

*Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024*



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

**Today is Shepherds Sunday**

**Our readings are:**

**Acts 4: 5-12**

**John 10:11-18**



**This Weeks Services**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11.am – Matins at Holy Trinity

# Upcoming Services

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am – Morning Worship and APCM at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day

10.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday (Patronal Festival)

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

## Deanery Confirmation Service

There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Venue to be decided.

Bishop Ruth will be presiding.

If anyone would like to be Confirmed or Baptised,

please contact Rev Julie Sear

at [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com) or 01892770436.

Rev Julie Sear will get in touch with you to arrange classes.

Dear Friends,

This month sees us holding our Village Fete at Colemans' Hatch in the grounds of Holy Trinity on the 11<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm.

You may become aware that various projects are underway at Holy Trinity. After many years where we have navigated pot holes across the car park, we are having the surface redone.

We are also having a new bi-fold door with ramp and steps from the rear part of Trinity Hall. This will enable us to use the hall for more events and enjoy the terrace and the beautiful views. It will also give us a better fire escape.

Our old boiler is not expected to complete another winter. We are therefore having some under pew heating fitted to enable us to keep the people warm next winter for our regular services, events and all our baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Our final project which is currently in for planning permission, is to extend the churchyard into the 'rectors' field. This is really important for us as a church to make sure we care for families and loved ones both now and in the future. We will let you know once the permission has been given. We hope to hold a special service in September to give thanks for the many blessings we have received over this past year. We hope you will feel your parish church in Coleman's Hatch is being cared for both now and for future generations. Please do come and join us at our events or services in both churches.

You will also see on the next page that St Mary's in Hartfield are also undergoing works of a different kind. Please do read the information and consider if you would like to know more about your parish church in Hartfield and how you can help.

With every blessing,

Julie Sear



# St Mary's Church

Heart for the Community

## ST MARY'S DEVELOPMENT 2024

*St Mary's stands at the heart of our community and is so important to us as a village - as it has been for centuries.*

It is now six years since the Heart for the Community project transformed how the village could make use of the church building. Regular users of the building now include the school, the Church Street Community Café, the Little Stars toddler and carers group and one-off users such as HARTS, a children's holiday club and community suppers.

Time, however, moves on and a regular architect's inspection of the church identified urgent repairs are required to the stone work, particularly around some windows. Repair of these windows and replacement of rainwater goods and other repair work has had to start immediately. **The cost of these works is £100,000.**

In addition, there are repairs required to the Lychgate Cottage and various projects already identified to further improve the facilities within the church for community use, especially our children's area, improvements for our school visits, improved accessibility for our older visitors and heating & security improvements. For more information on this, please visit our website at [www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org)

The church community has already raised about £75,000 from donations and grants, including from the Sussex Historic Churches Trust but we would like to **raise an additional £100,000**, making a total of £175,000 to help us complete this vital work.

If you feel you can support this important community development, there will be a Gift Day in St Mary's on Sunday 19th May at 9.30am. Alternatively, please look overleaf to see how you can be a part of this exciting venture.

For more information, please contact Rev'd Julie Sear ([revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)) or our Treasurer, Tim Jackson ([timjjackson317@hotmail.com](mailto:timjjackson317@hotmail.com)).

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Holy Trinity APCM Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
at 7pm in the Church.  
Cake and coffee provided.

St Mary's Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April in Church  
– 9.30am for a time of café style  
worship with our APCM.

Please put the dates for the APCM's in your diary.

This is a significant moment in the life of the church. It is a time of thanksgiving as we look back and give thanks to God for all that He has been doing in the life of our churches and community.

It is a time to focus on the present, what are the blessings and challenges. It is also a time to look forward, to pray for the coming year with vision and hope. All ages, different skills and gifts all growing and praying together.

We elect our Churchwardens and PCC.

Please make this meeting a priority and pray for the mission and growth of our Benefice.

Rev Julie

### Collect Prayers

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### **New Associate Vicar for Cowden**

After nearly five years of praying and discussion, I am delighted to announce a new Associate House for Duty Vicar for Cowden.

Rev Stephen Hills. ( Please see photo and his short biography below).

His appointment and licensing is subject to DBS checks but we are hopeful to hold a licensing service in early July.

