Horsell Matters

The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
April – May 2023

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Easter

Easter Season brings a message of Hope. Our Risen Lord is alive, He conquered the power of sin and death and won the victory over satan. Lots of reasons to be grateful and to celebrate.

But to arrive at the point of joy and jubilation on Easter Sunday, we need to travel through the pain and suffering of Good Friday, as well as to go through a time of self-examination and repentance during Lent, just as our dear Lord did. We cannot forget that there are many around and among us who are less fortunate than we are. On the global scene the war in Ukraine is still raging; the people of Turkey and Syria are faced with an insurmountable task of rebuilding their lives, while grieving the loss of thousands of loved ones, after the earthquake in February. Closer to home we have the cost of living crisis and countless strikes, including some essential public services.

Despite all the difficulties, I'm hopeful that we can overcome by working together, supporting those in need and trusting in the miraculous power of Jesus' resurrection.

May we all be encouraged by the message of Easter and may it stir us up to respond to the need locally and globally this Eastertide!

Revd Dmitry Lutsenko

ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS

Burials and Cremations

We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:

Fred Cobbett Matthew Gale Bob Galloway Eddie Lowther
Jean Rignell Betty Robertson Mary Shephard Wendy Walker

Baptism

We welcome into the family of the church: Charlie Williams

Wedding Blessing

We offer congratulations to: Dennis & Caroline Paine

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **APRIL 2023**

Sun 2nd	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) Palm Sunday All Age Morning Worship
Tues 4th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm 2.00pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 5th	11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm 7.00pm-8.15pm	Holy Communion Private Prayer Talking Jesus Lent Course Session 6
Thurs 6th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm 8.00pm	NO Twinkle Tots Private Prayer **Maundy Thursday Communion**
Fri 7th	9.30am 10.30am-12noon	**Good Friday Family Service** Pop-in-Coffee with hot cross buns
Sat 8th	8.00pm	**Easter Vigil and renewal of Baptism Vows**
Sun 9th	9.30am	**Family Easter Day Communion**
Tues 11th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 12th	11.30am-4.00pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 13th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	NO Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 14th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 16th	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Messy Church
Tues 18th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 19th	11.00am-4.00pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 20th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 21st	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat 22nd	7.30pm	Organ 50th Anniversary Concert
Sun 23rd	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion
Tues 25th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 26th	11.00am-4.00pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 27th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 28th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 30th	8.00am 10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** Peaceful Prayer & Praise

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For further details please look at our website: www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **MAY 2023**

Tues 2nd	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm 2.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 3rd	11.00am 11am-4.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Private Prayer Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 4th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 5th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 7th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Service (CW) All Age Morning Worship
Tues 9th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 10th	11.30am-4.00pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 11th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 12th	8.45am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 14th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Service (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Mon 15th	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 16th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 17th	11.00am-4.00pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 18th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm 8.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer Ascension Day Communion Service
Fri 19th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 21st	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Messy Church
Tues 23rd	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 24th	11.00am-4.00pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 25th	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 26th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 28th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 30th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4.00pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer
Wed 31st	11.00am-4.00pm	Private Prayer

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **JUNE 2023**

Thurs 1st	9.30am-11.00am 11.00am-4.00pm	NO Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 2nd	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 4th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship

We're Hiring

Can you help us find our Children and Families' Ministry Lead?

Here at St Mary's we are busy recruiting for a Ministry Lead to oversee all of our work with children, young people and their families. Please can you help us spread the word far and wide so that all those who might be interested, or are being called by God, are aware of this fantastic opportunity. This is a new, full-time role and attracts a competitive salary.

We are seeking to refresh and expand the range of activities that we can offer to young people and their families. The Ministry Lead will be supported by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. We would like more children to get to know Jesus better and for his love to be shared more widely across our community and world. The role offers great potential for personal and professional development and is backed by a training programme from the Guildford Diocese.

More details about the role description, main duties and responsibilities, person specification, salary and how to apply can be found online. https://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk/homepage.htm The closing date for applications is 28th April.

