursday 2nd March.

Thursday 16th March.

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on
07941 856715 or msjoannegriffin@gmail.com



Kate's Children and Youth Corner



Sunday Discoverers 1st and
3rd Sunday's at St Mary's 9.30am.

We come to the New Year after the celebrations and fun of Christmas to a new term and programme of stories.

We are excited to see all the children and their families in church ready to start their activities.

The themes for this term come from the book, 'The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross' which is a condensed journey through the Bible from the story of the Garden of Eden, to the Crucifixion of Jesus and His Resurrection.

At each session we have an introductory prayer, the story, drawing and craftwork, then writing of prayers. The older children also read the story from the Bible and there is time for questions and discussion.

These sessions are interspersed with joint activities on 2nd and 4th Sundays led by Kate Dillingham.

The next Sunday Discoverers' session is on 5th February when we have the story where Adam and Eve are banished from the Garden.

Future dates for Sunday Discoverers are 5th March and 19th March.

With holiday bible club service on the 19th February.

Do come and join us.

Sunday Discoverers Team.

LITTLE STARS

Parent & toddler group
Every Monday @ St Mary's
Church, Hartfield



9.15 to 10.45am
Tea & Coffee provided

Connect@5 runs from
5 - 6.30pm

The next Connect @5 dates are:
Thursday 26th January
Thursday 9th February

Please Contact Kate Dillingham for more information



You are invited to

Knights of the King



Feb 16th-17th 2023

St Mary's Church, Hartfield

10am-3pm £15 Primary school age

<https://knightsofthekinghartfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

Signed,

Knight Kate of Hartfield

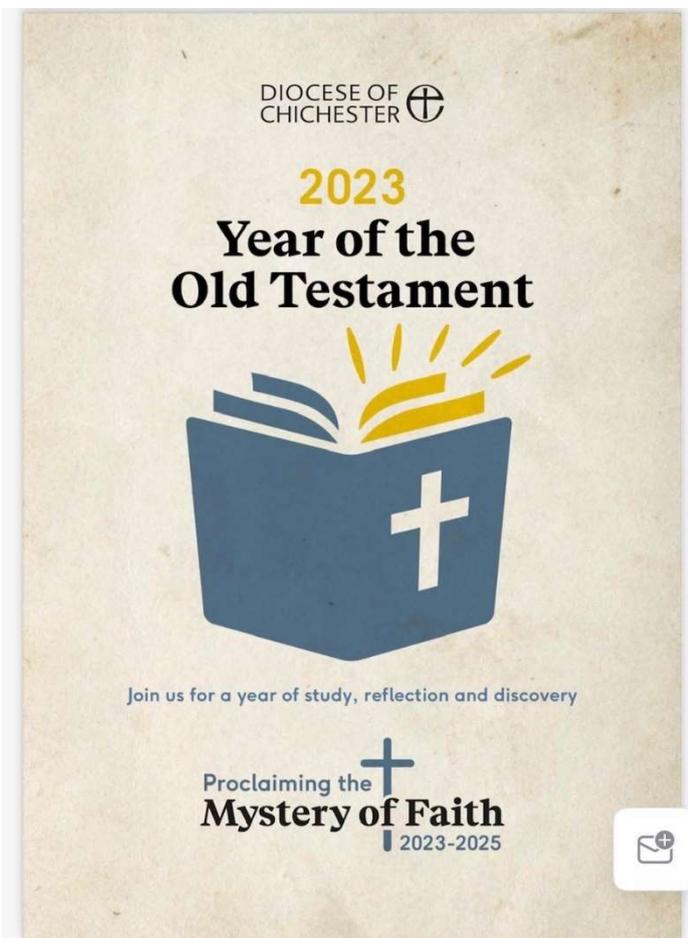
Limited Numbers

For more information contact: katedillingham97@gmail.com



If you would like to get in touch with Kate her email is
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In Events in the Diocese



2023 will be kept as a **Year of the Old Testament** and 2024 as a **Year of the New Testament**.

These will prepare us for a special **Year of Faith** in 2025 which marks both 1700 years of the Council of Nicaea and 950 years of Christian mission in the diocese based in Chichester.

