

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

'Meteorological Autumn' started this week, as I write this at the very beginning of September. And it shows – right now it is 'blowing a hoolie' (as my mother used to say) and pouring with rain. It is a new season, and there has been much in the media in recent days about how the seasons are shifting with the climate. We were already picking blackberries in early August this year, and as I walked up to the church in the wind this morning, conkers were already falling around me. There is concern for the knock-on effect for animals and birds (particularly migratory ones) if the food they rely on does not appear at the expected time of year.

We may not worry about what we shall eat, as we shop in supermarkets whose shelves are always full, and yet still our lives are affected by the seasons. For many, the evenings drawing in, cooler weather, and perhaps fewer opportunities to socialise with others as folk get back to the business of life after their summer breaks, may dampen the spirits.

Yet autumn is also a season of thankfulness, and many studies have shown that having an 'attitude of gratitude' can be a powerful way to boost one's mood and sense of wellbeing. In a few weeks we shall celebrate the Harvest in our churches, and thank those who provide for our daily needs. Soon after that will come acts of Remembrance when we thank those who paid so dearly for our freedom. And then, still in the distance but it will soon approach, Advent and Christmas when we thank God for the gift of the Christ-child, full of peace and joy.

As we go into autumn, I encourage you to find the warmth of fellowship in our churches and groups as we gather Sunday by Sunday and week by week to worship God with thankful hearts. May this autumn be a time of fruitfulness and blessing for us all. I close with words of promise from the Old Testament:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV)

Stephen



Worship this Sunday

Sunday 7th September 2025

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

At St Mary's, Cowden

10.30am Songs of Praise

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

Thursday 4th September

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

Saturday 6th September

12pm-4.30pm Hartfield Village Fete

Tuesday 9th September

7.30pm Praise and Prayer

Sunday 14th September

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship, including baptism

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Thursday 18th September

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

Sunday 21st September

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 28th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead: Matt Marriott

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Thursday 2nd October

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

Saturday 4th October

6.30pm-8.30pm Harvest Supper (see details and flyer below)

Sunday 5th October

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Harvest Family Service with Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers or Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Save the Dates:

September 6th, 12.30pm

Hartfield Fete on the Croft

October 4th, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Harvest Supper (see flyer below)

Children and Youth Corner



5pm-6.15pm Connect at Hartfield Village Hall

Youths aged 10+. Games, food and fun!

- 4th September
- 18th September
- 2nd October



5pm-6pm Connect Extra

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

- 11th September



9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 8th September
- 15th September
- 22nd September
- 29th September



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

- 7th September
- 21st September

There will be NO Sunday Connect on 5th October due to Harvest Festival.



9.30am Sunday Discoverers

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

- 7th September
- 21st September

There will be NO Sunday Discoverers on 5th October due to Harvest Festival.

Thursday 11th September

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

Sunday 14th September

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Friday 19th September

6pm, Trinity Talks at Trinity Hall
Blue Bird K3 and the World Water Speed Record
£10 per person including drinks and canapes

Saturday 20th September

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group will be meeting at the home of Caroline Daszewska Frank Dean.
Please see below for more details.

Sunday 21st September

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Thursday 25th September

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

Friday 26th September

7pm – Scottish Country Dancing at Trinity Hall
£5 per adult including a glass of wine. (children free)

Sunday 28th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 5th October

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Harvest Festival

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

6.30pm – Harvest Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Save the Dates:

11th October, 7pm – Concert with Sir Andrew Parmley and Cheryl Enever, £20 per adult (under 16s free), see details below

18th October, 3pm – Trinity Talks, Jigsaw and its work to support children and families through the death of a loved one.

21st November, 6pm – Trinity Talks, Caitlin Boyland on "Swimming the Channel"



Friday 5th September



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

Sunday 14th September

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Friday 19th September



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

Sunday 21st September

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Sunday 28th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Harvest Festival

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Friday 3rd October



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

Sunday 5th October

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton



Homegroups

@ St Mary's, Hartfield

The new homegroups will be starting from the week beginning 8th September, although due to other commitments the Tuesdays first session will be on 23rd September. They will be focussing on The Creed (a study book will be made available). Details of the groups are as follows:

Monday, 1pm-2.45pm, led by Tim Jackson and Rev Nigel Hinton and hosted at Liz Shaw's house.

Tuesday, 7.30pm-9pm, led by Matt and Christina Marriott and hosted at their house.

Wednesday, 8.15pm-9.30pm, led by Rachel Reid, David and Emma Huxtable and hosted at Rachel's house.

If you haven't already signed up to a group, please speak to one of the leaders.



Cowden Forest Church

There is no Cowden Forest Church in September. Look out in the October newsletter for the next session.



Trinity Talks and Scottish County Dancing Are Back

After a break for the summer, Trinity Talks returns on **16th September in Trinity Hall from 6pm with a talk by Karl Foulkes-Halbard on "Blue Bird K3 and the World Water Speed Record"**. See below.

Trinity Talks



Karl Foulkes-Halbard on 'Blue Bird K3 and the World Water Speed Record'

From 6pm, Friday 19th September 2025

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

£10 per person including drinks and canapés

jigsaw south east

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.

Scottish Dancing also returns **every 4th Friday each month, 7pm-10pm**. £5 per adult (children free).

Websites: hartfieldchurch.org colemanshatchchurch.org

Facebook: hartfield and colemanshatch



Concert

@ Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch

There is to be a concert by **Sir Andrew Parmley**, a renowned organist, and **Cheryl Enever**, an acclaimed soprano, on **11th October at 7pm** at **Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch**.