We need your help, so please ask your friends and family to help us spread the word.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. *Proverbs 22:6*

A Peaceful, Short Walk

When was the last time you took a walk in our churchyard?

On an April or May morning, you will find dew on the grass and birds singing; in daytime, many flowers are in full bloom; in the evening, you can catch the golden hour of beauty. It makes a delightful short walk in the heart of Horsell. If you're still working from home, why not pop out for a lunchtime walk, to clear your head and admire the bluebells, late tulips, primulas and more.

Churchyard azalea and bluebells

Thanks to all volunteers who help to keep the churchyard looking its best all year around.

Churchyard Cat

Busy, busy, busy: Easter week from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, when lots of chocolate is eaten by my 2-legged friends (but not for us cats, thank you; it's as dangerous for us as it is for dogs).

A big birthday for our magnificent church organ; it is 50 years old, and I'm told it has about 800 pipes! A Golden Jubilee Concert is planned for 22 April (see page 24). Less noisy, will be the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30 April, to review the past year's accounts and activities. Hopefully I can squeeze on a pew to listen.

There are 3 Bank holidays in May, including the Coronation of King Charles III on the 6th. What a celebration for the whole nation; it's been 70 years since the last coronation of a sovereign (let's pray for dry weather as we cats don't appreciate our fur getting wet).

When its warmer, part of the south wall of my churchyard will be dismantled (it's a bit wonky), to rebuild it with lime mortar. I will have to keep my paws out of that until it dries; then I'll have a new bit of wall to patrol.

Church Clock

Can you contribute to the cost of repairing the clock on the village church tower?

Tower clock

In our last edition, we explained the sorry state of your church clock, now set to permanent midday. The good news is that we have received permission to go ahead with repairs to this ancient time piece, dating back to 1873. We now need to raise the required funds to restore the clock to full working order. If you can, please visit our "Just Giving Page" and make a timely donation, however large or small, it will be greatly appreciated, and once again when approaching or leaving the village, a time check will be possible. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-marys-horsell-clock-appeal

The Link may also be found on St Mary's Church website https://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk/homepage.htm and has been posted on the Horsell Village Wire Facebook page too.

Bible Verse of the Year

At the end of each year the vicar of St Mary's chooses a Bible verse to offer the church focus and direction for the forthcoming year.

St Mary's verse of the Year for 2023 is Galatians 5:13:

'You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.'

This verse is an encouragement from the Apostle Paul to the early church in Galatia to use their 'Freedom in Christ' wisely, to build each other up rather than to indulge the flesh (our sinful nature). According to Paul, our freedom leads to two choices, either serving ourselves or serving God, through serving others. Do not underestimate the power of our sinful nature over us, but instead allow the Holy Spirit to govern our lives. The concluding remarks, *serving one another humbly in love,* can only be achieved if one lives by the Spirt and produces the fruit of the Spirt (Gal 5:22-23).

The format of Horsell Matters magazine allows for a brief 'taster' of the verse of the year. If you wish to delve deeper and explore a thorough exposition of this verse, please listen and watch my sermon preached on 29th January 2023 on the church YouTube channel 'St Mary's Church, Horsell – Parish Communion, Sunday 29th January 2023' starting at 22mins 40 secs.

Revd Dmitry Lutsenko

You Are Invited to the APCM

What: **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) is the second meeting, at which statutory reports are presented and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are elected. The APCM takes place immediately after the Annual Parishioners Meeting

When: **11.30am Sunday 30th April 2023** (after the 10am service)

Where: **St Mary's Church**

Who: **All are welcome.** Get a coffee from the St Andrew's room before we start.

Revd Dmitry Lutsenko

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Christian Aid Week 14–20 May

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Sadly, extreme poverty still exists. Christian Aid works to eradicate it by tackling the root causes, highlighting the problem of poverty and finding practical ways to alleviate it by challenging and working to change systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised. It is committed to helping people access healthcare and education, fight discrimination, cope with natural disasters and sell their produce for a fair price.

To illustrate how Christian Aid works, this year there is a focus on Malawi, one of the poorest countries. Online you can read the personal stories of some who have been helped, such as Esther, a farmer who now has financial stability, as she receives a better price for her crop of drought-tolerant pigeon peas which she cultivates as part of a farmers' collective.

