

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Dear Friends,

As we approach Easter Day, we do so recognising the world is a fragile place in desperate need of rescue and hope. The media gives us frenzied reports of countries at war far beyond our reach. Protests and unease. A human race looking for truth. We are so used to social media and its constant minute by minute reporting, we forget that there was a time when we had to slow down to find out information. A time when immersing ourselves in the Bible helped countless schools and families to follow the example of Jesus in their daily lives. To attend their local parish church and feel held by prayer and worship – a spiritual home.

When I was at theological college, I was fascinated by the life and work of William Tyndale. William Tyndale was a 16th century English theologian and linguist who became the first person to translate and print a version of the New Testament in English. Tyndale was passionate that people should be able to read the Bible for themselves and in their own language rather than rely on a minister to interpret it for them. You can imagine him sitting and labouring over each written word.

He felt that the Bible alone should set the doctrine and practices of the Church. He was condemned by the religious authorities. He was forced into hiding, betrayed by a friend and captured in the Netherlands. He was put on trial and executed in 1536. But his translations went on to form the basis of the King James Bible produced in 1611 and many other versions which followed.


Tyndale's dying prayer was, 'Lord, open the King of England's eyes'. When he died, there were several thousands copies of his New Testament in English in circulation. It proved to be a flood that could not be stopped. His translations became foundational, changing the history of the Church in England.

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus was an even greater moment in history, Jesus came as a rescuer, our Saviour, so that we might be reconnected to God. The Church grew and lives were transformed. In all our parish churches we have witnessed new growth as people come in search of new life, hope and truth, On Easter Day we join with Christians across the world as we sing Alleluia Christ has risen, he has risen indeed Alleluia.

We remind ourselves that God's word continues to speak to us and draws us closer to God. I pray that our risen Lord will breathe new life into our churches in the coming year

Rev Julie Sear

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 **Worship this Sunday**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Easter Day



**6.10am Sunrise Service**

at the Four Counties Car Park on Ashdown Forest  
(for map see "News from the 3 Churches")

**At St Mary's Hartfield**

**9.30am Easter Celebration All Age Communion  
(NO Sunday Discoverers or Sunday Connect)**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

**At St Mary's, Cowden**

**10.30am Easter Sunday Family Communion**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

**At Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch**

**11am Easter Celebration Holy Communion**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

**NO Choral Evensong**

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



### Good Friday

10am All Age Service  
with Prayer Stations  
including making an Easter Garden  
with Rev Julie Sear

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

### The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Morning Worship  
with Baptism

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Morning Worship  
including APCM

(No Sunday Discoverers or Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

5pm Celebratory Supper for Trevor and Julie

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am Celebratory Holy Communion  
for Rev Julie's last service

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion  
(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

### Save the Dates:

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm

Trinity Talks – A View from Washinton with Ed Davies at Trinity Hall. (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

Trinity Outing to Filching Manor (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm

Forest Church at Cowden Church (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden Church (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

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## Children and Youth Corner



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

- 23<sup>rd</sup> April



5pm-6pm Connect Extra at The Oast  
for youths aged 13+. Read, question, and explore  
the Christian faith together!

- 30<sup>th</sup> April



### 9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 13<sup>th</sup> April
- 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 20<sup>th</sup> April

There will be NO session on 30<sup>th</sup> March or 6<sup>th</sup> April.



### 9.30am Sunday Connect

at The Oast for Youths aged 10+ for breakfast and  
chat to build a relationship with Jesus – during the  
Sunday Communion service

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May

There will be NO sessions in April.



### 9.30am Sunday Discoverers

Children up to 10 years to learn more about our  
Creator – during the Sunday Communion service

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May

There will be NO sessions in April.



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**Good Friday**  
**2pm Meditations at the Foot of the Cross**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **The Second Sunday of Easter**

##### **11am Holy Communion**

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Preacher: Rev Nigel Hills

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##### **11am Matins**

##### **followed by APCM**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

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##### **for Rev Julie's last service**

##### **at St Mary's Church, Hartfield**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Julie Sear

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

#### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

##### **11am Matins**

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

##### **6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

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## Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Supper  
at Cowden Village Hall



## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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



## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday

11am Good Friday Reflection  
Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

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## 3.30pm Forest Church

(see flyer in “News from the 3 churches”)

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#### 10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

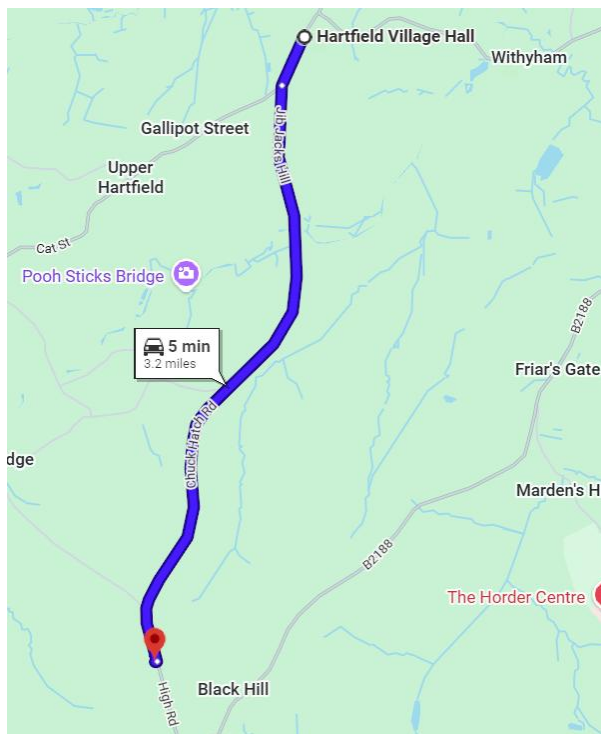
## News from the 3 Churches

### Sunrise Service

The sunrise service is taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6.10am, meeting at the Four Counties car park.