Stephen will be Associate Vicar for the church in Cowden working 2.5 days a week. He will live in the Rectory in Cowden and is really looking forward to meeting everyone. In order for Stephen to be Associate Vicar, Rev Julie will become Priest in Charge of Cowden but will continue to be Rector of Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch.

I am looking forward to working with Stephen in the months ahead.

This is such an answer to prayer for all of us. Please pray for Stephen and Elizabeth as they prepare to leave their parishes of Bidborough and Southborough after 25 years.

I will let everyone know when we receive a licensing date.



## **Stephen Hills**

Stephen has spent his 25 years of ordained ministry in Southborough and Bidborough. As Curate at Christ Church he launched a new service at St Peter's Church on Southborough Common, and was able to continue to lead there when St Lawrence Bidborough joined the Southborough Team Ministry and Stephen became Team Vicar. A few years ago the parishes were re-configured, and Stephen became Rector of St Lawrence's and St Peter's.

Earlier in adult life, Stephen worked in the City for some years, before sensing a call to train for ministry. He and Elizabeth spent a very special two years in Cambridge, with their three young children, during his training at Ridley Hall, before moving to Southborough. Tim, Lucy and Georgina went to secondary schools in Tonbridge, and are now grown up, and the family has grown to include their lovely spouses, and 4 young grandchildren, all nearby in Crowborough.

At the beginning of 2023 Elizabeth retired from 15 years working at 'Good Neighbours' in Tunbridge Wells, offering support to the elderly, and she and Stephen began to think and pray about what the future might hold. They sensed a call to serve somewhere where their experience of both village ministry and working in a team with other churches could be used, which led them to pray about the post advertised at Cowden, Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch.

Stephen and Elizabeth are delighted to be moving to Cowden, and are looking forward to seeing, hearing and joining in with all that God is doing in these three communities through His church, to encouraging folk in discipleship, to making new friends, and to praying and working with others to see God's kingdom come.

They are also looking forward to the different pace of life and ministry that comes with a 'House for Duty' post, and to time for walks on the Ashdown Forest with grandchildren, more sailing, gardening and other assorted hobbies.



## Hartfield Remembers

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, Hartfield will participate in the international tribute with a short service in the Memorial Garden followed by lighting the beacon on the Town Croft.

**TIMETABLE**  
**6 JUNE 2024**  
**8:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

- 8:45 pm • Welcome address and prayer from Rev. Julie Sear
- Tribute from the Royal British Legion
- 'National Tribute'
- 9:15 pm • Lighting the Beacon
- 9:20 pm • 'Last Post' followed by the ringing of the church bells.





MUSIC  
IN COUNTRY  
CHURCHES

**Music at Coleman's Hatch**

**Tenebrae**  
directed by Nigel Short  
Holy Trinity Church  
20 July at 6.30pm

Full details and tickets available from  
[ticketsource.co.uk/micc](http://ticketsource.co.uk/micc)  
(scan the QR code below)



MUSICA IN TEMPLA RURIS

# JAZZ ON THE LAWN



The Trinity Café Team would like to invite you to join us for an informal Jazz evening on Saturday 1st June in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church Coleman's Hatch from 6.30 – 9.30 An all age friends and family event for which you are invited to bring a picnic and listen to the

## **New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band**

with their excellent vocalist Penny Paine

Entry is £10.00 per person, children under 16 free.

Tickets available from any member of the team at  
Trinity Cafe

## ***Church Street Community Cafe***

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

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

### upcoming dates

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 20th June

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



**Trinity Cafe**  
Second and fourth Thursday  
each month

From 9.30 to Mid-day

We have new dates for your diary this year.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** is the date of the Church Fete from 1 pm. And on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** we will be relaxing with Jazz on the Lawn from 6.30 pm with the *New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band* with singer *Penny Payne*. See the ads in this magazine for details.

Here at the café we continue to serve our fresh cakes and pastries, sweet and savoury.

Everyone is welcome to take advantage of our bookshelves next to the front entrance and also the selection of puzzles available beneath. There is a noticeboard for your information and beneath that, a seed swop tray where you are welcome to bring and/or take away seeds for your garden. If you have young children, we have a soft play-mat available as well as a choice of toys. Just ask a member of the team. At the end of the morning, before leaving, you are welcome, for a donation, to take away any of the remaining cakes and pastries.

