

*Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023*



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

**Palm Sunday**



*Hosanna*  
in the highest!

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's

11.am – Matins at Holy Trinity

6.30pm – Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity

Dear Friends,

We celebrate Easter Sunday only after first remembering what happened on Good Friday. The Son of God himself was captured and killed by those in power. His love held him on the cross. His love for us. The Easter story of Christ's resurrection from the dead is a story about defeating the power of suffering and death. Death has lost its sting and we are offered the gift of eternal life.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed inspiring signs that love, not greed or the will to power, is the truly genuine human reality. When we see what the outpouring of friendship and compassion for the Ukrainian people which this crisis has provoked, it strengthens our hope. When we see communities growing after the pandemic, it shows us that loving kindness and grace are the building blocks for the future

In the fifteenth chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul points to the heart of our faith - indeed he literally nails it; it is the death of Jesus on the cross, and what happened thereafter:

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain...*

*For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.*

I wish you a blessed Easter, and I pray that the Gospel of the Resurrection may bless and comfort you always, and especially in any darkness that may have touched your own life in this past year. May the risen, living Christ – the light that pierces the darkness – be close to you, always.

Alleluia Christ is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia!

Rev Julie

## **Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;  
I have not been rebellious,  
I have not turned away.

I offered my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from mocking and spitting.

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,  
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,  
and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

### Collects

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and  
humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.  
Amen



## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Maundy Thursday

7pm – Holy Communion with music and Reflection at St Mary's Church

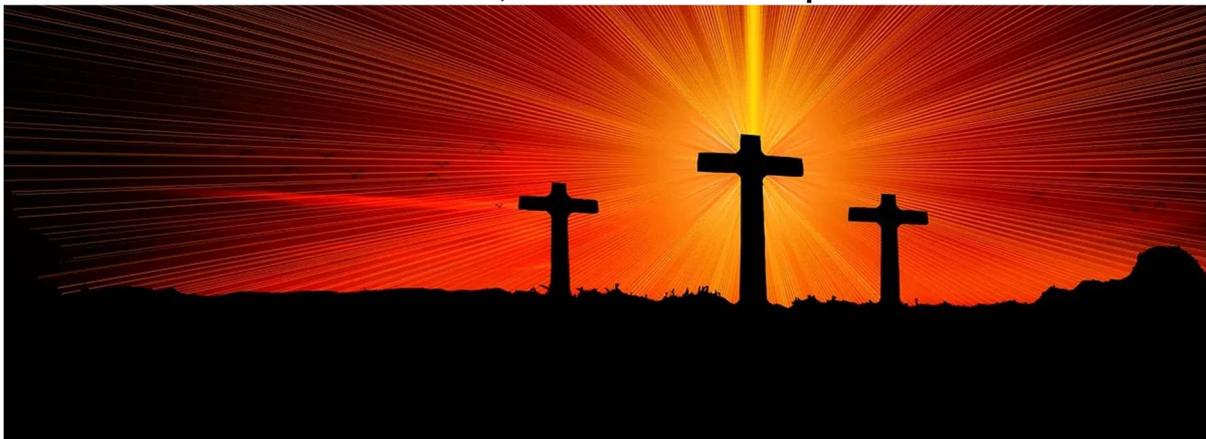
## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday

10am – All age service with prayer stations, Easter garden, and hot cross buns at St Mary's Church

2pm – Meditations at the foot of the cross at Holy Trinity Church

### **XI Crucifixion by Malcolm Guite**

See, as they strip the robe from off his back  
And spread his arms and nail them to the cross,  
The dark nails pierce him and the sky turns black,  
And love is firmly fastened onto loss.  
But here a pure change happens. On this tree  
Loss becomes gain, death opens into birth.  
Here wounding heals and fastening makes free  
Earth breathes in heaven, heaven roots in earth.  
And here we see the length, the breadth, the height  
Where love and hatred meet and love stays true  
Where sin meets grace and darkness turns to light  
We see what love can bear and be and do,  
And here our saviour calls us to his side  
His love is free, his arms are open wide.





## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day

Sunrise Service

Possible sunrise service on the forest

Time to be confirmed Please check the website.

For more information, Please contact Rev Julie Sear  
on 01892 770436 or email: [revjulieseart@gmail.com](mailto:revjulieseart@gmail.com).

Websites: [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org), [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org)

8am – Holy Communion BCP at St Mary's Church

9.30am – Easter Celebration with Holy Communion  
at St Mary's Church

11am – Easter Celebration with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity Church

### **Easter Morning by Malcolm Guite**

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,  
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply  
'They took my love away, my day is night'  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

*He is not here;  
he has*

*Risen!*

*Luke 24:6*

We Welcome Rev Trevor Harrison to both our services.

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Mary's Church

11am – Matins at Holy Trinity

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

9.30am – Morning Worship at St Mary's

11am – Holy communion at Holy Trinity

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

Holy Trinity APCM Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
at 7pm in Trinity Hall.

