

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

These monthly and weekly bulletins of news and events from our three churches, each with their heavenward-pointing spires, contain much, we hope, that 'InSpires' you as a member of our parishes. Please do look and see what is coming up in June, as we gather for worship, fellowship, arts and music, children's events and much more.

Here, a few summer reflections on something that inspires me. June is the month of long evenings – perhaps time for some solstice star-gazing. Take time, if you can, to stop and stare at the 100,000 million stars in our galaxy, and imagine, way beyond the view of the naked eye, the 100,000 million other galaxies that make up the universe. Take a moment to be aware of yourself as you gaze out from our world. The intricate workings of your body are just as awesome as the vastness of the firmament. There are some 7,000 million million million atoms in your body. In each one there is a nucleus surrounded by a cloud of electrons - on the scale of a grain of sand in the Albert Hall.

There is only one of you in the universe. Your uniqueness is stamped countless times on every millimetre of the 13 million miles of DNA in your body. It has been suggested that both the enormity of space and the intricacies of every atom are necessary and intentional pre-requisites for just one thing - for you to be sitting right where you are - in this time, and in this place.

You sit, suspended in divine animation, between the sub-atomic and the galactic, made in God's image, the pinnacle of creation. Both the invisible atoms and distant stars are bound in their stations by laws of physics and nature. They have no will and no choice. But you - even as you read this a multitude of thoughts are tumbling through your mind. Think about yesterday, today and tomorrow. Think about the people in your life; about the things you are looking forward to and the things you are dreading. Think of all you have done. Think of all you could do. Think of the possibilities of this life. You are amazing.

When we take a moment to enjoy God's creation we are not alone – the stars we gaze at are the same stars that have been watched by the psalmists of old. One wrote -

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14)*

Now that inspires me – how about you?

Stephen Hills



Worship this Sunday

Sunday 1st June 2025

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

**(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect
due to school holidays)**

Led by and Preacher Rev Juile Sear

At St Mary's, Cowden

10.30am Morning Worship

Led by and Preacher Rev Stephen Hills

At Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Matins

Led by Donna Dewar

Preacher Rev Julie Sear

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Tuesday 3rd June

7.30pm – Alpha (Does God Heal Today?)

Thursday 5th June

2pm-4pm Church Street Community Café
Homemade cake, tea & coffee. Everyone welcome

Sunday 8th June

Pentecost

9.30am Morning Worship

with Maycamp reunion

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Tuesday 10th June

7.30pm – Alpha (What About the Church?)

Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Led by and Preacher Rev Nigel Hinton

Thursday 19th June

2pm-4pm Church Street Community Café
Homemade cake, tea & coffee. Everyone welcome

Sunday 22nd June

The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship

with Maycamp reunion

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Sunday 29th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Morning Praise with International Needs

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Tuesday 1st July

7.30pm Praise and Prayer. Everyone welcome

Thursday 3rd July

2pm-4pm Church Street Community Café
Homemade cake, tea & coffee. Everyone welcome

Sunday 6th July

The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Children and Youth Corner



5pm-6.15pm Connect at Hartfield Village Hall
Youths aged 10+. Games, food and fun!

- 5th June
- 19th June
- 3rd July



5pm-6pm Connect Extra
at The Oast for youths aged 10+. Read, question
and explore the Christian faith together!

- 12th June



9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 2nd June
- 9th June
- 16th June
- 23rd June
- 30th June



9.30am Sunday Connect

at The Oast for Youths aged 10+ for breakfast and
chat to build a relationship with Jesus – during the
Sunday Communion service

- 15th June
- 6th July

There will be NO Sunday Connect on 1st June due
to school holidays.



9.30am Sunday Discoverers

Children up to 10 years to learn more about our
Creator – during the Sunday Communion service

- 15th June
- 6th July

There will be NO Sunday Discoverers on 1st June
due to school holidays.