How we can help: Christian Aid depends on donations to continue its wonderful work. Funds raised during **Christian Aid Week** will go wherever there is the need. Together we can make an enormous difference.

Donate here: https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-mary-horsell or use the QR code below or use one of the Christian Aid envelopes which will be available in St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week. There will not be a house-to-house collection.

Esther making bread

Also, there will be a plant sale in aid of Christian Aid at Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road on Saturday morning, 20 May.

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Saving Lives as the Ship Sank

The Revd John Harper's last hours as the Titanic sank – 111 years ago this April.

The Titanic's builders boasted: "Even God could not sink this ship". But, as we know, the Titanic did sink. Amidst the tragedy there is an incredible, true story of a man, John Harper who boarded in Southampton on 10 April 1912, travelling second-class. All was good until the ship struck an iceberg at 11:40 pm on Sunday 14 April. Before 2:20 am on 15 April, when the great ship slipped beneath the waves, Harper did three things.

Firstly, Harper passed Nan, his six-year-old daughter to a deck officer asking that she be put in the care of those being lowered away in a lifeboat. Harper was a widower. Nan survived and eventually died in 1986 at the age of 80.

Secondly, Harper went among the passengers, urging them to turn to Jesus Christ. When one man refused the offer of salvation, Harper offered him his own life jacket, saying, "you need this more than I do".

Thirdly, as the ship began to sink, Harper was heard to cry "Women, Children, and the unsaved to the lifeboats". He then trod water for as long as he could, urging others in the dark freezing water to turn to Jesus!

How do we know this? Sometime later a man stood up in a church in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and said, "I was John Harper's last convert". He went on to tell what Harper had done, a true hero of the Titanic.

John Harper did not fear death. 26 years earlier at the age of 14, he turned to Jesus for forgiveness of sin and received the gift of eternal life, as promised in John 11.25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies".

Anytime you're afraid to try something new, just remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.

43rd Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre

Scouts After a 2 year break the Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre is back. Pop along to the Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground off Chobham Road on Monday 1st May 2023, between 11.45am - 4.30pm.

Scouts and Guides will be selling programmes door-to-door in April. Please support them and the 43rd May Fayre, being its main annual locally sponsored event, providing valuable opportunities to so many young people across Horsell.

For more information, please contact Dick Mackie dick.mackie49@gmail.com

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Horsell's Response to the Invasion of Ukraine

As we have just marked the anniversary of the Russian invasion, it seems timely to record our local response.

Prayers in church as an immediate response were followed by a cake sale which raised just over £550 and very soon a mammoth operation was underway, which saw part of the church converted into a sorting and storage area for a huge range of goods donated by people in the village and from farther afield.

Some of the 30 volunteers who helped pack up the donations

Donations were initially left in the church porch and a team of volunteers came in for many afternoons of hard work, separating medicines from cleaning products, toiletries, food, clothes, shoes, baby items, bedding and sleeping bags, batteries and pet food. Boxes and crates were filled, sealed and labelled, then stored until they could be collected and transported to the charity hub at Fairoaks airport.

Over 30 volunteers came from the congregation, the village and other parts of Woking, all keen to do something and to make a difference. A great sense of teamwork was enhanced by mid-afternoon tea breaks and some delicious home-made cakes. Donations were at their peak in March and April, but continued until end of May.

With more Ukrainian refugees arriving to the area, the focus switched to supporting them with English language classes held in the St. Andrews Room. A small, committed team of teachers held 3 classes each week for various abilities from end-May until mid-September when, after a celebratory Tea Party, the students transitioned to Woking college to carry on learning.

We have covered our support for Ukrainians in previous editions of Horsell Matters, which can be viewed via www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk/horsellmattersmagazine.htm

Aug – Sept 2022 English language classes at St Mary's

Oct – Nov 2022 Homes for Ukraine, hosting refugees in Horsell

Dec 22 – Jan 2023 Personal account of a refugee living in Horsell

During our Sunday service on 26th February Halyna, a Ukrainian lady and regular member of St Mary's congregation, said prayers full of gratitude for the support, whilst desperate for the war to end.

