

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens."

The clocks have changed and the vivid colours of the changing seasons are clear for all to see. Whatever season we are in, the power of the wind and rain over recent days is a wonderful reminder of God's power and might. Whether our personal season feels wild and stormy or bright and colourful, we can be assured that God is walking with us through it and that He is in control and working all things for our good. Maybe you will be one of the many people looking up to the heavens over the coming weeks at one of the dazzling firework displays taking place. Whether we are watching them or listening from indoors, they can remind us to keep looking up to God for our hope, whatever the season. As we move towards the next stage of our season of interregnum, we continue to pray for the person God is preparing to come and serve across our parishes, looking forward with excitement at what God has in store for us. So, as we go into the month of November, let's remember to spend time looking heavenward to God and trust Him to lead us forward on the path that He has planned for us.

Rachel Reid

Interregnum Update

The Parish Profile is now in its final stages and has been reviewed by the Archdeacon. The last amendments from this will be passed to the PCCs for a final approval. This will allow the advert for a potential new rector to be finalised.

Worship this Sunday

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saint's Day

At St Mary's Hartfield

9.30am Holy Communion

(NO Sunday Discoverers or Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

4pm A Time to Remember

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

At St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

At Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch

11am Matins

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday

9.45am Remembrance Sunday

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Wednesday 11th November

11am St Mary's School

Remembrance Day Service

at the War Memorial in Hartfield Churchyard

Friday 13th November

7pm Quiz run by one of our Connect crew (see flyer in "News from our 3 churches")

Sunday 15th November

The Second Sunday Before Advent

10am Joint Holy Communion

for Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Cowden
(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Bishop Will Hazelwood

Sunday 22nd November

The Sunday Next Before Advent

9.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 29th November

The First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion Quiet Service

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Sunday 6th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion

(with Sunday Discoverers and Sunday Connect)

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Save the Dates:

Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm

Praise and Prayer at Trinity Hall

Friday 20th November at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Welshness with Sheila van Maurik and Graham Evans at Trinity Hall (see flyer in "News from the 3 Churches")

Sunday 22nd November at 3.30pm

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

Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm

Live Nativity in Hartfield Village

Children and Youth Corner



5pm-6.15pm Connect at Hartfield Village Hall

Youths aged 10+. Games, food, and fun!

- 5th November
- 19th November
- 3rd December



5pm-6.15pm Connect Extra at The Oast

for youths aged 13+. A monthly meeting for our older Connect crew to chat, eat and have fun!

- 12th November



9.15am-10.45am Little Stars

Parent and toddler group, tea & coffee provided

- 2nd November
- 9th November
- 16th November
- 23rd November
- 30th November
- 7th December



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

- 15th November
- 6th December

There will be NO session on 1st November due to school holidays



9.30am Sunday Discoverers

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

- 15th November
- 6th December

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Tuesday 3rd November

7.30pm Praise and Prayer at Trinity Hall

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Remembrance Sunday

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Thursday 12th November

9.30am-12pm Trinity Café at Trinity Hall

Serving hot chocolate, coffee, tea & cake.

Saturday 14th November

10.30am Holy Trinity Bible Study Group, at Frank Dean's home.

Sunday 15th November

The Second Sunday Before Advent

10am Joint Holy Communion at Hartfield Church

for Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Cowden

Lead and Preacher: Bishop Will Hazelwood

NO SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY

Friday 20th November at 6pm

Trinity Talks – Welshness with Sheila van Maurik and Grahan Evans at Trinity Hall. (see flyer in "News from the 3 churches")

Sunday 22nd November

The Sunday Next Before Advent

9.30am Holy Communion

Lead and Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

Thursday 26th November

9.30am-12pm Trinity Café at Trinity Hall

Serving hot chocolate, coffee, tea & cake.

Sunday 29th November

The First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Matins with Advent Reflections

Lead and Preacher: Donna Dewar

Sunday 6th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

11am Matins

Lead: Donna Dewar

Preacher: Rev Nigel Hinton

6.30pm Advent Choral Evensong

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

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Live Nativity in Hartfield Village



Friday 6th November

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

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Remembrance Sunday

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills

Wednesday 11th November

10.50am Short act of remembrance

at the War Memorial in Cowden

Sunday 15th November

The Second Sunday Before Advent

10am Joint Holy Communion at Hartfield Church

for Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Cowden

Lead and Preacher: Bishop Will Hazelwood

NO SERVICE AT COWDEN



Friday 20th November

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

Sunday 22nd November

The Sunday Next Before Advent

10.30am Morning Worship

Lead and Preacher: Rev Stephen Hills



3.30pm Forest Church

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

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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. 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) if either 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.

