

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

### Worship this Sunday

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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: Donna Dewar

## News from the 3 churches

### Praise and Prayer

The next Praise and Prayer will be held at **Cowden Church** on 20<sup>th</sup> 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:  
20<sup>th</sup> 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 of our church and communities.

Prayer is the powerhouse of the church.

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### 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

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

Come dressed for the great outdoors!

Meet in church at 3.30pm

### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer 2026 will be held on **Friday 6th March at 2pm at St Mary's Church, Hartfield**

Our sisters in Nigeria welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2026. Join us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I Will Give You Rest: Come'.

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.

After the service refreshments will be served.

Do come and join us!

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715 or [msjoannegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:msjoannegriffin@gmail.com)

### Deanery Synod Meeting

A date for your diaries...

The next Deanery Synod meeting will be on **11<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints in Crowborough at 7.30pm** with Bishop Will speaking. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be available from 7pm.

## 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/>

## Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday is being held on **8th February**. The theme for this year's **Racial Justice Sunday** is **"Love Your Neighbour."** Please below for details. A copy of which can be found on noticeboards.



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR**  
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY | 8 FEBRUARY 2026  
"Love your neighbour as yourself" Luke 10:27

**You are warmly invited to join us**  
as we come together in prayer, worship, and reflection, committing ourselves anew to God's call for justice, dignity, and love for all.

<b>Chichester Cathedral</b> <b>11:00am</b> The Cathedral will host the main service for Racial Justice Sunday, with <b>Mr Vitalis Ngwambi</b> Diocesan Racial Justice Co-ordinator delivering the Key Address. Telephone: 01273 425 005 Email: <a href="mailto:Vitalis.Ngwambi@Chichester.Anglican.Org">Vitalis.Ngwambi@Chichester.Anglican.Org</a>	<b>Other Services Taking Place</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St John the Baptist Church, Westfield</li><li>St Paul's Church, Chichester</li><li>St Luke's Church, Prestonville, Brighton</li></ul>
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**Why Racial Justice Sunday?**  
Racial Justice Sunday invites us to reflect on God's call to love our neighbour, challenge injustice, and build communities where everyone is seen, valued, and respected.

churches together  
IN BETTER TOGETHER

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## Ash Wednesday

Lent is approaching...a date for your diaries:

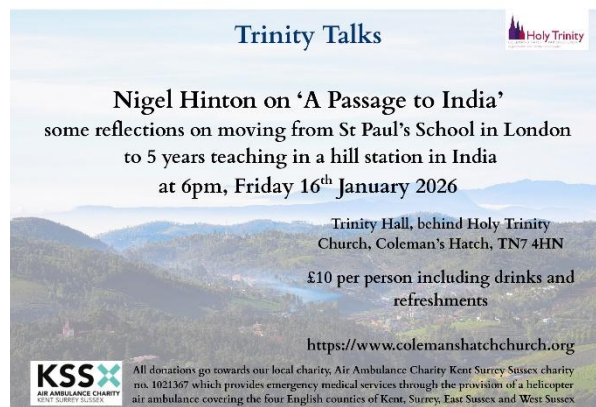
Ash Wednesday Communion service, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm in St Mary's in Hartfield.




**Ash Wednesday SERVICE**  
(Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion)  
for Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch & Cowden churches  
(everyone welcome)  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
12pm  
St Mary's Church, Hartfield  
followed by soup and bread

## 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  
at 6pm, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN  
£10 per person including drinks and refreshments  
<https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org>

**KSS** AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX  
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

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## Holy Trinity's Diary

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

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January

6pm Trinity Talks – A Passage to India; some by Nigel Hinton. See details on flyer in the "News from our 3 churches".

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

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

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am, The Holy Trinity Bible Study Group.  
To be held at the home of Caroline Daszewska.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
(Stewardship Sunday)

#### 11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

**Save the Dates (everyone welcome):**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm**

Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Hartfield.

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## St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)



### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

7.30pm – Praise and Prayer  
(see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

#### 10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

#### 3.30pm Forest Church

(See flyer in News from the 3 churches)



**Save the Dates (everyone welcome):**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm**

Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Hartfield.

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## St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January

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



5pm-6.15pm Connect Extra at  
The Oast

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

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

9.15am-10.45am – Little Stars

Parent and toddler group with tea & coffee



### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

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



### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
(Stewardship Sunday)

#### 9.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

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Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Hartfield.

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For further details on anything in this update and all that is going on in the three churches please visit our websites: [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org); [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org); St Mary Magdalene at [achurchnearyou](http://achurchnearyou). Alternatively speak to Rev Canon Julie Sear on 07562 838448 or [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com) (please note Friday is her day of rest) or Rev Stephen Hills on 07896 971723 or [hills.rectory@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hills.rectory@yahoo.co.uk) or Matt Marriott if it regarding youth groups on 07582 054880 or [studio4.121@outlook.com](mailto:studio4.121@outlook.com)