

## *Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023*



St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield  
Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

Dear Friends,

In the month of May, Trevor and I took a trip to Scotland. Using 'Gabrielle' our camper car, we took the slow road to the Isle of Skye via the Lake District. We had planned the trip in December in the hope the weather would be good enough for camping and walking.

The day we arrived at Lake Windermere, the rain was pelting down and very grey. We sat in our camper and wondered if we had made the right decision. The weather app for Cornwall was showing full sunshines! However, the following morning the sun came out and we were blessed with sunshine nearly every day.

One of the main reasons for travelling to Scotland was to visit the place of my birth. My parents had a house built near Loch Lomond where I had lived for the first two years of my life. As we arrived outside the house, I found myself overcome with emotion. The house looked just as it did in the black and white photos. The vision of my parents living there and walking the path I was now standing on, made me wish I had asked more about their lives, while they were alive and this beautiful place they had called home. We continued on up to the Isle of Skye, a trip I will never forget.

Since returning, I have had time to reflect on that moment in Helensburgh. A place where love and family life had been built all those years ago. A part of my life from the past. So often we leave the really important conversations to one side. We think we will have time to talk about them another day but that isn't always the case.

There is a lovely verse in the bible that I have always carried with me.

## Psalm 143: 8

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,  
for I have put my trust in you.  
Show me the way I should go,  
for to you I entrust my life.

I know the summer can become busy for families. A time to get together and have fun. There are others in our communities for whom the summer will feel long and lonely. Maybe you are visiting family members with an opportunity to catch up.

I would love to encourage you, at the beginning of each new day, to use the words from Psalm 143. Allow God's Word to speak to you. To remind you of his unfailing love for you and then in turn pass it on to others. Have conversations that count as you build memories for the future that leave a legacy of love.

Have a lovely summer.  
Rev Julie

Here is the last reading of our James sermon series,  
**James 5:13-18**

### **The Prayer of Faith**

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

## **Today on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

9:30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's Church.

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## **Upcoming Services**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am - Café Church at St Mary's

11am – Songs of Praise outdoors at Holy Trinity

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## **Collects**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Paul Brice Returns**

Paul Brice, former Rector and Vicar in the Benefice, and his wife Hananja have returned to the UK from Switzerland where Paul was Chaplain, based in Zurich, to four city Anglican congregations spread across the German-speaking area of the north east. Paul has recently retired and he and Hananja are now living in Cambridge. After international travel restrictions and so on (long story - not just Covid), they are hoping to catch up with friends and acquaintances once again here in Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch. It has been suggested that a good way to do this would be to have a little gathering in Hartfield church. (He considered sponsoring a curry night, but that is not everyone's cup of tea.)

Paul writes that, as well as church activity, part of his role in the benefice was in the wider community and he came to know many who were not church members; he hoped that word would get around so that he and his wife could catch up with them, too. Hearing how young people he knew as toddlers or at the school - some of whom were friends with his own four children - are doing, after over ten years, would be lovely.

### **Open House - Saturday 24 July at 4pm in Hartfield Church**

It is a free-for-all but to help with refreshments, it would be good to email your intention to attend: [pb@cix.co.uk](mailto:pb@cix.co.uk)



## **Autumn Conference and AGM**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – 2pm at Bishop Hannington Church, Hove

**Bishop Julian Henderson**, President of the Church of England Evangelical Council, former Bishop of Blackburn (and now Hon. Assistant Bishop in this diocese), will be speaking at the conference.

FREE for paid-up members, otherwise £5.

Please make every effort to come (and invite others!). This will be an important meeting as we look towards the culmination of this latest stage of the *Living in Love and Faith* process at the November session of the General Synod.

Further details and publicity available soon.

## **Kate's Last Service – 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Kate's last day with us will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.  
Kate has a new job as a children's and family's worker in All Saints  
Church in Danehill.**

**We ask that you would keep Kate in your Prayers.**

## **School Leavers Service**

**On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of July at 11am in St Mary's Church.**

**Every year the school has a leavers service for the year 6's.**

**We ask that you pray for the year 6's as they prepare to leave St Mary's  
School.**

## PSALM ROAR SUSSEX

Psalm Roar Sussex - 14th October 2023  
St Mary the Virgin, Warbleton 10am-4pm  
A DAY OF ROBUST, JOYFUL, VIGOROUS PSALM-SINGING