As a parish we continue to remember the people of Ukraine in our prayers and long for a just and peaceful solution to the war.

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What's On in April and May

for children, young people and families at St Mary's

Your Parish Church in Horsell

Sunday Morning All-Age Worship

Lively songs, thought-provoking Bible stories, fun and family fellowship at 10am

On the first Sunday

of every month

2nd April

7th May

4th June

Jesus and Me

A time for children aged 3+ to learn and worship together during our 10am Sunday services

Every Sunday except when we have All Age Worship or school holidays

Messy Church

4.00pm to 5.30pm

16th April

21st May

16th June

Fun activities for all ages

Please bring your own picnic tea

Friday Pop-in Coffee

9am until noon

Why not drop in for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat once you have done the school drop-off?

(Toys available)

For more details about any of our services and activities

please contact the Parish Office on 01483 772134

or email stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com

Tuesday Morning Baby and Toddler Group

Weekly in term time

9.30am to 11.30am

Pop in for a coffee, chat, play

and meet new friends

Thursday Twinkle Tots

For babies and toddlers Group

Weekly in term time

9.30am to 11.00am

Come and make friends,

enjoy play, craft,

Stay in Touch

Our Parish Office is open

Tuesday 9am-4pm

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Palm Sunday

All Age Worship

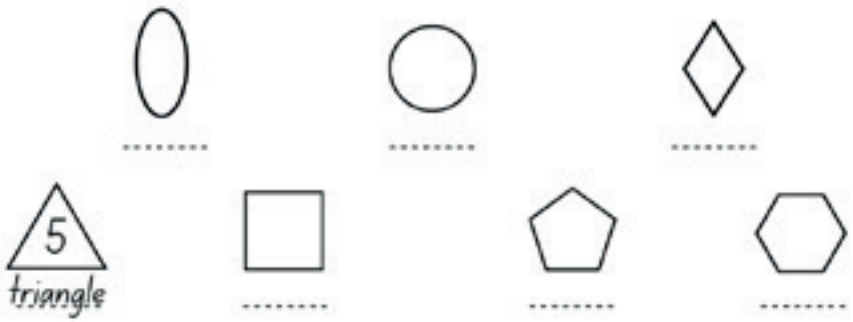
10.00am on 2nd April

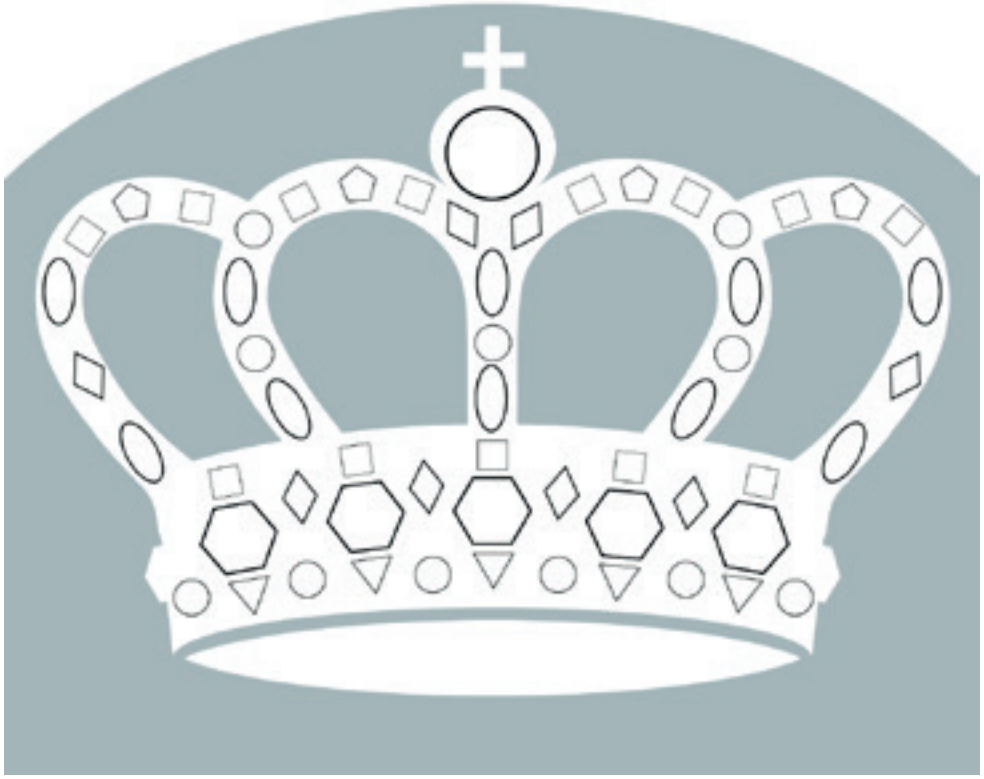
Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem

