

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

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 11th January

The Baptism of Christ

St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Holy Communion

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

News from the 3 churches



Emergency Contact for Rev Julie

Please be aware that the emergency number for Rev Julie Sear is no longer working. A new one is now available: **07562 838448**



Praise and Prayer

The next Praise and Prayer will be held at Cowden Church on 20th January. 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:
20th January at Cowden Church
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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Connect Dates until Easter

Connect is our youth group for St Mary's in Hartfield. It welcomes all young people aged 10+ for fun, games and food, for a chance to build relationships.

The following are the dates for the Connect group until Easter, all held at Hartfield Village Hall from 5pm-6.15pm:

- 8th Jan
- 22nd Jan
- 5th Feb
- 5th Mar
- 19th Mar

Connect Extra is our monthly meeting for our Connect members aged 13+, to read, question and explore the Christian faith together.

The following are the dates for the Connect Extra group until Easter, all held at The Oast from 5pm-6pm:

- 15th Jan
- 12th Feb
- 12th Mar

Please watch this space for details for the upcoming Mini-Maycamp.

If you are interested or want to find out more please speak to Matt Marriott
(m.marriott@btconnect.com)

Forest Church

See below for the details of the upcoming January Forest Church held in Cowden.



A family time of worship and activities in church and outside, as we celebrate God's creation

Songs, crafts, story prayers, tea and cakes

4th Sundays at 2.30-4.30pm

25th January 2026

Come dress for the great outdoors!

Meet in church at 3.30pm

Lent Course

We recognise that this may seem early but Rev Julie would like to highlight the Diocese of Chichester's Lent course for all people in the congregations; we hope to look at this together in our home groups and church services after Ash Wednesday.

Over the next four years the Diocese is committing to Living the Mystery of Faith.

Each year the Diocese Lent courses will explore one of the four portraits of Jesus provided by the Gospel writers beginning in 2026 with the Gospel of Matthew.

If you would like to look a taster of what's to come please click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/HHrha0tyVGU>

If you want to find out further please look at the course booklet via the following link:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/lent-course-2026/>

Eco Church

The environmental charity A Rocha organises the Eco Church community of churches:

"Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources, an online award survey, a quarterly email update, online events, prayer forums and occasional conferences."



Saint Mary's joined Eco Church in 2024, and gained the Bronze Award in 2024. We are currently in the process of working towards our silver award.

We work together through the following areas of our church life.


- Worship and teaching
- Management of Church buildings
- Management of Church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

If you would like to know more please email us at admsmht@gmail.com

Trinity Events

See below for the details of the upcoming January TrinityTalk.

Trinity Talks




Nigel Hinton on 'A Passage to India'
some reflections on moving from St Paul's School in London to 5 years teaching in a hill station in India
From 6pm, Friday 16th January 2026

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

£10 per person including drinks and refreshments

<https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org>



All donations go towards our local charity, Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex charity no. 1021367 which provides emergency medical services through the provision of a helicopter air ambulance covering the four English counties of Kent, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex

St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)



Friday 16th December

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

Sunday 18th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10,30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Friday 16th January at 6pm

A Passage to India at Trinity Hall.

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden church.

Sunday 25th January at 3.30pm

Forest Church (see details below)

Friday 20th February at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Driving Defensively with David
Stewart at Trinity Hall.

St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 8th January



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

Monday 12th January



9.15am-10.45am – Little Stars
Parent and toddler group with tea & coffee

Thursday 15th January

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

Sunday 18th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

Save the Dates:

Friday 16th January at 6pm

A Passage to India at Trinity Hall.

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden church.

Friday 20th February at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Driving Defensively with David
Stewart at Trinity Hall.

Holy Trinity's Diary

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

Friday 16th January

6pm Trinity Talks – A Passage to India; some
reflections on moving from St Paul's School in
London to 5 years teaching in a hill station in India
by Nigel Hinton. See details on flyer in the "News
from our 3 churches".

Sunday 18th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

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Friday 16th January at 6pm

A Passage to India at Trinity Hall.

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden church

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Stewart at Trinity Hall.

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 07562 838448 or revjuliesear1@gmail.com (please note Friday is her day of rest) or Rev Stephen Hills on 07896 971723 or hills.rector@ yahoo.co.uk or Matt Marriott if it regarding youth groups on 07582 054880 or studio4.121@outlook.com