

Newsletter 16th June 2024



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

Dear Friends,

I have recently been thinking about those people who have impacted my life in some way. Every time I take a funeral, I find families begin to share memories that have long been hidden or not talked about for ages. We discover things we never knew about the person who has died.

I recently spent some time with someone I went to school with. We had grown up together and went to primary and senior school before heading off to higher education. We enjoyed the church youth group and were confirmed at the age of 15. Even though our lives went our separate ways for a while, there was a lot of shared history there, people we knew in common having grown up in the same parish. A sense of feeling at home with a good friend.

It's good to share those memories. We all have a story to tell about ourselves and how that story ripples out to family and friends. When my Aunt died a few years ago, she was the last member of our family who knew the family history. In a suitcase on top of her wardrobe, I found photographs and telegrams that told of my Grandfather's death in the war. Books and newspaper cuttings of family members who sadly I never got to see or speak to when they were alive. I am grateful she kept them to remind me. How I wish I had known more about their stories.

The summer offers us an opportunity to sit down whatever our age, to meet up and chat. To listen and hear something of another person's life is a wonderful gift. To pass on legacies of love, of wisdom and courage.

In the bible there are some letters written to Timothy from the apostle Paul. Timothy is being reminded by the apostle Paul, that much of his faith in God has been handed down from his grandmother and mother. This gift of faith was to be fanned into flame, to be passed on, to be lived out. This letter if you read it, is such an encouragement to someone who was perhaps struggling with life in some way.

I hope over the summer holiday's you have time to rest and recharge your batteries and where possible share something of your story and listen to others.

Have a lovely summer.

Rev Canon Julie Sear.

Licensing of the Revd Stephen Hills and Revd Julie Sear

The licensing of Rev Stephen Hills as Associate Vicar of Cowden. Will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cowden, Edenbridge, TN8 7JD.

On Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

The Service will be Led by the Bishop of Chichester.

Rev Julie will be licensed at the same service as Priest in Charge. Everyone is welcome to come along and support Revd Stephen and Revd Julie.

Please could you let Rev Julie know if you would like to attend.

Revjuliesear1@gmail.com or admsmht@gmail.com



Open Gardens 2024

Saturday June 15th & Sunday June 16th

11.00am – 5pm

Come along and enjoy some of the beautiful gardens in and around Colemans Hatch. We have several NEW GARDENS available this year.

Refreshments and plant sales available.

Tickets £5 per person

Includes access to each of the Open gardens, map and garden details.

Children under 16 go free!!

Buy your tickets on the day

at the green by the Hatch Inn Pub

OR book and pay in advance

at the Trinity Café (Holy Trinity Church Hall)

For further information and details, visit

www.colemanshatchflowershow.co.uk



Our nominated local charities for
this year are

Taylor Made Dreams
and Children's Forest



SUMMER SERVICES

Holy Trinity

Sunday 7th July

11am Matins

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 14th July

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July

11am Songs of Praise

Sunday 28th July

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th August

11am Matins

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 11th August

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th August

11am Matins

Sunday 25th August

11am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st September

11am Pet Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong



Website

colemanshatchchurch.org

SUMMER SERVICES

St Mary's

Sunday 7th July

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th July

9.30am Morning Woship

Sunday 21st July

9.30am Holy Communion

From 28th July we will be providing a breakfast from 8.30-9.15am, followed by our Sunday services from 9.30-10.15am

Sunday 28th July

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Songs of Praise

Sunday 4th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 18th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 1st September

9.30am Holy Communion



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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

J C Ryle (1816-1900), the first Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, said this about prayer: “Prayer is the mightiest weapon that God has placed in our hands.” He also issued a warning about what happens when we neglect prayer: “Bibles read without prayer, sermons heard without prayer, engagements to marriage without prayer, travel undertaken without prayer, homes chosen without prayer, friendships formed without prayer, the daily act of private prayer itself hurried over or gone through without heart—these are the kind of downward steps by which many a Christian descends to a condition of spiritual paralysis, or reaches to the point where God allows him [or her] to have a tremendous fall.”

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian faith, it is the most important activity we engage in, and if we neglect it our relationship with Jesus, and the church will wither and die.

Charles Spurgeon, the 19th-century English preacher, was known as the “Prince of Preachers,” thousands of people came to Christ through His preaching. A group of young ministers came one day to visit his church. After showing them the massive sanctuary, Spurgeon offered to show them his “boiler room.” The guests were not interested because boiler rooms were not pleasant places to visit. They were hot and dirty; usually located down in the basement. In Spurgeon’s time, steam was the power source of the day; boiler rooms were the powerhouses, the driving forces of everything. Spurgeon led the young ministers down to the basement where they found about one hundred people in prayer. “This,” Spurgeon said with a smile, “is my boiler room.”

