

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 17th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Trevor Harrison

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

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group

The Holy Trinity Bible Study group will continue their meetings on the 23rd May, 10.30am, at the home of Caroline and Tony Daszweska and they shall be commencing a new study looking at the last book of the New Testament, the challenging book entitled *Revelation*.

Newcomers are very welcome, please speak to Donna Dewar.

Forest Church

See below for the details of the upcoming May 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 3.30-4.30pm

31st May 2026

Come dressed for the great outdoors!

Meet in church at 3.30pm

Connect Extra & Connect

There will be NO Connect Extra on 14th May. The next Connect Extra is on 11th June.

There will be NO Connect on 21st May due to Maycamp.

The next Connect will be on 4th June.

Request from St Mary's school

St Mary's School in Hartfield has been selected for one of the blue coin boxes in Tesco at the Tesco Express in Forest Row and the big store in Crowborough.

So, if you do shop in Tesco please support the school and make sure you get your blue coins and pop them in the St Mary's School container found in-store. Depending on the number of coins the school will receive either £1500, £1000 or £500, so the more the coins you can pop in the in-store container the better.

Consultation on the next Bishop of Chichester

The consultation on the appointment of the next Bishop of Chichester is still open (until 26th May). The Diocese of Chichester would like to hear from as many people as possible, at tinyurl.com/next-bishop, it only take a few minutes to complete!

We need a new bishop and you can help...

What can I do?

Have your say about the next Bishop of Chichester by completing a short online survey at the following link:

tinyurl.com/next-bishop

You can also access it via the QR Code below:



It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until 26th May 2026. We welcome responses from everyone.

Why do we need a new Bishop?

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May 2026, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/

What is a Bishop?

The Bishop is often seen as the chief pastor or shepherd, and this image helps to explain the role of the Bishop – to both lead and look after the Church in their diocese (the geographical area of responsibility for a Bishop).

The Bishop is called to lead and teach, and also to perform certain important tasks, such as ordaining the Church's ministers (priests and deacons), licensing others to carry out different types of ministry on behalf of the Church, and confirming new Christians. As 'chief pastor' the Bishop has a key role to play in the decision-making, leadership and governance of the Church – both locally and as part of the wider Church of England.

Thank you for contributing!

Paper copies and a QR link are available in the churches along with a copy of the poster and this prayer the Diocese are sharing for the season.

A prayer for Vacancy in See

We begin this journey of discernment in prayer, and we will keep praying. We invite all members of the diocese to join with us in using this special prayer:

Almighty God,
giver of every good gift:
We thank you for the faithful ministry of
Bishop Martin.
As we seek a new bishop to serve our
household of faith,
send your Holy Spirit to deepen our trust in you,
and to guide all those who will discern
the person you are calling;
that we may know, love, and follow
Jesus, today and always
Amen.

Trinity Events

The next Trinity Talk is on transforming Town Place Gardens and will be delivered by Barley McGrath on 15th May at Trinity Hall (£10). This will be followed by a private garden visit and a cream tea (£15) on 30th May; to reserve a place for the garden visit email colemanshatchevents@gmail.com

Town Place Garden Talk and Private Garden Visit with Cream Tea

On May 15th Barley McGrath will describe how he and his wife transformed Town Place into a stunning 3acre garden with a growing international reputation for the quality of its design, planting and gardening. The garden has over 400 roses, herbaceous borders, herb garden, white garden, topiary inspired by the sculptures of Henry Moore, an 800yr old oak, potager, and a unique ruined Priory Church and Cloisters in hornbeam.

On May 30th we have a private view of the Town Place Garden with a tea served in the White Garden.



Talk held at Holy Trinity Church
Hall Colemans Hatch £10

Private Garden Visit and Cream
Tea £15

To reserve a place email
colemanshatchevents@gmail.com

And one for your diaries...Jazz on the Lawn on 6th June. See details below:

Jazz on the Lawn

Saturday 6th June 2026
6.30pm-9.30pm

Join us on Saturday 6th June at 6.30pm for an all age family event with the New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band.

Tickets are £10 per person, children under 16 free.
(Available from the Café team)

Bring a picnic, relax and enjoy the music.

On the tennis lawn behind Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, TN7 4HN

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

Event at St Dunstan's

St Dunstan's Church are pleased to announce they are having the Simorre String Quartet at St Dunstan's Church on Sunday 17th May at 4pm. The concert programme will include classical works such as Haydn's Quartet in D major Op 20.

Tickets can be bought on the door for £14 for adults and for children there is no charge. They can also be bought in advance on <https://www.frparish.co.uk/sdarts> for £12 plus small booking fee.

Holy Trinity's Diary

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

Friday 15th May at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Town Place Garden talk with Barney McGrath at Trinity Hall. (see flyer in “News from the 3 churches”)

Saturday 23rd May at 10.30am

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group, at Caroline and Tony Daszweska's home (see details in “News from the 3 churches”)

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Save the Dates (everyone welcome):

Saturday 30th May

Trinity Outing to Town Place Garden (see flyer in “News from the 3 churches”)

Saturday 6th June

Jazz on the Lawn (see details in “News from the 3 churches”)

St Mary Magdalene's Diary

(all events held at Cowden Church unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

10.30am Morning Worship

Led by: Rev Kevin Scully

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Saturday 30th May

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Sunday 31st May at 3.30pm

Forest Church at Cowden Church (see flyer above)

Saturday 6th June, 6.30pm-9.30pm

Jazz on the Lawn (see flyer above)

St Mary's Hartfield's Diary

(all events held at Hartfield Church unless otherwise stated)

Monday 18th May

9.15am-10.45am – Little Stars

Parent and toddler group with tea & coffee



Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

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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. Alternatively speak to Lisa Gibbs-Murray on 07927 562 838448 or admsmht@gmail.com 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