

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 21st December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Mary's, Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

10.30am NO SERVICE

6pm Carols by Candlelight

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Matins

Lead: Donna Dewar

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

St Mary's, Hartfield

4pm Crib Service

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

11.15pm Midnight Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

3pm Christingle Service

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

6pm Carols Round the Christmas Tree

(in the churchyard with refreshments)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Christmas Day Worship

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day

St Mary's, Hartfield

8am Holy Communion BCP

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

9.30am All Age Christmas Service

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

10.30am All Age Christmas Day Celebration and Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Christmas Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given so much over the past twelve months here in the parishes of Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Cowden. It has been wonderful to see the many ways each church has become a light for their community as we share in the partnership of the Gospel. It has been encouraging to welcome in new people. To support those who are grieving and celebrate with those who are joyful.

The thank you list gets longer each year. Bells rung to welcome to worship. Musicians and choir. Welcomers and coffee makers; PCC's, Treasurers, Youth worker and children's church team. Leaders of home groups; flowers arrangers, Benefice administrator. ChurchWardens. Those who visit and pray. Intercessors and readers of God's Word. HATCH. Village lunch. Trinity café team with its lovely events. Cafe teams and all who belong to a Sunday team. Those who give so generously of their time and money. Those who care for our churchyards and trees. Little Stars baby and toddler group. Those who set the table for communion and tend to the linen. Those who quietly do the jobs that no one sees but make a big difference. Those who clean and tidy away. Those who have taken great steps of faith. Everyone!

Thank you to those of you have helped at weddings and baptisms and funerals. Our retired clergy and licensed lay reader. St Mary's School. Forest Church. Thank you for your wonderful ministry this year. May your Christmas be filled with the peace and joy of Christ's birth. "Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God's grace."

I look forward to seeing you at some of our Christmas services.

With every blessing,

Rev Canon Julie Sear

Holy Trinity's Diary

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

Sunday 28th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 4th January

The Second Sunday of Christmas

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

**Please note there will be no Choral Evensong on
4th January.**

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden church

Saturday 24th January at 10.30am

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group

St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)



Friday 19th December

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

Sunday 28th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

9am Holy Communion

(note early time)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Sunday 4th January

The Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden church.

St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 18th December

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!

Friday 19th December

6pm Live Nativity

Meet at the memorial gardens in Hartfield. Followed by mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

Please park in the school car park, NOT The Bear.

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Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

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Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Monday 5th January

9.15am-10.45am – Little Stars

Parent and toddler group with tea & coffee



Save the Dates:

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden church.

News from the 3 churches



Last Newsletter of 2025

This will be the last newsletter of 2025. The next newsletter will be the one for Sunday 11th January 2026.

In the meantime, please refer to the diaries in this newsletter for services and events.



Discretionary Fund

Rev Julie holds a discretionary fund to help people who are facing hardship across the benefice, and Stephen has a similar fund in Cowden. If you know of anyone who might be in need this Christmas, please speak to Rev Julie or Rev Stephen. All discussions will be strictly confidential.



Live Nativity

On Friday 19th December at 6pm, the annual Live Nativity will be taking place in Hartfield (see flyer below).



Hartfield Live Nativity

Friday 19th December 2025
Starts 6pm Memorial Garden



- Join the crowd following Mary and Joseph through the village knocking on doors trying to find room at the inn.
- Angels, shepherds, wise men, camels and carols.
- Procession ends in the church in a beautiful and heart-warming nativity scene with baby Jesus.
- Refreshments in the church
- Please do NOT use The Bear car park – for patrons only.

Adults & children - If you would like to join in as an angel or shepherd
contact Alison Berry - Email: ajbernartist@gmail.com

Everyone welcome – a lovely way to start Christmas!

 **St Mary's**
HARTFIELD PARISH CHURCH
In partnership with Cowden's Parish and Cowden

 **HARTS**Life is for Living
Hartfield Arts and Theatre Society

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

See below details of the advent service taking place this Sunday, **Sunday 21st December** (this 4th Sunday of Advent)

Carols by Candlelight, Cowden Church



**21st December
at 6pm**

**Followed by mulled wine
and mince pies**



Nine Lessons and Carols



21st December at 6.30pm

in Holy Trinity Church
Coleman's Hatch

Everyone Welcome
Mince pies and Mulled wine
will be served



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