It is my longing to see not only our churches transformed, but also our villages, with people coming to faith and lives transformed, but this won’t happen, unless we take prayer seriously individually and corporately. That is why we are starting a monthly Prayer and Praise meeting in September

(date to be confirmed) to be one of the most important activities we do across the benefice and something I would like as many people as possible to attend. Rev Julie

Collect Prayers

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

At our Annual Parochial Church Meetings in April, Matt Marriott and Linda Graham, Paul Double and Angela Ogle were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

On the evening of 26th June the Archdeacon of Hastings will be coming to All Saints Crowborough in order to admit to the office of Churchwarden those in our area who have recently been elected to this role. This will be in the context of a service known as the Archdeacon's Visitation.

Please pray for Matt and Linda, Paul and Angela as they undertake all the responsibilities that this role entails during the year to come.

Let's have a Picnic

We are arranging a picnic on the croft in Hartfield on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer holidays with games organised for the Children

From 23rd July - 27th August
5.30pm - 8pm

Please bring a picnic with you

We look forward to seeing you there!





We would love to see you and your pets for a
**Pet Service of Thanksgiving
and Blessing**

taking place in the grounds of Holy Trinity
Church, Colemans Hatch
on
Sunday 1st September at 11am

To ensure that no pets are harmed, we politely
request that dogs are on leads and small pets are
safely in baskets.

If your pet can't come, you are welcome to bring a
photo or your cuddly pet toy with you instead.

Horses and sheep welcome too.

To find out more, please contact Donna Dewar:
01342 326424

*Refreshments afterwards for both pets and
humans.*

Maycamp 2024

We set out on Friday 24th May, ready for anything, but praying the weather would hold and I had remembered everything! Arriving at Plumpton Racecourse in our luxury minibus was amazing as we could look out over a sea of tents from youth groups from across the diocese. We soon settled in and a brilliant weekend began.

Our party consisted of 11 youth, 4 leaders and 2 cooks, and all were busy from the start. There was so much to do across the weekend; Archery, Frisbee Golf, Inflatables, Slip & Slide, Walks & Scavenger hunts, Tye Dye, Dance and Disco's to name a few activities that were popular with our gang. Then there were the seminars and main meetings where we got to worship, learn and ask all the tricky questions that we had been wondering about. Bishop Ruth coming on Sunday morning to talk to us and give us communion was a real highlight.

Our young people were an absolute delight, looking out for each other and getting involved with everything that they could. I know I have returned feeling I know all of them a bit better, but more importantly, I know my Heavenly Father better too. I hope all our gang came back feeling the same.

Next year we are aiming to go bigger and better than ever before. And I can't wait for Maycamp 2025!!







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 4th 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 21st June 2024, 6.00pm

My Life on Camera
by
by Gilly Goolden



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.

Dates for Children and Youth

Little Stars: Monday 17th June, 9.15am – 10.45am – St Mary's

Connect Extra: Thursday 20th June, 5pm - 6pm – Oast

Sunday Connect: Sunday 7th July, from 9.30am – The Rectory

Café's Next Sessions

Church Street Community Café: Thursday 20th June, 2pm-4pm - St Mary's

Trinity Café: Thursday 27th June, 9.30am – 12pm - Trinity Hall



For young people aged 10+

Join us for games,
food and fun

From 5-6.15pm in
the Village Hall

Thursday dates are
27th June

11th July

Summer Holidays

12th September

For more information
please contact Matt Marriott at
m.marriott@btconnect.com



Sunday Discoverers

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

This term's dates: 7th July, 21st July, 15th September

For more information please contact Rev Julie Sear at revjuliesear1@gmail.com or 01892770436



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

Children's Sweets

Fruit Juice 1ltr long life

Hair Conditioner

Packet of Biscuits

Toilet Rolls

Toothbrush

Bars of Soap

All Purpose Cloths 10 pack

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



This week we are praying for...

1 Timothy 2. 1-2: I urge you then, first of all, that petitions, prayers and intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people For Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour.

- Pray for All leaders in authority.
- For peace between Palestine and Israel. Russia and Ukraine.
- For the general election in this country. Pray for integrity, truth and Godly wisdom.

Give thanks that Gill Philcox is now home.

Please continue to pray for Ros Cope and David Graham in hospital

Pray for Barry Tilston as he recovers from surgery.

For those at home recovering or in need of our prayers

- Florence Nathan
- Jim Lusted
- Sandra Owen
- Philip Maddocks
- Donald Eggleton
- David Holland

For those who have recently been bereaved.

Family of Rosemary and Fred Marshall

Family of Kevin Dixon. Remembering especially Hazel his wife

Friends and family of Fiona Storrs who sadly died this week.

Give thanks

For all the projects taking place at Holy Trinity Church.

- Give thanks for the amazing response to the Gift day for the works and projects at St Mary's, we are still receiving the donations and will give an update on the amount very soon. I want to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness. Thanks be to God.

With every blessing,
Rev Julie

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Deadline for the next newsletter is 12pm Monday 24th June.

If you would like something placed into the newsletter please send it to
admsmht@gmail.com