



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



Epiphany a poem by Malcolm Guite

It might have been just someone else's story,
Some chosen people get a special king.
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with
them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought
him,
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In temples they found those who sold and bought
him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Isaiah 60: 1-6

The Glory of Zion

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Collect Prayers

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 in Trinity Hall

The next Trinity talk to take place is on the 20th of January

Speaker: Philip Glyn

Subject: It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet!

Time: From 6pm lasting about 45 mins followed by a Q&A
Refreshments will be offered from 5.45pm and also after the talk. Donations would be appreciated towards the cost of refreshments.

Contact the following for more details and booking.

events@colemanshatchchurch.org

Caroline Daszewska on 01342 321150

Trinity Café

Please come and join us for homemade cake, tea and coffee. Everyone is Welcome!

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

Next Dates are:

Thursday 12th January

Thursday 26th January



For more information, please contact

Sheila Van Maurik on 01892 770 273

Eve James on 07753 615032

Church Street Community Café

St Mary's Church

Please come and join us everyone is welcome!

With Homemade cake, tea and coffee.

From 2pm to 4pm

every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Next dates are:

Thursday 19th January

Thursday 2nd February



For more information, please contact

Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715

or email msjoannegriffin@gmail.com

Kate's Children and Youth Corner

1st & 3rd Sundays, 9.30am

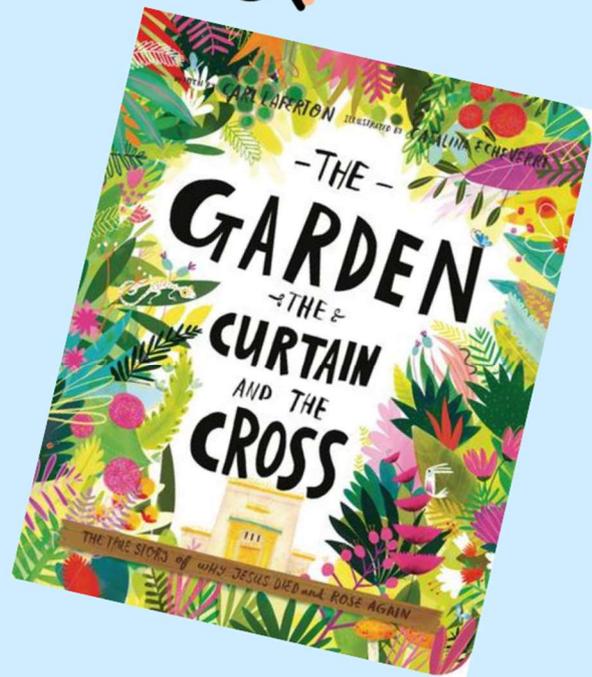


From ages
3-6 & 7-11
years old

Dates of Sunday
Discoverers this term

15th Jan
5th Feb
5th March
2nd April
16th April

Join us as we look at
the **WHOLE** Bible in
ONLY 5 sessions!



Come with us as we learn about God and what
he made. What he promised us to help us fix
our **BIG** problem....

Connect@5

In Church

12th Jan
26th Jan
9th Feb
2nd March
16th March
30th March
EASTER

5-6.30pm
Games, Food, Bible study

For more information contact
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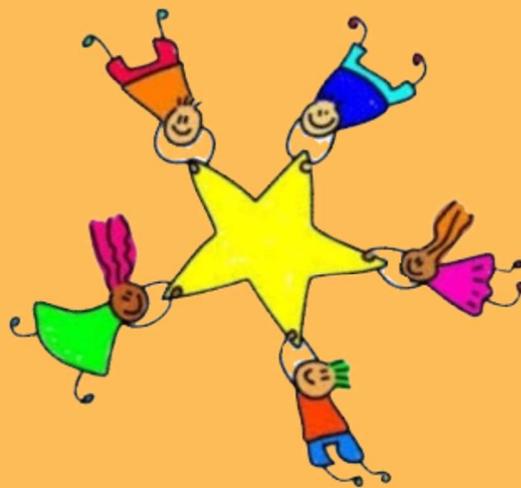
Year 5 and up



LITTLE STARS



Parent and toddler
group starting Monday
16th January 2023



9.15 to 10.45am, Every
Monday@
St Mary's Church Hartfield



If you would like to get in touch with Kate her email is
katedillingham97@gmail.com

Services

» **Sunday 15th January**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's.

11am – Matins BCP at Holy Trinity.

» **Sunday 22nd January**

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's.

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.

» **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.



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 on 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.

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 those who have been bereaved. For Jonathan Bruce and his family as they grieve the loss of his mother. For the family of Laura Medhurst.

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!



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

- Philippians 4:13