COLOUR AND COUNT

Colour the jewels on the crown. How many of each shape can you count?

Name each shape and write how many of each shape is on the crown.
The first one has been done for you.





Easter Services

Saint Mary the Virgin

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

8pm 6th April

Share the Lord's Supper and remember His life of service

Good Friday

9.30am 7th April

Family Service

ALL WELCOME

Followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee

Longing for light

A short candlelit

Easter Vigil Service

Saturday 8th April 8pm

An opportunity to renew our baptismal vows

Easter Sunday

9.30am 9th April

Celebratory Family Communion Service

He is Risen!

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

Gardening Matters

In this edition Elna Broe shares her work of creating a wildflower border near her pond.

Last year I planted several ornamental grasses of varying (low to medium) heights and colours in the bed near my wildlife pond. These have now bulked up nicely, require little care (a trim at the end of winter for the deciduous grasses and merely a comb through with my fingers for the evergreen grasses) and provide good ground cover and hiding places for newts and frogs. My aim is to grow wildflowers in other areas all around the pond, the ground is not fertile, so should be ideal. However, already present wild grass seeds stopped any other seed from successfully germinating last year as the grass completely took over. This is gradually being removed in favour of a few more wildflower seeds (ever the optimist!) and plug plants, including yellow rattle to curb the enthusiasm of any grass that dares to make an appearance. Determined to win my battle, I am also planting cornflower, greater knapweed, fox and cubs (which has a beautiful orange flower) and wild carrot seeds in trays as this method seems to give me more success in raising strong plants, they can be put in position once they've grown good root systems.

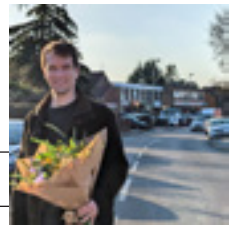
The pond itself had its own problem last summer as blanket weed took hold. The majority carefully removed; I have now started to add a fortnightly dose of diluted (with rainwater) barley straw liquid which should assist in preventing the growth of further algae. There will be more plants covering the water surface this year, the shade they create will also help to stop algae growth.

So, this year I am hoping for better things near and around my pond; I'll let you know what happens.

Elna tending her pond

We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us. (Jenny Uglow)

Shop Local



Cllr Adam Kirby

Let's support our local green shoots of recovery.

In our rush, we often walk past spring's blooms and green shoots. It's often all too easy to take our natural world for granted. Similarly, this publication is just one way we can collectively champion Horsell's community of volunteers and charities, so that the specialists and organisers among us aren't overlooked.

However, you are already part of Horsell's biggest and best-funded group: our shoppers.

Shopping locally can be just as cheap as the bigger chains, with often more choice and almost certainly a travel saving! It's easy and affordable to support our local entrepreneurs and long-standing Horsell institutions.

On our doorstep is a huge variety on offer, ready to be discovered, and unfazed by the difficulties of doing business right now.

Horsell's cafés, restaurants, barbers, salons and pubs all need to be heated, supplied and their staff fairly paid, and they are ready today to welcome you warmly! Horsell's shops can fill your fridge. Horsell's skilled and creative community of artists and tradespeople are out in all weathers, and ready to make your own home even more welcoming when you step back through that doorstep.