Tickets (in aid of the sound system for Holy Trinity Church), priced at £20 per adult (under 16's free) are available from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/11octoberconcert>



Sir Andrew Parmley



Cheryl Enever

Holy Trinity Church,
Coleman's Hatch, East
Sussex TN7 4HN
colemanshatchchurch.org

Proceeds of the evening go to a new sound system for Holy Trinity Church

A Special Evening OF MUSIC

Renowned organist Sir Andrew Parmley is joined by acclaimed soprano Cheryl Enever in a programme featuring well known and lesser known pieces by composers including Bach, Handel, Mascagni, Puccini, Sondheim and Verdi.

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OCTOBER
7.00pm

Tickets £20.00
to include a complimentary glass of wine & canapés in the interval

Children free (under 16yrs)

- Wine bar open 6.30
- Limited rural parking; bring a torch

Tickets online at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/11october



Hartfield Fete – Bottle Stall

Final call for bottles!

As we have for the last few years, St Mary's in Hartfield is running the bottle stall at Hartfield Village Fete on **Saturday 6th September on The Croft**. This is being organised and run on the day by Rebecca and Stuart Johnson.

Please support Rebecca and Stuart by leaving donations at The Hay Waggon Granary for Ian and Roz to store or the church; this is an excellent fundraiser for the church.

St Mary Magdalene at aChurchNearYou

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group have their next monthly meeting on Saturday morning 20th September at home of Caroline Daszewska. We plan to start a new study looking at acknowledged references in the Old Testament of the Bible, concerning a messiah, and how Jesus seems to fulfil them as referenced in the New Testament. This is prompted by what the resurrected Jesus said to disciples on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:25-27)

Everyone very welcome to join the group which numbers 10 at present. Do speak with me.

Donna Dewar

Harvest Supper

@ St Mary's, Hartfield

There will be a Harvest Supper on **Saturday 4th October at 6.30pm at Hartfield**, with guest speaker, Zoe Pizzie, from the chosen charity for the evening, Jigsaw South East, activities and a supper.

All are welcome. Please RSVP to Lisa Gibbs-Murray at admsmht@gmail.com or 07927 939116.

A main course will be provided but you are asked to bring a dessert or salad to share. A sign-up sheet for this will be at the back of the churches. There will also be a sign-up sheet for help setting up and packing away.

All financial contributions during Harvest Festival, both during the supper and the services on the 5th October will go to Jigsaw South East. **Jigsaw South East** supports children and young people in Surrey and nearby areas of East and West Sussex and Kent through the death of a loved one. They are a small, independent charity, with a vision to ensure that no child or young person faces bereavement alone. The unique service they provide, run by specially trained Support Workers, is tailored to meet the needs of the families they support, whether in person, on the phone or online. Families can access Jigsaw's support when a loved one has a terminal illness or when they are bereaved and in the last year alone, they have supported over 600 children and young people.

All food donations will go to the East Grinstead Foodbank.



This Harvest, you are invited to...



Harvest Supper Saturday, 4th October, 6.30pm-8.30pm

For all 3 churches, hosted at St Mary's Church, Hartfield.

Please bring your own plate, bowl, cutlery, and drink of your own choice. Glasses and jugs of water will be provided.

Including a guest speaker from Jigsaw South East, a short talk and activities, and a main course.

Please bring a pudding or a salad to share (NO NUTS). Sign up sheet in church

Harvest Festival Sunday 5th October

St Mary's Hartfield - 9.30am, Holy Communion (all age)

Holy Trinity - 11am, Morning Worship &

6.30pm, Harvest Choral Evensong

An opportunity to give thanks to God for all we have this harvest time.

Food donations will go to Foodbank.

Harvest Festival Service at Cowden

is on 28th September at 10.30am

All financial contributions this year will be going to:

Jigsaw South East, charity no: 1147696, which provides information and guidance to help support children and young people facing or coping with the death of a loved one.



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:

- UHT Milk
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Brown Sauce
- Cooking Oil
- Salt (small)
- Pepper (small)
- Mixed herbs (small)
- Instant Coffee
- Shower Gel
- Tinned Meat
- Shampoo
- Long life fruit juice

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

For more information visit
eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Websites: hartfieldchurch.org colemanshatchchurch.org

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St Mary Magdalene at aChurchNearYou



This week we are praying...

For King Charles III as his cancer treatment continues, for the Princess of Wales as she continues her return to public duties, and the wider Royal Family.

For peace and justice in our world, for all caught up in war and conflict, and for peacemakers. For Israel and Gaza, that there would be a breakthrough in the negotiations to end the current offensive and release all remaining hostages to bring an end to the terrible destruction and loss of lives, and that medical/food aid will reach those struggling to survive. For the war between Russia and Ukraine that talks to end the war will take place, that the increase in hostilities will come to an end, a ceasefire can be established, and a just settlement be reached bringing lasting peace and security to Ukraine.

For the leaders of the nations and the work of the United Nations, that they would exercise their influence wisely, and be a powerful voice for conflict resolution.

For Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, our government, all politicians and community leaders, that they would work together in the best interests of all, promoting community cohesion.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis, and a reduction in the increasing tensions concerning those seeking asylum in 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.

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

For the unwell including Elsie Feltwell; Sandra Owen; John Chalke: Ros Cope:

For those who are grieving; especially those who have recently been bereaved. Family and friends of Donald Eggleton; Alan Revit: John Jeffries: Jim Lusted.

Pray for our new term at school. Lord, we pray for all our children and young people beginning a new term at school or university. Help them to overcome concerns and build them up with new friends. May they enjoy their learning as they meet their new teachers and offer back the gifts and skills to build up their class and school community. Lord, we pray for the staff and Governors of all our local schools.

With every blessing, Rev Julie

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