Cake and coffee provided.

St Mary's APCM Sunday 30<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.

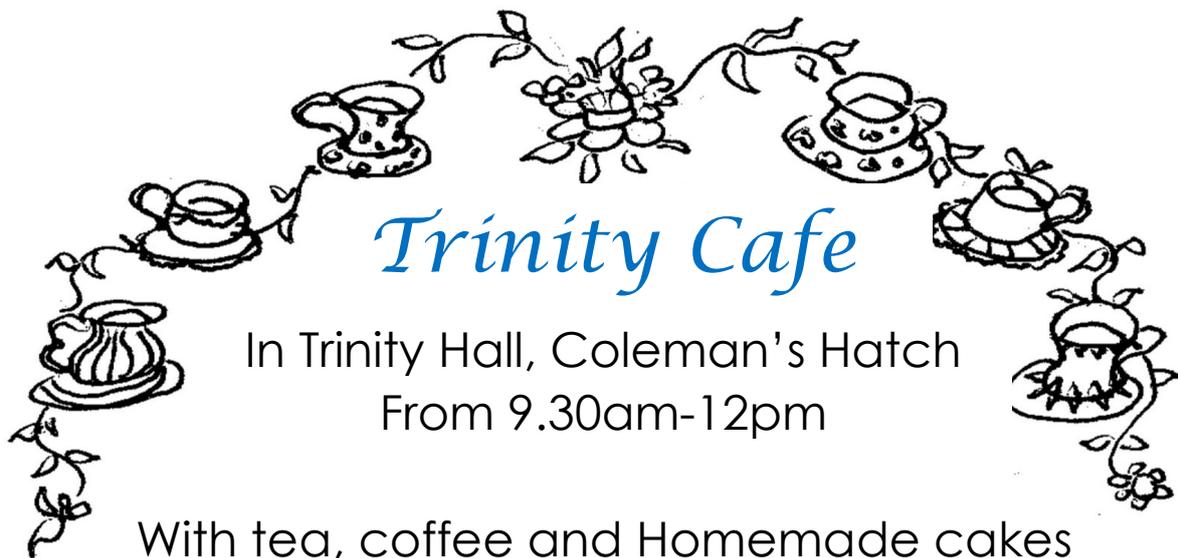
This is a significant moment in the life of the church. It is a time of thanksgiving as we look back and give thanks to God for all that He has been doing in the life of our churches and community.

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



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

For more information, please contact:

Caroline Daszewska 01342 321150

Sheila Van Maurik 01892 770273

Eve James 07753 615032



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

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 6.00pm

Beaverbrook

The War Years

by

Barbara Richards



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 Barbara will be happy to answer your  
questions.



Contact the following for more details and booking.

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

Caroline Daszewska- 07513 290482



## TRINITY HALL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Come and join us!

Next Session Friday 28th April  
7pm to 10pm

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



## **Church Street Community Café**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month from 2pm till 4pm  
Homemade cake, tea and coffee.  
Everyone welcome.

Next dates are:  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Kate's Children and Youth Corner

An exciting event happening is in May. Connect@5 is going to Maycamp, a youth weekend away run by Chichester Diocese. We have 6 young people going, and we are really excited to see what God will do over that weekend.

Nearer the time we will be asking for cake and lots of prayers.

### 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

We play sing some songs do a bible  
story.

With snacks for the children and tea and  
coffee for the adults.



*In Church*

27th April  
11th May  
**MAYCAMP**  
8th June  
22nd June  
6th July-  
Summer social

5-6.30pm  
*Games, Food, Bible study*

For more information contact  
Kate Dillingham (Children's and  
youth worker-St Mary's Church,  
Hartfield) at  
[katedillingham97@gmail.com](mailto:katedillingham97@gmail.com)

St Mary's Church  
Hartfield

Year 5 and up

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*

If you would like to get in touch with Kate her email is

[katedillingham97@gmail.com](mailto:katedillingham97@gmail.com)



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

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 refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response. Pray for the families we are welcoming to our Parishes, for host families and for the whole support network.

For those across the world suffering from the impacts of climate change. For a greater sense of urgency from politicians and major companies in tackling the causes and consequences.

For those who are unwell including Jim; Andrea; Ardyne and Sandra; for Rosie Hewson; for those who are bereaved.

For Donna Dewar as she recovers from hip operation on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

For Joyce Jamieson as she recovers from her knee operation.

We pray the family of Enid Lambeth. For James, Roger, Daniel and Toby.

We have been asked to pray for Teddy who is 1 and is battling Leukaemia. We pray for his parents Kate and Scott. Teddy is currently in Great Ormond Street hospital and will be there for several months, undergoing intensive treatment. Pray for the specialists who are treating him. If you would like to know more about Teddy here is the link <https://gofund.me/7cb5a41c>.

*I can do all things  
through Christ  
who Strengthens me.*

- Philippians 4:13