

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Dear Friends,

Just recently, Trevor and I have had two camping trips. One by a river for two nights. The second site was in Cornwall overlooking St Agnes Head. Both sites were set in places of beauty with an opportunity to 'slow down'. We didn't put ourselves under pressure, it was enough to enjoy the peace and quiet. We ate simply and read our books. I came back feeling very restored.

God gave us a Sabbath day to enjoy. It might not mean it is taken on a Saturday or a Sunday, but it is important to pause and enjoy those things around us that pass us by. The flowers in the garden. The sound of the bees busy at work. Perhaps like me you enjoy finding a quiet spot to read a book or play a game with the children. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). This quote emphasizes the Sabbath as a gift from God for humanity's spiritual and physical well-being. God saw it as being important for us to live.

Sometimes it is enough to make a small change and find it makes a big difference.

All of our churches have wonderful events that take place every week across the year. I am so grateful for all those who volunteer with servant hearts to make those events happen. I hope all of you will have an opportunity to take a break either at home or away.

Do have a look at our inSPIRES newsletter to find out what is happening over the summer at all three churches.

With every blessing.

Rev Canon Julie Sear



Worship this Sunday

Sunday 6th July 2025

The Third Sunday After Trinity

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Juile Sear

At St Mary's, Cowden

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

At Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Sunday 13th July

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Songs of Praise

with tour of the churchyard

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Thursday 17th July

2pm-4pm Church Street Community Café

Homemade cake, tea & coffee. Everyone welcome

Sunday 20th July

The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead: Rev Nigel Hinton

Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Monday 21st July

9.30am St Mary's School Leavers Service

Sunday 27th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Breakfast

With bacon butties/roll followed by:

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Sunday 3rd August

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Breakfast

With bacon butties/roll followed by:

9.30am Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers or Sunday Connect due to school holidays)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Thursday 7th August

2pm-4pm Church Street Community Café

Homemade cake, tea & coffee. Everyone welcome

Save the Dates:

July 27th – 24th August, 8.30am (Sundays only)

Breakfasts prior to Sunday services

July 29th – 3rd September, 5.30pm – 8pm

(Tuesdays only)

Picnics on the Croft (see flyer below)

Children and Youth Corner



5pm-6.15pm Connect at Hartfield Village Hall

Youths aged 10+. Games, food and fun!

- 17th July

There will be NO Connect during August due to school holidays.



5pm-6pm Connect Extra

at The Oast for youths aged 10+. Read, question and explore the Christian faith together!

- 10th July

There will be NO Connect Extra during August due to school holidays.



9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 7th July
- 14th July

There will be NO Little Stars during the school holidays.



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

- 6th July
- 20th July

There will be NO Sunday Connect during August due to school holidays.



9.30am Sunday Discoverers

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

- 6th July
- 20th July

There will be NO Sunday Discoverers during August due to the school holidays.

Thursday 10th July

9.30am-12pm Trinity Café at Trinity Hall
Serving hot chocolate, coffee, tea & cake.

Sunday 13th July

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

11am Holy Communion

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Donna Dewar

Sunday 20th July

The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

11am Matins

Lead: Donna Dewar

Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Thursday 24th July

9.30am-12pm Trinity Café at Trinity Hall
Serving hot chocolate, coffee, tea & cake.

Saturday 26th July

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group will be meeting at the home of Frank Dean.

Please contact Donna Dewar for more details.

Sunday 27th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Sunday 3rd August

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Save the Dates:

31st August 11am- Pet Service (see flyer)

St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)

Friday 4th July



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

Tuesday 8th July

3.30pm - Bible Study Group
2nd session on Romans at the Rectory -
contact Rev Stephen Hills for details

Sunday 13th July

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Tuesday 15th July

3.30pm - Bible Study Group
3rd session on Romans at the Rectory -
contact Rev Stephen Hills for details

Friday 18th July



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

Sunday 20th July

The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Patronal Festival

10.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Tuesday 22nd July

3.30pm - Bible Study Group
4th session on Romans at the Rectory -
contact Rev Stephen Hills for details

Sunday 27th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

3.30pm Cowden Forest Church (see flyer)

Tuesday 29th July

3.30pm - Bible Study Group
5th session on Romans at the Rectory -
contact Rev Stephen Hills for details

Sunday 3rd August

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton



The Bible Series

7 sessions on "Experience a Better Story" are being explored during Sunday services in St Mary's Hartfield and Holy Trinity. For the remaining upcoming sessions, see below.



