

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

As we come to the end of the school year, as I do every year, I pause and take a breath after all the busyness of the last few weeks! This time of year is traditionally one where I take time over the summer to look back over the last year, the highs and the lows, and plan ahead for the coming academic year. When this verse in Proverbs 19 (verse 21), *'Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's Purpose that prevails'*, recently popped up on my Bible verse of the day, I felt that it was a timely reminder. In our lives, we can make plans for the coming year, but the most important thing is to seek God's voice amongst all the noise and busyness of life. To take time to consider what He might be calling us to do. In the current time of interregnum, it is also so important that we don't just plough ahead with our plans, but prayerfully consider what God is wanting to do in our churches and how He wants to use us in these plans. So, as we go into the month of August, let's remember to spend time with God and listen for His voice and what He is wanting to say to us.

Rachel Reid



Interregnum Update

The PCCs are currently very busy putting together the Parish Profile which essentially advertises the parishes to a potential new rector.



Worship this Sunday

Sunday 2nd August 2026

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

At St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

At Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Lead: Donna Dewar

Preacher: Angela Ogle

Tuesday 4th August

5.30pm-8pm, Picnic on the Croft, The Croft, Hartfield (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 9th August

The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead by: Rev Nigel Hinton

Tuesday 11th August

5.30pm-8pm, Picnic on the Croft, The Croft, Hartfield (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 16th August

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Gary Cregeen

Tuesday 18th August

5.30pm-8pm, Picnic on the Croft, The Croft, Hartfield (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 23rd August

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead by: Matt Marriott & Rachel Reid

Tuesday 25th August

5.30pm-8pm, Picnic on the Croft, The Croft, Hartfield (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 30th August

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Café Church

Lead by: Rev Nigel Hinton

Tuesday 1st September

7.30pm, Praise and Prayer (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 6th September

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Save the Dates:

Saturday 15th August, 6pm-10pm

Barn Dance on the Tennis Lawn to the rear of Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 30th August, 11am

Pet Service on the lawn outside Holy Trinity

Children and Youth Corner



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

There will be no sessions in August due to the school summer holidays the next date will be September. Watch this space.



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

There will be no sessions in August due to the school summer holidays the next date will be relaunched in September. Watch this space



9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

There will be no sessions in August due to the school summer holidays the next date will be **7th September**



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

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9.30am Sunday Discoverers

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

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Saturday 8th August at 10.30am

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group, at Caroline and Tony Daszweska's home.

Sunday 9th August

The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

11am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Thursday 13th August

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

Saturday 15th August from 6pm to 10pm

Barn Dance –
on the Tennis Lawn behind Holy Trinity Church
(see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 16th August

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Gary Cregeen

Saturday 22nd August

From 12pm, CHHS Flower Show at Holy Trinity Church and Trinity Hall

Sunday 23rd August

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Sunday 30th August

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

11am Matins

Lead: Donna Dewar
Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 6th September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Save the Dates:

Tuesday, 28th July to 1st September, 5.30pm-8pm

Picnic on the Croft, The Croft in Hartfield (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm

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



Friday 7th August

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

Sunday 9th August

The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Sunday 16th August

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills



Friday 21st August

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

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10.30am Morning Worship

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News from the 3 Churches

Pastoral Care

At all 3 churches we are committed to providing pastoral care. During the interregnum this continues to be important. If you or someone you know would like a visit by a member of the church or perhaps you or they are unable to get to church for communion and would like to receive home communion please contact Stephen Hills (hills.rectory@yahoo.co.uk or 01342 643069 or 07896 971723) if you are in the Cowden parish, otherwise Lisa Gibbs-Murray (admsmht@gmail.com or 07927 939116) and they will facilitate this.

Coleman's Hatch Bible Study Group

Coleman's Hatch Bible Study Group's next session is on **8th August at 10.30am** at Caroline and Tony's house. They are looking at the Lord's revelations to John. For further details please see Donna Dewar.

Trinity Event – Barn Dance

There is to be a **Barn Dance** on the Tennis Lawn to the rear of Holy Trinity Church on **15th August from 6pm until 10pm**. This event will be raising money for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. See details below:



Holy Trinity
COLEMAN'S HATCH CHURCH • PARISH OF COLEMAN'S HATCH
In partnership with Hartfield and Cowden

Charity Barn Dance

with live band and caller

Saturday 15th August 2026
6pm-10pm

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

On the tennis lawn to the rear of Holy Trinity Church,
Coleman's Hatch

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

Newsletters

Please note that there will be no newsletters for the next two weeks whilst the administrator is away. The next bulletin will be for Sunday 23rd August 2026.

Forest Church

There will be NO Forest Church session in August.

Thanksgiving Service – Peggy Cochrane

There is to be a thanksgiving service for Peggy Cochrane on **22nd August 2026 at 2pm** at **St Mary's church in Hartfield**.

Praise and Prayer

The next Praise and Prayer will be in **St Mary's in Hartfield on 1st September 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:
1st September at Hartfield 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 of our church and communities.

Prayer is the powerhouse of the church.

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News from the 3 Churches

Summer Picnics @ The Croft

Over the summer we are planning to hold our annual "Tuesday Evening Picnics". These are weekly gatherings on the Croft in Hartfield where people from all three churches and communities can meet, chat and enjoy the summer evenings. All are welcome, see flyer below

We still have spaces for people to sign up to help be responsible for the event each week, which basically means being there from 5.30pm to 8pm to ensure that people feel welcome, make sure that we leave the Croft tidy and maybe (although not essential) to bring some games for the children to enjoy.

See the sign-up sheet at the back of Hartfield church or just let Matt or Rachel know.



Pet Service

There will be a Pet Service held at Holy Trinity on 30th August at 11am. Please see the details in the flyer below, all are welcome.



If you would like to donate to East Grinstead food bank, there are boxes in both St Mary's Hartfield and Holy Trinity churches.

Here is a list of the items they are currently are in urgent need of (in date, not homemade and non perishable please):

- Deodorant (male and female)
- Surface Spray Cleaner
- Mayonnaise 400g (not jars)
- Shaving Foam
- Marmite
- Long Life UHT Milk (screw top)

For more information visit
eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk



This month we are praying...

For peace throughout the world. For those living in areas of conflict particularly children and those offering some support, in terms of charity and medical help. For the wisdom of leaders as they work on negotiating an end to fighting and for sustained peace.

For God's creation that we may be better custodians. In particular for people living in areas of forest fires in Spain and France and those trying to control and extinguish the flames.

For our new Prime Minister as he settles into the post, that he may be a wise leader who leads us with humility and humanity and provides political stability.

As we continue the interregnum, for the PCCs as they work towards the advertising for a new rector. For churchwardens, Rev Stephen, Rev Nigel and Donna as they take on extra duties and services.

For happy holidays for our friends and families as they spend time together over the summer months. For the summer picnics on The Croft and all the services during August.

For the elderly, sick and vulnerable, especially in the heatwaves we are experiencing, and for all medical staff and carers; in particular, for those who need our prayers.

- Sally Kuhrt
- Sandra Owen
- Jean Nutt
- Frances Stuttaford
- Andrea Johnson
- Camilla Clarkson

Pray for all who have recently been bereaved:

- Chris Wright, including Lisa & family
- May Hinton, including Nigel and family

Contacts

As we are now in vacancy please contact Lisa Gibbs-Murray, or if urgent and out of office hours please contact the churchwardens

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