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HARTFIELD • COLEMAN'S HATCH • COWDEN

Sunday 15th February

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

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 15th February

The Sunday Next Before Lent

St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(NO 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: Donna Dewar

Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

News from the 3 churches

Save the dates

Invitations for the events which are taking place over the final 2 weekends before Julie's retirement will be distributed at the church services.

If you don't receive one there will be copies available at the back of the church from Sunday 15th February and one will be emailed out to the congregations next week.

Praise and Prayer

The next Praise and Prayer will be held at **St Mary's in Hartfield on 24th February**. See below for details:



The Praise and Prayer on **24th March** will be held in **Trinity Hall, Coleman's Hatch**.

Hope Explored

Over three sessions, **Hope Explored** presents the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and provides an opportunity to discover how he fulfils three great longings we all experience: the longing for hope, peace, and purpose.

The structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study, a talk with a film and a discussion about it.

We will be running this at a venue to be decided with the first 2 sessions on **17th March and 21st April from at 20.00-21.00**. If you are interested please speak to Rachel Reid on 07971 979115.

Forest Church

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



4th Sundays at 2.30-4.30pm

**22nd February 2026
22nd 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

Bishop Martin to Retire from Office

Bishop Martin announced last week that he will retire from office at the end of May 2026.



Since his appointment to the diocese of Chichester in 2012, the Bishop has been committed to ensuring that effective safeguarding is a clear and properly resourced priority. At the same time, he has also sought to promote renewal in all-age mission, pastoral care, and theological engagement for laity and clergy alike.

He said today: "It has been an enormous privilege to work with so many gifted and committed people during my time in Chichester and I am deeply grateful for our partnership in apostolic mission. A new diocesan bishop will bring fresh vision and energy, and be supported by a strong, confident team. I give thanks to God for the call to serve in this diocese and also ask pardon from anyone I have offended. I will hold this joyful household of faith in my prayers as its future unfolds."

World Day of Prayer

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

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.

Do come and join us!

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715 or msjoannegriffin@gmail.com

Trinity Events

See below for the details of the upcoming February 'Trinity Talk'.

Trinity Talks
To be able to drive safely on all road types

David Stewart on 'Defensive Driving'
David is an instructor with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and we look forward to his insightful talk

at 6pm, Friday 20th February 2026
Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN

To be able to recognise the factors that increase risk on the road

To be able to demonstrate positive

£10 per person including drinks and refreshments (available from 5.45pm)

<https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org>

KSSX All donations go towards our local charity, Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex charity no. 1021307 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

Hartfield Village Fete

This may seem like a long way off, but preparations are already underway...

Hartfield Village Fete AGM - Monday 23rd February, 7.00pm Good Station Yard.

All welcome - please come along and find out how you can support/ help at this important annual village event.

St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)



Friday 20th February

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

Sunday 22nd February

The First Sunday of Lent

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills



3.30pm Forest Church

(See flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Wednesday 18th February at 12pm

Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Hartfield.

Friday 20th February at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Driving Defensively at Trinity Hall,
(see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at St Mary's, Hartfield.

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St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

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Thursday 12th February

5pm-6.15pm Connect Extra at The Oast
Youths aged **13+**. Read, question, and explore the
Christian faith together!

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday

12pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion followed by soup and bread

Lead: Rev Julie Sear

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Thursday 19th February

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

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9.30am Morning Worship

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Holy Trinity's Diary

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Saturday 14th February

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

Friday 20th February

6pm Driving Defensively at Trinity Hall. See details
in "News from the 3 churches".

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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; colemanshatchchurch.org; St Mary Magdalene at achurchnearyou.com. 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.rectory@yahoo.co.uk or Matt Marriott if it regarding youth groups on 07582 054880 or studio4.121@outlook.com