The Bible Series: Experience a Better Story



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

Baptism & Confirmation Service



There is to be a Confirmation and Baptism service at **Frant on 16th September**.

If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed please do contact Rev Julie. The baptisms will probably happen either in St Mary's church in Hartfield or for those wanting full immersion, we will be using a pool.

Songs of Praise

@ St Mary's, Hartfield

There will be a Songs of Praise service on **Sunday 13th July at 9.30am at Hartfield**. The service will include a tour of the churchyard.

Trinity Talks & Scottish County Dancing

Trinity Talks and Scottish Country Dancing are having a summer break. **There will be no Trinity Talk events or Scottish Country Dancing sessions in July or August**. The next Scottish Country Dancing will be on Friday 26th September.

Update from Charity Barn Dance

The barn dance held in May in the grounds at Holy Trinity raised over £1000 for their chosen charity, Jigsaw. Many thanks to all those who attended and to the organisers and volunteers who helped to make this such a successful event.

Summer @ St Mary's, Hartfield

Throughout the summer, we will be having our **summer picnics** on the Croft. **Every Tuesday evening from 29th July to 2nd September (inclusive) turn up anytime from 5.30pm until 8pm**. We are asking for a family a week to host these, e.g. welcoming families, organising games etc., see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church for this.

Also, through the summer, prior to the Sunday service, there will **breakfasts** provided from **27th July to 31st August (inclusive) from 8.30am to 9.15am**.



Hartfield Fete – Bottle Stall

The annual fete in Hartfield is to take place on **Saturday 6th September on the Croft.**

As we have for the last few years, St Mary's in Hartfield is running the bottle stall. This is being organised and run on the day by Rebecca and Stuart Johnson. Please could we ask for donations of bottles (in date please) to be left either in church or at The Hay Waggon Granary where Ian and Roz will store them. Please support Rebecca and Stuart; this is an excellent fundraiser for the church. For more details see Rebecca or Stuart

Holy Trinity Pet Service

We would love to see you and your pets for a **Pet Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing** taking place in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch on **Sunday 31st August at 11am**

To ensure that no pets are harmed, we politely request that dogs are on leads and small pets are safely in baskets. If your pet can't come, you are welcome to bring a photo or your cuddly pet toy with you instead. Horses and sheep welcome too. To find out more, please contact Donna Dewar: 01342 326424

Refreshments afterwards for both pets and humans.

Cowden Forest Church

The next session is on 27th July at 3.30pm. All welcome. See details below:



Cowden Forest Church

4th Sundays at 2.30-4.30pm

22nd June,
27th July,
24th August

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 dress for the great outdoors!

Meet in church at 3.30pm

Newsletter - August

There will be no newsletter in August.

There will be weekly bulletins until the end of July and then a break until the newsletter on the first week of September.



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:

- Kitchen Roll
- Tinned Custard
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Capsules
- Tinned Rice
- Pudding
- Microwave Rice (2 minute)
- Washing Up Liquid
- Surface Spray Cleaner
- Toilet Rolls (pack of 4)
- Dog Food (400g tin)
- Toothbrushes (adult)

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

For more information visit eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk



This week we are praying...

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 sufficient aid will reach those in need to avert the dangers of disease and malnutrition.

For the war in Ukraine, that the Russian government would enter into sincere negotiations, that a ceasefire would be established and a just settlement be found bringing lasting peace to Ukraine.

For the leaders of the nations.

For Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, our government, all politicians and community leaders.

- As we pray, please remember the increase in military spending; the erosion of welfare payments;
- the Assisted Dying Bill;
- Those who are meeting to discuss and pray into a new Archbishop of Canterbury.

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.

Schools as they near the end of term. For staff and families to have good rest over the summer

For all who are recovering from surgery or facing test results.

We especially remember to pray for Ros Cope;
Sandra Owen; John Chalke; Pauline Maynard

With every blessing,

Rev Julie

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