Sunday 1st June

11am-5pm - CHHS Open Gardens Weekend; teas available

Saturday 7th June

6.30pm-9.30pm - New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band will be playing at an all-age event on the tennis lawn behind Trinity Hall. Tickets are available from the Trinity Café team for £10 (children under 16 free). Bring a picnic! (see flyer)

Sunday 8th June

Pentecost

11am Holy Communion

Led by and Preacher Rev David Tidswell

Saturday 14th June

2pm-5.30pm Tea, Talk and private garden tour of a local Jekyll inspired garden

Trinity Hall and private garden tour; tickets £25 with proceeds being donated to our local charity Jigsaw. (see flyer)

Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday

11am Matins

Led by Donna Dewar

Preacher Rev Nigel Hinton

Thursday 22nd May

9.30am-12pm Trinity Café at Trinity Hall

Serving hot chocolate, coffee, tea & cake.

Friday 20th June

from 6pm Trinity Talks

Admiral Sir James Perowne on "Being Governor at Windsor Castle. Tickets £10 per person including drinks and canapés with donations to our local charity Jigsaw. (see flyer)

Saturday 21st June

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group

Please contact Donna Dewar for more details.

Sunday 22nd June

The First Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Friday 27th June

7pm – Scottish Country Dancing at Trinity Hall

£5 per adult including a glass of wine. (children free)

Sunday 29th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

11am Songs of Praise

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear

Sunday service is followed by a lunch by invitation in Trinity Hall.

Sunday 6th July

The Third Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Led by Donna Dewar

Preacher Rev Julie Sear

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Led by and Preacher Rev Julie Sear



Jazz on the Lawn
Saturday 7th June 2025
6.30pm-9.30pm

Join us on Saturday 7th June at 6.30pm for an all age family event with the New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band.

Tickets are £10 per person, children under 16 free.
(Available from the Café team)

Bring a picnic, relax and enjoy the music.

On the tennis lawn behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN

All donations go towards our local charity, Jigsaw charity no. 114696 which supports children and young people following the death of a parent or loved one.

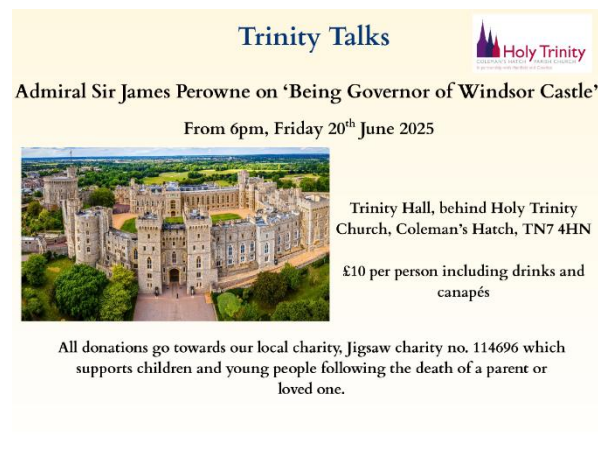


An afternoon With Gertrude Jekyll
Saturday June 14th 14:00-17:30
Colemans Hatch Holy Trinity Church Hall
And private garden tour

Join us for a unique opportunity to discover how Gertrude Jekyll inspired gardens within Coleman Hatch and surrounds with a talk and cream tea at Coleman's Hatch Holy Trinity Church Hall, followed by a private garden tour of a Jekyll inspired garden.

Ticket Price £25

With proceeds being donated to Jigsaw, the East Grinstead based bereavement charity for children and young adults
For tickets or further information please contact Denise Holland on 07534933593 or Deniseholland46@gmail.com



Trinity Talks

Admiral Sir James Perowne on 'Being Governor of Windsor Castle'
From 6pm, Friday 20th June 2025

Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN

£10 per person including drinks and canapés

All donations go towards our local charity, Jigsaw charity no. 114696 which supports children and young people following the death of a parent or loved one.

