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HARTFIELD • COLEMAN'S HATCH • COWDEN

Sunday 8th February

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

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 8th February

The Second Sunday Before Lent

St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead & Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

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

Contacts Correction

Unfortunately, there was an error in the "Contact details in last week's newsletter...

Rev Julie Sear's mobile number is 07562 838448

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.

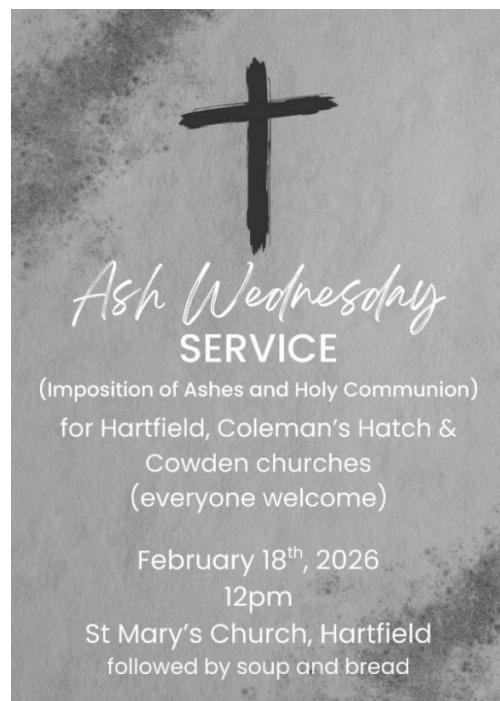
Do come and join us!

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

Ash Wednesday

Please see the flyer below for details on the **Ash Wednesday Communion service, 18th February at 12pm in St Mary's in Hartfield**.

Please could you let Lisa Gibbs-Murray know on admsmht@gmail.com or 07927 939116) if you are intending to attend.



Save the dates

A quick update from the churchwardens regarding the plans for Julie and Trevor's farewell at the end of April...

Just to let you all know a more formal invite regarding these plans and how to contribute towards a leaving gift will be available next Sunday (15th February).

Stewardship

One of the questions that often comes up at the start of an interregnum is 'Are we still required to pay our full Parish Share when we have no minister in post?'. The answer is 'yes' - parishes in vacancy are asked to continue to pay their full Share to the diocese. This is because the annual income budgeting at the diocese includes an assumption that at any given time there will be vacancies. Also we still access the support services at the diocese during an interregnum - the property team, safeguarding, parish support, church buildings team etc. Church members are encouraged to maintain their giving to the work of the church as we wait and look forward to the appointment of a new Rector. The interregnum only commences on the 27th April after Rev Julie leaves.

Praise and Prayer

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



Trinity Events

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

A circular poster for a 'Trinity Talks' event. The title 'Trinity Talks' is at the top, followed by 'To be able to drive safely on all road types' and 'pre David Stewart on 'Defensive Driving''. Below that, it says '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'. To the right is a small image of a person. Below the main text is 'Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN', '£10 per person including drinks and refreshments (available from 5.45pm)', and the website 'https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org'. At the bottom left is the KSS logo with the text 'KSS AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY KENT SURREY SUSSEX' and a note: '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'.

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

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 6th February

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

Sunday 15th February

The Sunday Next Before Lent

10.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Wednesday 18th February at 12pm

Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's, Hartfield.

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

Friday 20th February at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Driving Defensively with David Stewart at Trinity Hall, (see details in "Holy Trinity's Diary").

Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at St Mary's, Hartfield.

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

St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

Thursday 5th February

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



Monday 9th February

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



Thursday 15th January

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



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9.30am Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

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Holy Trinity's Diary

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

Thursday 12th February

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

Saturday 14th February

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

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The Sunday Next Before Lent

11am Matins

Lead: Donna Dewar

Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

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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