Funeral – Andrea Johnson

The funeral for Andrea Johnson is taking place on **2nd November at 1pm** at **Tunbridge Wells Crematorium** with refreshments after the service in Kentish Horse pub, Mark Beech. All are welcome

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Will is coming to Hartfield to lead a joint communion service for all three churches.

The service is on **15th November at 10am** at **St Mary's church in Hartfield**.

Please note that this is also the date for the Honey Run, fundraising run which attracts a large number of participants and so parking is going to be at a premium, please consider car sharing and watch this space for updates.

There will be NO service at either Holy Trinity or Cowden on 15th November.

Holy Trinity Bible Study Group

The Holy Trinity Bible Study Group are meeting at 10.30am on 14th November at Frank Dean's home.

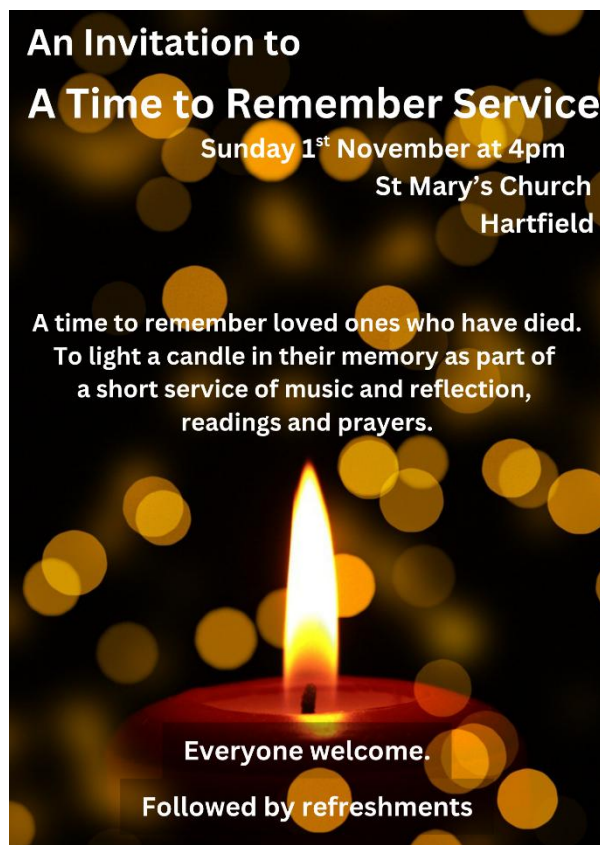
The group is always open to new members, please speak to Donna Dewar if you are interested.

Websites: hartfieldchurch.org colemanshatchchurch.org

Facebook: hartfield and colemanshatch

A Time to Remember – Hartfield & Coleman's Hatch

Coleman's Hatch and Hartfield's annual service to remember loved ones who have died will take place on **1st November 2026 at 4pm** at St Mary's church in Hartfield. All are welcome.



An Invitation to
A Time to Remember Service
Sunday 1st November at 4pm
St Mary's Church
Hartfield

A time to remember loved ones who have died.
To light a candle in their memory as part of
a short service of music and reflection,
readings and prayers.

Everyone welcome.

Followed by refreshments

Forest Church

See below for the details of the upcoming November 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

22nd November 2026

Come dressed for the great
outdoors!

Meet in church at 3.30pm

St Mary Magdalene at aChurchNearYou

News from the 3 Churches

Remembrance Services



The following detail the November remembrance services for your diaries:

Remembrance Sunday – 8th Nov

Hartfield, 9.45am, procession from The Bear Inn car park to start the service in church, followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial

Cowden, 10.30am, service in Cowden Church with worship led by Edenbridge Town Band, and act of remembrance at 11.00am.