The Year of the Old Testament will include:

- A **Lent course** in which different authors share perspectives on the Old Testament, paying close attention to the relevant biblical passages and the way they have been used in the Christian tradition, with reference to relevant art and music.
- A **series of seminars** to be conducted online which will look at various books of the Bible such as Exodus, the Psalms, the Song of Songs and Isaiah, with some added sessions for those who would like to take their study to a deeper level. (Details to be confirmed in the New Year)
- And finally a fortnightly **online book group** on the first two books of the Bible: 'Reading Genesis and Exodus as Christian Scripture for Today's Church'.

If you are interested in the **online book group**, here are some further details:

This is afternoon and evening group which will be led jointly by The Revd Marc Lloyd (Rector of Warbleton, Bodle Street Green & Dallington, who has written and taught on a wide range of biblical and theological subjects) and by The Revd Thomas Pelham (Rector of Burwash, Burwash Weald & Etchingham, who is part of the podcasting team at *Irreverend: Faith and Current Affairs*).

We will aim to read these books with and for the church, seeking to encounter Christ and consider the New Testament fulfilment of these texts, as well as their contemporary relevance.

These sessions will enable participants to engage deeply with these seminal books by looking at the big picture and reading key passages closely. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

This group will take place through the year on Zoom at approximately fortnightly intervals (excluding Lent, August and Advent). Sessions are from 1:30pm to 2:45pm and 7:45pm to 9pm on Wednesdays.

Each session will include a set Bible text, which participants are asked to read and think about in advance. No further reading will be required but suggestions will be available.

Anyone is welcome at any session, and of course you may not be able to make every one, but we hope as far as possible to have a settled group for the sessions on Genesis or Exodus or both.

Genesis sessions: 11th Jan (Invitation, introduction – Jesus quotes the Torah – Matthew 22:23-40); 25th Jan; 8th Feb; 19th April; 3rd May; 17th May; 7th June; 21st June; 5th July; 19th July.

Exodus sessions: 6th Sept; 20th Sept; 4th Oct; 18th Oct; 1st Nov; 15th Nov; 29th Nov

If you are interested, please contact The Revd Marc Lloyd: marc_lloyd@hotmail.com

Services

» **Sunday 29th January**

9.30am – Café Church at St Mary's.

11am – Matins BCP at Holy Trinity.

» **Sunday 5th February**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's.

11am – Matins BCP at Holy Trinity.

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity.

» **Sunday 12th February**

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's.

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.

» **Sunday 19th February**

8am – BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.30am – Holiday Club Service at St Mary's.

There will be no Holy Communion at this Service.

11am – Matins BCP at Holy Trinity.



If you would like to Donate to East Grinstead Foodbank please bring items to the church.

Demand is still very high.

Please note: ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN-DATE and WE CANNOT ACCEPT HOME-MADE or PERISHABLE FOODS

Things they are in need of:

TINNED PEAS

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED CARROTS

TINNED SWEETCORN

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED RICE PUDDING

TINNED FRUIT

For more information please visit

<https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>

Or download the 'bankthefood' app to see their needs in real-time.





This week we are praying for...

For peace and justice in our world. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to our Parishes, for host families and for the whole support network. We pray especially for the recent loss of life in the helicopter crash.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love.

For those who are unwell including Jim; Rob; Andrea; Ardyne and Sandra; for Rosie Hewson; For those who have been bereaved. For Jonathan Bruce and his family as they grieve the loss of his mother.

We give thanks for all who have given so much over the past twelve months both here in church and in our communities. I am deeply grateful for the way you use your gifts to build up our churches and help them become beacons for our communities.

For bells and choir; Organist and pianist: coffee makers and those who welcome: Those who serve and bake for our cafés. School Governors and those who hear the children read; PCC's; Treasurers; Church Wardens: PCC Secretary's; Children's church and Connect@5. Kate our Children and Youth worker: Elaine our Benefice Administrator; Flower arrangers; those who look after our buildings; churchyards; visiting; Homegroups; intercessors; readers; Trinity Lectures; HATCH; the Village Lunch and so much more. Thank you!

Our Mission Action Plans have been reviewed and printed for each church. These are working documents that express our vision and mission for 2023. Please take one, use it in your prayer time, if there are ways in which you can offer your time and talents we would love to hear from you.

Rev Julie

*I can do all things
through Christ
who Strengthens me.*

- Philippians 4:13

