

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Dear Friends,

I can remember from my early years at infant school loving the hymn; '*We plough the fields and scatter*' like all young children I sang it with gusto but without a clue as to what it was all about. It was only on returning to faith that I re-encountered 'Harvest' the concept that we really do need to give thanks to God for it. Harvest thanksgiving is not just the lovely loaf of bread on the altar or the array of quinces and greenery on the church window ledges, it is about having an attitude of gratitude for the many good things God has provided for us in his beautiful world.

It took me quite a long time to realise that; 'Harvest' is so much more than giving thanks for the grain crop being cut before the Autumn rains can spoil it. Even today, I have to challenge myself to push the boundaries of what I naturally associate as harvest to include all food production on land and sea and all who work to produce that food as well. When you next look at a plate of food try and remember where each ingredient came from.

We receive produce from around the globe and the skills and labour of people from different countries and cultures it is vitally important that at least once a year we stop, reflect and give thanks to God for all, that the many harvests of the world give to us. In that stopping and giving thanks we also need to remember to give thanks for those who grew and produced the harvest for us in the first place. So, we really do need to pray for the Harvest.

To pray with thanksgiving for the good gifts that God gives us. To pray for the future food production and producers in this country and around the globe. And, to pray for an equal sharing of the world's resources so that no one goes hungry or watches their children starve before them, especially when they are the people ensuring that we don't starve.

Never take the Harvest for granted and hold in prayer all those for whom harvest is a hope rather than a reality. All those who are facing a bleak future with a failed harvest or a poor one and ask God how we can support those in need who are so often those who produce the things we need and use.

Harvest is not only a time to gather in the crops but also an opportunity to give generously, serve those in need, and express our gratitude through action—whether that's donating food to our local Foodbanks, supporting a local charity, or volunteering your time. As a church family, let's look for simple, everyday ways to bless those around us and reflect the generous heart of God in all we do.

'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.' — Psalm 107:1

*"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord, for all his love."*

Rev Canon Julie Sear



## Worship this Sunday

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Harvest family service

with Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Juile Sear

At St Mary's, Cowden

10.30am Cabin Worship

Lead: Rev Stephen Hills

At Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Harvest Festival Service

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

6.30pm Harvest Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

6.30pm-8.30pm Harvest Supper

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

### The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

#### 9.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

#### 9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

### The Last Sunday after Trinity

#### 9.30am Morning Worship

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### The Fourth Sunday Before Advent

#### 9.30am Holy Communion, with Baptism

(NO Sunday Discoverers or Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Save the Dates:

### October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden Church (see details in "News from the 3 Churches" below)

### November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1.15pm

A Time To Remember service (see details in "News from the 3 Churches" below)

### November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9.45am

Remembrance Service

## Children and Youth Corner



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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- 16<sup>th</sup> October
- 6<sup>th</sup> November



5pm-6pm Connect Extra at The Oast  
for youths aged 13+. Read, question, and explore the Christian faith together!

- 9<sup>th</sup> October



### 9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 6<sup>th</sup> October
- 13<sup>th</sup> October
- 20<sup>th</sup> October
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November

There will be NO Little Stars on 27<sup>th</sup> October due to 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

- 19<sup>th</sup> October

There will be NO Sunday Connect on 5<sup>th</sup> October due to Harvest Festival or on 2<sup>nd</sup> November due to school holidays.



### 9.30am Sunday Discoverers

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

- 19<sup>th</sup> October

There will be NO Sunday Discoverers on 5<sup>th</sup> October due to Harvest Festival or on 2<sup>nd</sup> November due to school holidays.

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

11am-4pm Table Top Sale at Trinity Hall  
Charitable event in aid of Jigsaw South East.

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

7pm Concert with Sir Andrew Parmley and Cheryl Enever, £20 per adult (under 16s free), see details below in the "News from the 3 Churches" section.

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

### The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

#### 11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

3pm, Trinity Talks at Trinity Hall  
Jigsaw and its work to support children and families through the death of a loved one.  
£10 per person including drinks and canapés

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

#### 11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Jule Sear

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October

10.30am, The Holy Trinity Bible Study Group will be holding their monthly meeting at the home of Caroline and Tony Daszewski. We will be continuing our exploration of Old Testament prophecies with regard to Jesus and how they are referenced in the New Testament.

