



# inSPIRES

HARTFIELD • COLEMAN'S HATCH • COWDEN

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Worship this Sunday

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

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**St Mary's Hartfield**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**9.30am Morning Worship**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

**St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

**3.30pm Forest Church**

(See flyer in News from the 3 churches)

**Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**11am Holy Communion**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

### News from the 3 churches

#### **Stewardship Sunday**

This Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> January) is Stewardship Sunday at Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch churches. This will be a service where we give thanks for all we have contributed to the ministry of the churches and consider how we can enrich the work of our parishes further.

#### **Forest Church**

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



**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

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 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.

**Chichester Cathedral**  
11:00am

The Cathedral will host the main service for Racial Justice Sunday, with **Mr Vitalis Ngwambii** Diocesan Racial Justice Co-ordinator delivering the Key Address.

Telephone: 01273 425 005  
Email: [Vitalis.Ngwambii@Chichester.Anglican.Org](mailto:Vitalis.Ngwambii@Chichester.Anglican.Org)

**Other Services Taking Place**

- St John the Baptist Church, Westfield
- St Paul's Church, Chichester
- St Luke's Church, Prestonville, Brighton

**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.

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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

## St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

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

5pm-6.15pm Connect

at Hartfield Village Hall. Youths aged 10+. Games, food, and fun!



**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

9.15am-10.45am – Little Stars



Parent and toddler group with tea & coffee

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Candlemas**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

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Forest Church at Cowden Church (see details in "News from the 3 Churches")

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

Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Hartfield.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm**

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

## St Mary Magdalene's Diary

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

**3.30pm Forest Church**

(See flyer in News from the 3 churches)



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Candlemas**

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## Holy Trinity's Diary

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

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

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Candlemas**

**11am Matins**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Donna Dewar

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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.com](http://achurchnearyou.com). 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)