

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE, KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 16th November

The Second Sunday Before Advent

St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

10.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

News from the 3 churches

Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday 16th November is Safeguarding Sunday in the Diocese of Chichester.

It is so important that we feel safe in our church community and buildings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela McGlew who is the Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Mary's in Hartfield and, until recently, in Holy Trinity. We also give thanks for CJ who has agreed to be Parish Safeguarding Officer for Holy Trinity and for Hilary Clarkson who is the Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Mary Magdalene's in Cowden. Please pray for them all in this vital role.

Bishop Ruth is the diocesan bishop lead for Safeguarding. She said: "The theme and focus for this year is 'Let's talk about it. This is an opportunity in all our regular Sunday services to thank our Parish Safeguarding Officers and volunteers for the crucial work they do, and to raise awareness about how every member of the church has responsibility for safeguarding.' " "Protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about every person in the church knowing why we do what we do and knowing what part they can contribute to that."

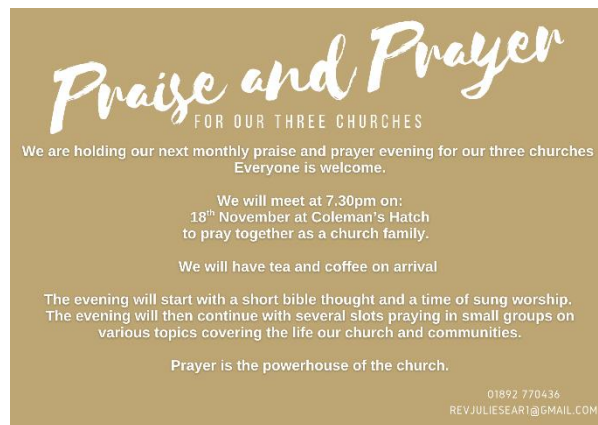
Study Group at Cowden

There will be Study Group meetings in Cowden on Tuesday afternoons at 3.00pm from Nov 4th to Dec 9th and we shall be studying the Nicene Creed, which has its 1700th anniversary this year. All welcome - please email Stephen on hills.rectory@yahoo.co.uk or call on 07896971723 for venue and further details.

Praise and Prayer

@ Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch

A reminder that the next Praise and Prayer will be held in **Trinity Hall in Coleman's Hatch on 18th November 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:
18th 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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Please Pray for

the families of Gareth Johnson and John Chalke who recently died.

Service of thanksgiving for **Gareth Johnson** will take place in **St Mary's in Hartfield** on **Thursday 20th November at 11am.**

Service of thanksgiving for **John Chalke**, followed by burial, will take place in **St Mary's in Hartfield** on **Thursday 11th December at 11.30am.**

Please pray for their families at this sad time.

Trinity Events

Trinity Talks 

Caitlin Boyland on 'Swimming the Channel'
From 6pm, Friday 21st November 2025

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

£10 per person including drinks and canapés

<https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org>

 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

Please book early as there are limited places available.

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

Cowden Forest Church

Cowden will be holding its Cowden Forest Church on **23rd November at 3.30pm**, meet at church, dressed for the outdoors. See below:

 **Cowden Forest Church**

4th Sundays at 2.30-4.30pm
23rd 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

Caretaker required for St Mary the Virgin Primary School.

We belong to a federation of small schools set in beautiful rural locations and are looking for a dedicated Caretaker to help keep our St Mary's Hartfield site looking its best.

Previous caretaking experience within a school environment is desirable - although training via ESCC will be given. Also that of building maintenance / basic DIY and an understanding of health & safety regulations will be useful. You should have good interpersonal skills in dealing with contractors and other visitors to the site, together with good literacy and numeracy skills, and be willing to undergo an Enhanced DBS check prior to commencing work. This is for 12.5 hours per week, and we can offer flexible working hours.

We warmly welcome visits to our school, please contact the school office on 01892 770221 for the full job description.

 Advent & Christmas
@ our 3 churches

Holy Trinity
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 30th November

11am - Matins with Advent reflections

Sunday 7th December

11am - Matins

6.30pm - Advent Choral Evensong

Sunday 14th December

11am - Holy Communion

Sunday 21st December

11am - Matins with carols

6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24th December

4pm - Crib Service - **St Mary's**

11.15pm - Midnight Communion - **St Mary's**

Thursday 25th December

11am - Christmas Communion



St Mary Magdalene's
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 7th December

10.30am - Advent Worship
Collect your "little trees"!

Sunday 14th December

10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th December

7pm - Carol Singing in "The Fountain" pub

Sunday 21st December

10.30am - NO SERVICE

6pm - Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

3pm - Christingle

6pm - Carols in the Churchyard

Thursday 25th December

10.30am - Christmas Family Communion



St Mary's
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 30th November

9.30am - Holy Communion Quiet Service
(with Advent reflections)

Wednesday 3rd December

9.30am - School Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December

9.30am - Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers

Sunday 14th December

9.30am - Christmas Praise with St Mary's School

Friday 19th December

6pm Live Nativity (meet at Memorial Gardens)

Please do NOT use The Bear car park - partrons only

Do use the school car park

Sunday 21st December

9.30am - Reflective Holy Communion

6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols - **Holy Trinity**

Wednesday 24th December

4pm - Crib Service

11.15pm - Midnight Communion

Thursday 25th December

8am - Holy Communion BCP

9.30am All Age Christmas Service

11am - Christmas Communion - **Holy Trinity**



Holy Trinity's Diary

(all events held at Coleman's Church unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 18th November

7.30pm Praise and Prayer at Trinity Hall

Friday 21st November

6pm Trinity Talks - Caitlin Boyland on "Swimming the Channel" at Trinity Hall

£10 per person including drinks and canapés)

Saturday 22nd November

10am-2pm, Christmas wreath making workshop at Trinity Hall, £35 per person

Sunday 23rd November

The Sunday Next before Advent

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Advent & Christmas Services and Events,

see details in "News from the 3 Churches"

St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 18th November

3pm Cowden Study Group

(see "News from the 3 Churches" for details)

Friday 21st November



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

Sunday 23rd November

The Sunday Next before Advent

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Sunday 23rd November

3.30pm Cowden Forest Church



Meet at church, dressed for the outdoors. A family time for worship and activities in church and outside, including song, craft, story, prayers, tea and cake.

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

November 18th, 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Holy Trinity Church Hall

Advent & Christmas Services and Events,

see details in "News from the 3 Churches"

St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 13th November



5pm-6.15pm Connect Extra at The Oast

Youths aged 13+. Read, question, and explore the Christian faith together!

Thursday 20th November

2pm-4pm Church Street Community Café

Homemade cake, tea & coffee. Everyone welcome!



5pm-6.15pm Connect at Hartfield Village Hall

Youths aged 10+. Games, food, and fun!

Sunday 23rd November

The Sunday Next before Advent

9.30am Morning Worship

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Save the Dates:

November 18th, 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Holy Trinity Church Hall

Advent & Christmas Services and Events,

see details in "News from the 3 Churches"

For further details on anything in this update and all that is going on in the three churches please visit our websites: hartfieldchurch.org; colemanshatchchurch.org; St Mary Magdalene at achurchnearyou. Alternatively speak to Rev Canon Julie Sear on 07840 021909 or revjuliesear1@gmail.com (please note Friday is her day of rest) or Rev Stephen Hills on 07896 971723 or hills.rectory@yahoo.co.uk or Matt Marriott if it regarding youth groups on 07582 054880 or studio4.121@outlook.com