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

### The Last Sunday after Trinity

#### 11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### The Fourth Sunday Before Advent

#### 11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

#### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

### Save the Dates:

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm** – Praise and Prayer at Cowden Church (see details in "News from the 3 Churches" below)

**21<sup>st</sup> November, 6pm** – Trinity Talks, Caitlin Boyland on "Swimming the Channel"

**22<sup>nd</sup> November, 10am-12pm** – Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

### Trinity Talks

**Jigsaw and its work to support children and families through the death of a loved one**

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025





Tea and cakes at 3pm  
Talk at 3.30pm

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

£10 per person including drinks and canapés

<https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org>

**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.



## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Trinity Hall, Coleman's Hatch  
(behind Holy Trinity Church)

**Saturday 22nd November 2025**

**10 am to 2pm £35**

A festive occasion with tea and coffee available throughout the day, a hot lunch and mince pies.

All tools required will be supplied as well as fresh foliage and classic wreath decorations.

This will be a fun and informal workshop and we will guide you through every step to ensure that you leave with a wreath or a table decoration to be proud of.

Contact: Eve James 07753 615032  
Or email: [evejames8524@icloud.com](mailto:evejames8524@icloud.com)

Please book early as there are limited places available.

This is a charitable event in aid of Jigsaw supporting bereaved children.



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

10am, Churchyard Clean Up

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

7.30pm Praise and Prayer

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**



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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**

**10.30am Service of Memories**

**with Holy Communion**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**The Last Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

**3.30pm Cowden Forest Church**

(see flyer)



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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**The Fourth Sunday Before Advent**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills



### **Cowden Churchyard Clean Up**

**Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 10am**

There a wide variety of jobs suitable for all abilities need doing.

No experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm!!

Bring your own gardening gloves and tools. Thank you.

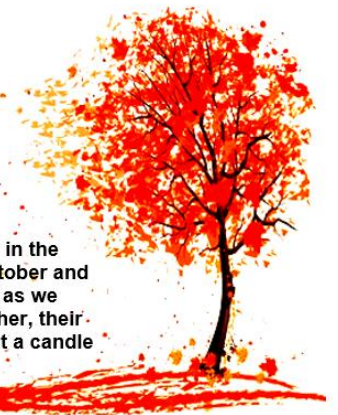


### **'Tree of Memories'**

**A special time of  
remembering the loved  
and lost ones in our lives.**

**Sunday Oct 19th - 10.30am  
Cowden Church**

Add a name to a leaf on the tree in the  
porch any time from Mon 6<sup>th</sup> October and  
do join us that Sunday morning as we  
remember our loved ones together, their  
names are read out, and we light a candle  
in their memory.



**Cowden  
Forest Church**

**4th Sundays at 2.30-4.30pm**

26<sup>th</sup> October  
23<sup>rd</sup> November

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**



## News from the 3 Churches



### Harvest Supper

#### @ St Mary's, Hartfield

A reminder that for the Harvest Supper on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm at Hartfield**, you will need to bring a desert or salad to share (NO NUTS), drink or your choice, plate, bowl, and cutlery. A main meal and jugs of water and glasses will be available. and cutlery.

All financial contributions during Harvest Festival, both during the supper and the services on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 in urgent need of (in date, not homemade and non perishable):

- Tinned Custard
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Carrots
- Orange Squash (1ltr)
- Tinned Meat
- Hair Conditioner
- Kitchen Roll
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Long life fruit juice
- Hoops
- (not chilled or squash)

For more information visit  
[eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk](http://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk)

**Websites:** [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org)    [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org)

**Facebook:** [hartfield](#) and [colemanshatch](#)



### Praise and Prayer

#### @ St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

A reminder that the next Praise and Prayer will be held in **St Mary Magdalene's Church in Cowden** on **7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. See below for details

**Praise and Prayer**  
FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES

We are holding our next monthly praise and prayer evening for our three churches  
Everyone is welcome.

We will meet at 7.30pm on:  
7<sup>th</sup> October at Cowden Church  
4<sup>th</sup> November at Coleman's Hatch  
to pray together as a church family.

We will have tea and coffee on arrival

The evening will start with a short bible thought and a time of sung worship.  
The evening will then continue with several slots praying in small groups on various topics covering the life our church and communities.