Singing psalms is commanded by God. It is part of a life filled with the Holy Spirit. We join our voices with Christ, our heavenly Worship Leader. If doctrine strengthens our minds, psalm-singing fortifies our hearts. Do not imagine the gentle singing of a choir in a cathedral. Picture a rugby team about to go onto the pitch, or an army preparing for battle. Jesus is the Lion of Judah and this will be a day to roar the Psalms

This will be a day on why and how to sing the Psalms, with lots of singing. We'll try singing the psalms to well-known metrical hymn tunes, in four parts, in a Genevan style, and using Anglican chant. The emphasis is on enthusiastic participation rather than musical perfection. No prior music knowledge required

See Psalm Roar Sussex – Psalm Roar for more information and to book.  
(For an idea of what might be involved, see:

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0USdyRu1Cby9AnblfYQ4JUDHdbOqyvUY](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0USdyRu1Cby9AnblfYQ4JUDHdbOqyvUY)



### TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Come and join us!

7pm to 10pm Next session, Friday 28th July  
and then every 4th Friday every month.

Supper Interval—bring your own

Expert caller

Everybody welcome—no experience necessary £5 per adult  
children free + very welcome

For more information: Caroline 07513 290482



## Trinity Cafe

In Trinity Hall, Coleman's Hatch  
From 9.30am-12pm

With tea, coffee and Homemade cakes  
Everyone is welcome.

Next date are:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

For more information, please contact:

Caroline Daszewska 01342 321150

Sheila Van Maurik 01892 770273

Eve James 07753 615032

## Church Street Community Cafe

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

### upcoming dates

Thursday 6th July

Thursday 20th July

Thursday 3rd August

Thursday 17th August

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on  
07941 856715 or [msjoannegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:msjoannegriffin@gmail.com)



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

Friday, July 21st, 6.00pm

Life in the Foreign Office  
by  
David Haines



The talk will begin at 6.00pm  
and will last for about 45 minutes.

Refreshments will be available from 5.45 and also after the Talk, when David will be happy to answer your questions.



After a break in August our next talk will be  
on September 22nd.

Topic to be announced.

Contact the following for more details and booking.

[events@colemanshatchchurch.org](mailto:events@colemanshatchchurch.org)

## Children and Youth Corner

### Little Stars parent and toddler group

At St Mary's Church  
Every Monday during term time.  
from 9.15am – 10.45am  
For ages 0-5

Running till 17<sup>th</sup> of July  
When it will break for the summer holidays.

We play, sing some songs, do a bible story.  
With snacks for the children and tea and  
coffee for the adults.



The first date back after the summer holidays will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September.



1st & 3rd Sundays, 9.30am

# SUNDAY Discoverers

From ages  
3-6 & 7-11  
years old



Dates of Sunday Discoverers  
this term

16th April  
7th May  
21st May  
4th June  
18th June  
2nd July  
16th July

Join us for each  
Sunday  
discoverers as  
we find out  
more about  
God

## Connect@5

5pm - 6.15pm  
Games, Food, Bible Study

14th July -  
Summer Social  
Venue to be confirmed  
14th September  
28th September

For more information  
Contact Rev Julie Sear at  
revjuliesear1@gmail.com or  
01892770436  
or look at our website at  
www.hartfieldchurch.org

Hartfield Village Hall

Year 5 and up



If you would like to donate to the East Grinstead food bank, there are boxes in both churches.

Please note items must be in date, not homemade and non-perishable.

Tin Peas  
Tin Potatoes  
Tin Carrots  
Tin Sweetcorn  
Tinned Custard  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Tinned Fruit

For any other information please go to their website  
<https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>



**This week we are praying for...**

Please pray for all who are struggling in mind, body and spirit.

We Pray for the Year 6's as they prepare to leave St Mary's School.

We give thanks for the ministry of Kate Dillingham at St Mary's Church. We now pray for her as she prepares to leave and begin her new role at All Saints Church Danehill. We pray for us as a church as we seek God's plans for the future.

Pray for our homegroups and homegroup leaders.

For peace and justice in our world. For the leaders of the nations. For our Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, our government and all who bear responsibility for our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace.

For our wedding couples.

For those who are unwell including Jim; Andrea; Ardyne and Sandra; for Ian's and Ros Burns son, Cameron; for those who have been bereaved of a loved one.

Pray For Joyce Maddock's daughter Helen who is receiving Treatment for a serious heart condition, and her son Philip who has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Please pray especially for Tom Hewson, family and friends.

With every blessing,

Rev Julie

[www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org) or [www.colemanshatchchurch.org](http://www.colemanshatchchurch.org)

**Deadline for next newsletter is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of July**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is, there is* **Freedom**

- 2 Corinthians 3:17