For directions click on the link below:

[VIEW IN GOOGLE MAPS](#)



### APCM Details

Please pray for the upcoming APCM for each church. The dates for these are shown below:

- **St Mary's Hartfield** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April during the service
- **Holy Trinity** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April after the service
- **St Mary Magdalene's** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April during the service

Please note that due to the APCM and the celebratory last service for Rev Julie, there will not be a communion service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April, i.e. 19<sup>th</sup> April. There will however be a communion service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April for all three

**Websites:** [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org)    [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org)

**Facebook:** hartfield and colemanshatch

### Supper for Trevor and Julie

The celebratory supper for Trevor and Julie will be taking place on **25<sup>th</sup> April from 5pm to 7pm.**

A quick reminder to RSVP as soon as possible to Lisa Gibbs-Murray on [admsmht@gmail.com](mailto:admsmht@gmail.com) or 07927 939116 for the invitation as we finalise the catering for the evening.

We are looking to bless Trevor and Julie with a gift as they leave. To contribute towards this either:

- put cash in a blue envelope marked "Julie's Retirement" during the weekend
- bank transfer to either:
  - Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch, sort code 40-20-09, a/c number 71363492, reference: Julie's Retirement.
  - Hartfield PCC, sort code 40-44-37, a/c number 80414557, reference: Julie's Retirement.

### Service of Celebration

A **service of celebration** will on **26<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.** (please note the time). This is communion service for all three churches. Please come along and celebrate as Rev Julie officiates for the last time before her retirement.

### Maundy Thursday Supper

For those who have signed up, the Maundy Thursday Fellowship Supper will be at **7.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> April in Cowden Village Hall.**

### Next Newsletter

There will not be a newsletter next week whilst the administrator takes a break.

The next newsletter will be the one for the **19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

St Mary Magdalene at [aChurchNearYou](https://www.facebook.com/aChurchNearYou)

## News from the 3 Churches

### Trinity Events

Please see below for details for the upcoming trip to Filching Manor:



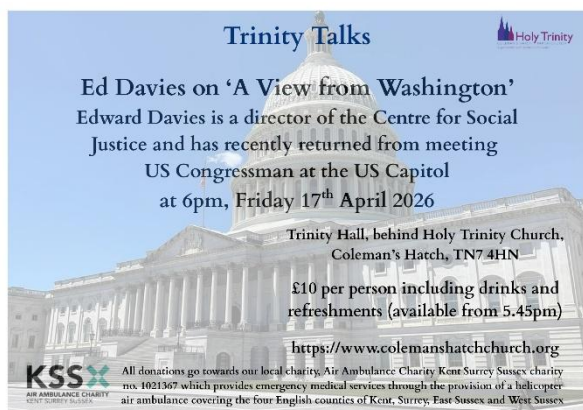
**Filching Manor Trinity Outing**   
18<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
at 11am (meeting at Filching Manor)


Filching Manor has an extraordinary collection of vehicles including a restored Bluebird

£10 admission  
(please car share if possible)

for full details please contact Caroline Daszewska ,  
[carolinedaszewska@gmail.com](mailto:carolinedaszewska@gmail.com) 07513290482

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



**Trinity Talks** 

Ed Davies on 'A View from Washington'  
Edward Davies is a director of the Centre for Social Justice and has recently returned from meeting US Congressman at the US Capitol  
at 6pm, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

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

<https://www.colemanshatchchurch.org>

**KSS** 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

### Praise and Prayer

Please note that there will be no Praise and Prayer in April.

The next Praise and Prayer will be in **St Mary Magdalene's in Cowden** on **5<sup>th</sup> May** at **7.30pm**.



**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:  
5<sup>th</sup> May 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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### Flowers at Hartfield Church



We are very blessed at St Mary's Church in Hartfield to have beautiful flower arrangements at each service and at special events which are courtesy of Jenny Hudson and her team.

Jenny would like to increase her team; she can provide training, so no experience needed. If you are interested please contact Jenny on 01892 770804.

### Forest Church

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



4th Sundays at 3.30-4.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> April 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

## Prayers and Contacts



### This week we are praying...

For peace and justice in our world, for all caught up in war and conflict, and for peacemakers. For the people of Iran and the Middle East, as the US and Israeli offensive continues and the Iranian regime bombards neighbouring countries with missile and drone strikes; for protection for civilians caught up in the conflict, the work of aid agencies in war-torn areas and that the conflict will not spiral to engulf a wider region in war. For wisdom for the leaders of surrounding nations and world leaders as they seek to begin the search for a lasting diplomatic solution, that a resolution to this conflict may be made.

For other nations embroiled in conflict, especially as the attention of the world is focused elsewhere; for Ukraine, that international pressure to bring an end to the war will compel Russia to stop the ongoing intensive bombardment of Ukraine, and enter serious and detailed negotiations to bring a just and lasting peace acceptable to all. For Sudan, that there will be a renewed focus on efforts to bring an end to the civil war, especially in the light of recent evidence suggesting potential genocide in Darfur.

For PM Sir Keir Starmer, our government and parliament, that international events will not distract from the need for a renewed focus on policies to help those most in need in our nation, create a more just society and build greater social cohesion.

For those in distress, who need our prayers.

- Sally Kuhrt
- Pauline Maynard
- Ros Cope
- Sandra Owen
- Jean Nutt
- Frances Stuttaford
- Andrea Johnson

Pray for all who have recently been bereaved.

With every blessing,

Rev Julie

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