Prayer is the powerhouse of the church.

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### 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>

**Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch**  
Coleman's Hatch, Shepherds Hill, Hartfield TN7 4HN

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**Sir Andrew Parmley Organist and Cheryl Enever Soprano**



Cheryl Enever



Sir Andrew Parmley

**Saturday 11th October 7pm**  
Renowned Organist Sir Andrew Parmley is joined by internationally acclaimed Soprano Cheryl Enever in a programme featuring well know and lesser know pieces by various composers including Bach, Handel, Mascagni, Puccini, Sondheim, Verdi and Yon.

Tickets £20 to include a glass of wine and canapes at the interval. Children under 16 years free.

Paid wine bar open from 6:30pm prior to the event.

**Book your Tickets**

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

St Mary Magdalene at [aChurchNearYou](#)

## News from the 3 Churches



### A Time to Remember

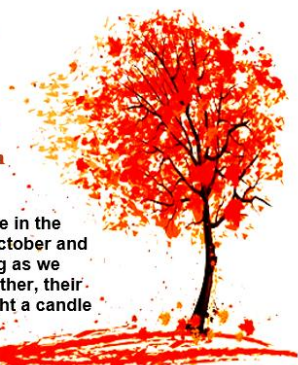
Cowden will be holding a Service of Memories on **19<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**, where you can place the named of a loved one on the Memory Tree.

#### 'Tree of Memories'

A special time of remembering the loved and lost ones in our lives.

**Sunday Oct 19th - 10.30am**  
**Cowden Church**

Add a name to a leaf on the tree in the porch any time from Mon 6<sup>th</sup> October and do join us that Sunday morning as we remember our loved ones together, their names are read out, and we light a candle in their memory.



Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield's annual service to remember loved ones who have died will take place on **6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 1.15pm** at St Mary's church in Hartfield. If you wish to attend can you please RSVP to Lisa Gibbs-Murray, 07927 939116, or [admsmht@gmail.com](mailto:admsmht@gmail.com).

#### An Invitation to

#### A Time to Remember Service

Thursday 6th November, 1.15 pm

St Mary's Church  
Hartfield

A time to remember loved ones who have died.  
To light a candle in their memory as part of  
a short service of music and reflection,  
readings and prayers.

Everyone welcome.

Followed by tea and cake at the Church Street  
Community Cafe.

R.S.V.P - Lisa Gibbs-Murray: 07927 939116  
[admsmht@gmail.com](mailto:admsmht@gmail.com)



### Remembrance Services

The following detail the November remembrance services for your diaries:

#### Remembrance Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Hartfield, 9.45am**, procession from The Bear Inn car park to start the service in church, followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial

**Cowden, 10.30am** service in Cowden Church with worship led by Edenbridge Town Band, and act of remembrance at 11.00am.

**Coleman's Hatch, 10.45am** remembrance service

#### Remembrance Day – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

Short act of remembrance at the **War Memorial in Cowden** starting at **10.50am**



### This week we are praying...

Please pray for all who work at our local FOODBANKS. We pray especially for CJ Payne who works at the Foodbank in East Grinstead.

They support local individuals and families in crisis who cannot afford to put food on the table, referred to them by local agencies, (such as Children & Family Centres, local primary and secondary schools, churches, hospitals, Citizens Advice, GP surgeries, in fact over 50 agencies can refer clients to us).

Since they started with a few food boxes in a garage in East Grinstead in December 2012, they have now assisted over 20,000 people, averaging over 50 adults and children helped per week.

Pray for all who are suffering in mind body and spirit, especially.

- Frances Stuttford
- Pauline Maynard

and John Chalke as he settles into Avery Care at Edenbridge Manor Care Home.

Please pray for the family and friends of Elsie Feltwell who sadly passed away this week; and all who have recently been bereaved.

Pray for the Autumn season in our churches. especially

- Remembrance Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Advent and Christmas

Give thanks for all our children and Youth work.

- Praying for Matt and the Connect team.
- Little Stars team and all the baby and toddlers who attend.

Our choir and musicians, and our Church Wardens and PCC's.

**With every blessing, Rev Julie**

**Websites:** [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org)    [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org)

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