Caroline Daszewska  
Sheila Van Maurik  
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# LITTLE STARS

Parent & toddler group

Mondays @ St Mary's Church, Hartfield

## Upcoming dates

22nd April

29th April

13th May

20th May

10th June



9.15 to 10.45am Tea and Coffee Provided



## TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Our experienced caller Alex, leads us with kindness and patience and it's quite surprising how quickly we learn the steps!

The music is uplifting, exuberant and always enjoyable.

Although we are growing in number we are still keen to recruit new participants. If you would like to join, us, we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month at 7pm and break at 8pm for our supper which we bring with us.

Whether you come alone or with friends, you will be welcomed.

£5 per person which includes a glass of wine.

No experience necessary.

For more information: Caroline 07513 290482

**TRINITY—**  
**—Talks**



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

Friday 17th May 2024, 6.00pm

Standing up for Trees  
by  
Gilly Halcrow



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 Gilly will be happy to answer your questions.



**Our next talk will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**  
**by Jilly Gooden**

# Sunday Discoverers

*Discover us every 1st & 3rd Sunday  
morning at 9.30am, as we find out more  
about our Creator*

***This term's dates: 5th May, 19th May,  
16th June, 7th July***

***For more information please contact  
Rev Julie Sear at [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com)  
or 01892770436***



## *Holy Trinity Church Fete*

Saturday 11th May 2024 from 1pm

Enjoy a fun day out, with friends and family, browse and buy from the stalls, Plants and Produce, Childrens Stalls, Nearly New, Books, Linens, Bric-a-Brac and Gifts. Collectables, Bottle Tombola and Raffle

Afternoon tea and cakes.

Entertainment from Paul Stanworth,

3pm Maypole dancing.

4pm Spirimawgus Morris Men

After expenses, all proceeds are shared by our nominated charity for 2024 **Crawley Open House** and to the upkeep of Trinity Hall

Contacts: Caroline 07513 290482 Sheila 01892 770273

# **CONNECT**

For young people aged 10+

Join us for games,  
food and fun

From 5-6.15pm in  
the Village Hall

Thursday dates are

25th April

9th May

24th May Maycamp!

13th June

For more information  
please contact Matt Marriott at  
[m.marriott@btconnect.com](mailto:m.marriott@btconnect.com)

# **CONNECT** EXTRA

**Held in the Oast House in the Anchor car park from 5pm-6pm,  
A monthly meeting for our connect crew.**

**Where Matt and Christina can share some food while we chat, read and question, while exploring the Christian faith together.**

**For more information please contact Matt Marriott at [m.marriott@btconnect.com](mailto:m.marriott@btconnect.com)**

**Thursday dates are:**

**16th May**

**20th June**

**18th July**

# **CONNECT** Sunday

**For young people aged 10+**

**Held in the Rectory from 9.30am, for breakfast and chats, before heading back to church for communion.**

**Come, relax and chat as we build relationship with Jesus and each other!!**

**For more information please contact Matt Marriott at [m.marriott@btconnect.com](mailto:m.marriott@btconnect.com)**

**Sunday dates are:**

**5th May**

**19th May**

**16th June**



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

Orange Squash  
Kitchen Roll  
Tin Carrots  
Tinned Custard  
Toilet rolls  
Bag Sugar 500g  
Bars of Soap  
Coffee Small/Medium

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

For more information visit  
[eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk](http://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk)





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

For peace and justice in our world.

For the leaders of the nations.

For our government and all who bear responsibility on our nation, for wisdom to seek first justice and peace. Ukraine. Russia. Israel and Gaza. For the leaders of Iran to bring wisdom and peace.

For those who are unwell and undergoing tests.

For all those who have been bereaved. Hilary and Frances Rowberry.

The Family of Rosemary Marshall who sadly passed away this week, no funeral plans are available yet.

The Family of Nancy Lawrence whos Funeral will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 11am at Tunbridge wells Crematorium.

For our APCM's this April.

For our Church Wardens.

For all events taking place within St Mary's and Holy Trinity.

With every blessing,  
Rev Julie

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**Deadline for next newsletter is 12pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you would like something placed into the newsletter please send it to  
[admsmht@gmail.com](mailto:admsmht@gmail.com)



***I can do  
all things through***

*Him*  
***Who gives me  
Strength***

Philippians 4:13