Friday 6th June



10am-12pm Cowden Community Café at
Cowden Village Hall

Sunday 8th June

Pentecost

10.30am Morning Worship

Led by and Preacher Donna Dewar

Saturday 14th June

from 12.30am Cowden Fete at the Recreation
Ground. (see flyer)

Sunday 15th June

Trinity Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion

Led by and Preacher Rev Stephen Hills

Friday 20th June



10am-12pm Cowden Community Café at
Cowden Village Hall

Sunday 22nd June

The First Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Joint Service with St Mary's Hartfield

Led by & Preacher Stephen Hills

3.30pm Cowden Forest Church
(see flyer)



Sunday 29th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Led by & Preacher Stephen Hills

Sunday 6th July

The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Led by and Preacher by Rev Stephen Hills

Save the Dates:

June 14th – Cowden Fete



4th Sundays at 3.30-4.30pm

22nd June

**A family time of worship
and activities in church
and outside, as we
celebrate God's
creation.**

**Songs, crafts, story
prayers, tea and cakes.**

**Come dressed for the
great outdoors!**

Meet in church at 3.30pm

Cowden Fete

Cowden are holding their fete on **14th June from 12.30pm** on the recreation field. The church runs the cakes and refreshments stall. Please speak to Hilary Clarkson if you would like to donate.



Open Gardens



The **Coleman's Hatch Horticultural Society** are holding a weekend of open gardens on **31st May and 1st June**.

Hartfield Horticultural Society are having their Open Gardens on the weekend of **21st – 22nd June** from 1pm to 4pm, with eight gardens to view and tea and coffee available at each garden. Tickets are £5 from the memorial gardens.

The Bible Series

7 sessions on "Experience a Better Story" will be explored during Sunday services in St Mary's Hartfield and Holy Trinity as detailed below.



The Bible Series: Experience a Better Story

11th May – Introduction to the Bible

Introducing the Bible as the world's bestselling book, which tells our human story and is a place to encounter God



18th May – Origins & Meaning

Introducing the theme of Origins and the meaning of life



1st June – Exodus & Freedom

Introducing the theme of Exodus and how we can find true freedom



15th June – Exile & Peace

Introducing the theme of Exile and finding peace in the storms of life



22nd June – Messiah & Love

Introducing the theme of Messiah, the source of love



6th July – Spirit & Community

Introducing the theme of Spirit and experiencing real community



20th July – Hope & Home

Introducing the theme of Hope and our ultimate home



If you would like to donate to East Grinstead food bank, there are boxes in both St Mary's Hartfield and Holy Trinity churches.

Here is a list of the items they are currently are in urgent need of:

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| • Kitchen Roll | • Hair Conditioner |
| • Tinned Tuna | • Surface Spray Cleaner |
| • Porridge 500g | • Instant Mash Potato |
| • Shaving Foam | • Coffee Small/Large |

Please note items must be in date, not homemade and non-perishable

For more information visit
eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Ascension Day Sonnet by Malcolm Guide

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our
sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.



This week we are praying...

Pray for the Church of England. General Synod meets 11th -15th July in York.

Pray for the Crown Nominations Commission - 20 member body responsible for nominating the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for the church and the public as they contribute to the consultations. Pray that God's person for the post will be found. A person of prayer, wisdom and integrity. A good communicator. A strong shepherd of the sheep. Strong spiritual leadership, a deeply rooted faith. A Bishop who loves God's church and it's calling to be a holy people. Like St Paul, they will be all too aware of their weakness, and ready to hear the words "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12.9)

For the Catholic Church and newly elected Pope Leo XIV, that he may speak boldly for truth and justice.

For peace and justice in our world, for all caught up in war and conflict, and for peacemakers. For Israel and Gaza, that the current escalation in the conflict will stop and that aid will reach those in need. For the war in Ukraine, that sincere discussions to end the conflict will commence, and a just settlement bringing lasting peace to Ukraine. For India and Pakistan, that following recent border strikes in the Kashmir region, the current ceasefire will hold, and that a peaceful solution to the crisis be found.

For the leaders of the nations. For the United States that President Trump would exercise power and influence wisely, and heed the caution of moderate voices in policies and the alliances he forges.

For Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, our government,

all politicians and community leaders, that they would work together in the best interests of all, not heeding voices of disruption from within and outside the UK.

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.

We pray for our own parishes as we seek to look after God's creation.

We pray for all our summer activities. Give us opportunities to welcome in newcomers and to be hospitable and loving to those we meet.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, who have lost loved ones or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love. We pray especially for all those undergoing treatment at this time.

With every blessing,

Rev Julie

Prayers and Contacts



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