

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

What a summer! Record breaking in so many ways. So different from what we normally expect. And now we move into meteorological Autumn. Every season in this country is different, bringing its own beauty and challenges. Autumn is perhaps my favourite of all seasons, with its changing tapestry of colour and more gentle temperatures.

Our own lives experience their own seasons as we grow older, more weathered and reflective. We tell the story of past seasons in our faces but, as Christians, do so with the certain knowledge of eventual renewal in Christ – of a new body – a new spring – but this time without the deterioration associated with our physical limitations. What a summer that will herald – one spent, for ever, in the very presence of our creator – the very one who created all things including the seasons we enjoy today. So take time to enjoy the changing seasons but reflect too on what is to come 'in Christ'.

Nigel Hinton

 Interregnum Update

The PCCs are continuing to put together the Parish Profile which essentially advertises the parishes to a potential new rector.

 Worship this Sunday

Sunday 6th September 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(with 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 and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Saturday 12th September, 12pm to 4.30pm

Hartfield Village Fete, Horticultural and Dog Show on The Croft in Hartfield.

Sunday 13th September

The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead by: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 20th September

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Archdeacon Russell Dewhurst

Sunday 27th September

The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead by: Rev Stephen Hills

Sunday 4th October

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Harvest Festival Service

(NO Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Save the Dates:

Friday 18th September at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Life in Afghanistan with Hilary Clarkson and Wali and Husna Sherezad at Trinity Hall. (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Saturday 19th September, 7pm

Concert with the Grenadillas Clarinet Choir at Cowden Church

Sunday 27th September at 3.30pm

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

Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Cowden Church

Children and Youth Corner



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

- 10th September
- 24th September
- 8th October



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

- 17th September



9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 7th September
- 14th September
- 21st September
- 28th 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

- 6th September
- 20th September



9.30am Sunday Discoverers

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

- 6th September
- 20th September

Thursday 10th September

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

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at Cowden Village Hall

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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.

Children and Youth

Those of you with children and/or youth who attend any of our groups:

- Little Stars
- Sunday Discoverers
- Sunday Connect
- Connect and/or Connect Extra

Please watch your emails for registration forms. Registration forms need to be completed each year so even if you did one last year you will need to re-submit a form.

Sing at All Saints Crowborough

All Saints are holding a Prom Praise on 10th October. They are putting together a choir to sing with the Langham Arts Big Band for an evangelical concert. If you are interested in singing rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7.30 for 6 weeks, starting 2nd September and the cost is £12 per person

For full details and to sign-up please click on the below link:

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/qazgycky>

Trinity Talks – Life in Afghanistan

The next Trinity Talks is in Trinity Hall on **18th September from 6pm (refreshments from 5.45pm)**. See details below:

Trinity Talks



What is daily life in Afghanistan today really like?

Come along and find out how a community clinic & school operates in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Hilary Clarkson, Wali and
Husna Shereazad

An Evening in Support of Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex
Enjoy complimentary wine and canapés from 17:45 before the main event begins!

When: September 18th at 18:00 – 19:30
Where: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Coleman's Hatch
Entry: £10 in support of Air Ambulance KSS

Praise and Prayer

The next Praise and Prayer will be in **Cowden Church on 6th October 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:
6th October 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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News from the 3 Churches

Café Church at Cowden

On **Sunday 13th September at 10.30am**, Cowden will be holding a **Café Church** service. This will be held in **Cowden Village Hall** not the Church:



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 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



Concert at Cowden Church

Cowden Church is hosting the **Grenadillas Clarinet Choir** for an evening of classics and jazz on **Saturday 19th September at 7pm**.

All are welcome. The event is free to enter although they will be collecting donations for the Porchlight Charity who work with the homeless in Tunbridge Wells

See details below:



Prayers and Contacts



This month we are praying...

For peace throughout the world. For those living in areas of conflict particularly civilians and children. For those providing support to those affected and for those working to find a solution and the end to the fighting.

For people affected by changes to our climate, particularly people caught up in the flash flooding in Nepal, those searching for or mourning loved ones, those displaced, those trying to help with rescues

For anyone affected by the incident at the Big Church Festival.

For our new Prime Minister as he starts his first full session of parliament after the summer recess that he may be a wise leader who leads us with humility and humanity for the good of all and provides political stability.

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

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

- Sally Kuhrt
- Sandra Owen
- Jean Nutt
- Frances Stuttford
- Andrea Johnson

Pray for all who have recently been bereaved:

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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