Coleman's Hatch, 10.45am. Remembrance Day service

Remembrance Day – Weds 11th Nov

Short act of remembrance at the **War Memorial in Cowden** starting at **10.50am**

St Mary's School Remembrance Day service; gather at the **War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard** at **11am**

Praise and Prayer

The next Praise and Prayer will be in **Trinity Hall** on **3rd November** 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:
3rd November at Trinity Hall
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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Trinity Talks – The Longitude Problem

The next Trinity Talk is in Trinity Hall on **20th November from 6pm (refreshments from 5.45pm)**. See details below:



Trinity Talks
'Welshness'
with Sheila Marc & Graham Evans
Some aspects of Welsh life through anecdotes
with acted renditions based on Dylan Thomas
at 6pm, Friday 20th November 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>

KSSX AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX
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



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):

- Coffee small/medium
- Washing Up Liquid
- Surface Spray Cleaner
- Instant Mash Potato
- Mayonnaise 400g (not jars)

News from the 3 Churches

InSpires Suppers

Andrea and Rob McGlew have kindly offered to host an "InSpires supper" for 6 people on 28th November. They will be serving a luxury 3 course menu with extras. Drinks on arrival, 2 bottles of wine from their cellar (guests are welcome to bring more) and soft drinks, tea and coffee; any allergies/dietary requirements will be considered. If you would like to attend, tickets are £25 per person; please contact Lisa Gibbs-Murray on admsmht@gmail.com, stating any allergies or dietary requirements, tickets are still available but be quick tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

A group of ladies are also holding an "InSpires supper" with a twist. They are planning to have a meal in the Hathi Restaurant in Nutley on 7th November at 8pm costing a minimum of £25 per person to cover the meal and a donation to the Boreholes appeal, please note that the cost may go up depending on the final food bill.

Rev Stephen and Elizabeth Hills are hoping to host a supper for 8 people at The Rectory in Cowden. Details to be confirmed.

If anyone else is interested in helping by hosting a supper for 6-8 people please let Lisa Gibbs-Murray know via admsmht@gmail.com or on 07927 939116. (see flyer below)



The flyer features the LinkedIn logo at the top, flanked by green leaves. Below it, the text "InSpires Suppers" is written in a large, bold, blue font, followed by "– supporting International Needs" in a smaller blue font. A central image shows a set table with white plates, glasses, and a lit candle, with a small circular inset showing a young girl in a patterned dress. To the right of the table, a small circular inset shows a young girl in a patterned dress. Below the table, a green banner contains the text "Contact Lisa if you can help, thank you".

InSpires Suppers
– supporting International Needs

Could you host a supper
for 6 - 8 people to raise funds
for our Borehole in Uganda
appeal?

Contact Lisa if you can help, thank you

Boreholes Fundraising

There are a number of other sponsored events being organised...

A couple of the younger members of the Hartfield congregation, Noah and Isaac, have completed a run of 2.5km whilst three-legged. An update on how much they raised will be coming soon.

Our Connect crew are organising a sponsored bike ride on 8th November. If you wish to sponsor them or find out more please speak to Phoebe Reid or Emily Johnson.

If you have any ideas for fund raising please contact Lisa Gibbs-Murray on admsmht@gmail.com or Rachel.

Quiz Night @ Hartfield

One of the youth members of Hartfield church is raising money for her scout jamboree and is holding a quiz night on **13th November at 7pm in Hartfield Church**. All are welcome, see details on the flyer below.



The flyer has a dark blue background with a string of lights at the top. The text "QUIZ NIGHT" is written in large, glowing yellow letters. Below it, the date "Friday 13th November" is written in white. Further down, the text "Drinks and cakes available 7:00-8:30pm" is written in white. Below that, the location "ST Mary's Church, Hartfield" is written in white. At the bottom, the ticket prices "£20 for team of 5", "£5 per person", and "Family and general knowledge quiz rounds" are written in white.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th
November

Drinks and cakes available
7:00-8:30pm

ST Mary's Church, Hartfield

£20 for team of 5
£5 per person
Family and general
knowledge quiz rounds



This month we are praying...

For peace throughout the world. For those directly affected by conflicts particularly civilians and children whose daily lives are in turmoil. For those indirectly affected, particularly those finding the increasing energy prices challenging and unaffordable and those working in humanitarian organisations supporting those impacted. For those working to find a peace, that they may look towards reconciliation and compassion.

For those struggling with the cost of living, particularly around fuel as we start the colder months. For those struggling with the cost and impact of social care. And for those in positions of power, give them wisdom and courage to make an impact on these challenges.

For those currently living in areas which are suffering from unpredictable climate and natural disasters. In particular, for those with the lack of sufficient clean water and for our community fund raising to provide boreholes in Uganda.

For those taking on additional responsibilities during the interregnum. For those working to get the right person for our churches and for your plans for our ministry.

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
- Don Holmes

For all who have recently been bereaved, including:

- friends and family of Andrea Johnson
- the Stenhouse family
- friends and family of Andrew Laing



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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