Budgets are tight and these decisions aren't easy. When times are difficult for small and local businesses, they are often difficult for individuals too. But just as we shouldn't overlook the signs of spring, let's not overlook the potential economic green shoots on our doorstep.

Cllr Adam Kirby

Some of Horsell High Street businesses

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Recipe: Coronation Chicken

A traditional recipe that can be jazzed up for a family or street party gathering, serving 6-8 people. The sauce and can be made and chicken cooked a day in advance if kept in the fridge. Allow about half an hour for prep and combined cooking times; the chicken and sauce require cooling time before being combined, plus a further 10 minutes putting the dish together.

Chicken

6 skinless chicken breasts
1 medium onion, quartered
Large bouquet garni and 8 crushed black peppercorns
Sufficient water to cover the chicken

The sauce

1 small onion, finely chopped
15g/½ oz butter
3 tsp mild curry powder (or 2 tsp medium if preferred to taste)
1 tbsp tomato puree
120ml/4 fl oz/½ cup red wine
Bay leaf
Juice of ½ lemon
3 tsp apricot jam
300ml/½ pint/1¼ cups of mayonnaise
120ml/4 fl oz/½ cup of whipping cream
Pinch of salt and ground black pepper

Place the chicken together with onion, bouquet garni and crushed peppercorns in a close-fitting saucepan, cover with cold water, bring to the boil and simmer gently for about 15 minutes or until the juices from the chicken run clear (test one piece by cutting it in half to make sure there is no pink flesh or red juice). Once cooked, remove from the heat and with the cooking liquid place in a large bowl to cool. When cool and you are ready to combine with the sauce, chop the chicken into bite sized pieces. Discard the liquid and bouquet garni (or use it as stock in a soup or similar).

In a medium pan melt the butter and cook the onion on low/medium heat stirring regularly until soft but not brown – approx. 5min. Add the curry powder, tomato puree, wine, bay leaf and lemon juice and cook for 10 minutes. Stir in the apricot jam. Place in a large bowl and leave to cool. Once cool, remove the bay leaf. Stir the mayonnaise into the sauce. In a separate bowl, whip the cream until stiff and then fold it into the mayonnaise mix. Add the chicken pieces into the sauce and gently mix.

You could serve the Coronation Chicken on an oval plate and decorate around the edge with watercress, leaving a sprig or two for the top. For a celebratory look, decorate with seedless white grapes or sliced mango.
For a street party, the chicken could be used to fill fresh rolls or sandwiches, or if you are at home, with rice or jacket potatoes and/or a green salad. Traditionally no raisins/sultanas or dried apricots are added but they often are for those who like this addition.

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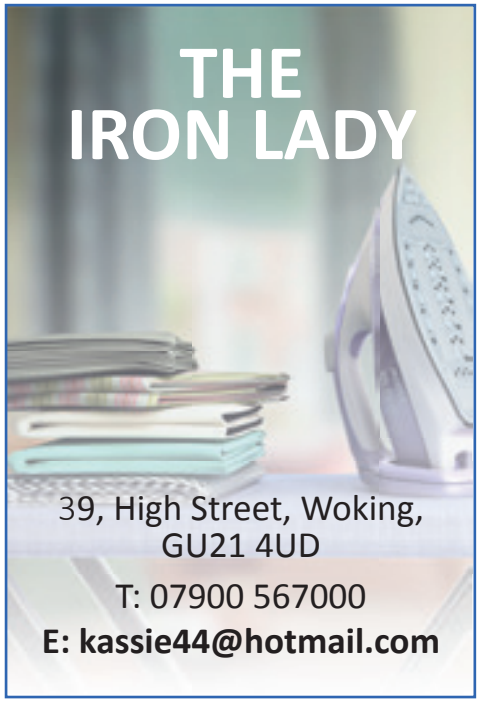

Why is There an Organ on the Front cover?

Every Easter Sunday is special in the church, but Easter Sunday in 1973 was particularly special for St Mary's.

It was on that day that Bishop William Stannard dedicated its new organ, the culmination of an enormous fund-raising effort. The largest forty or so of its approximately eight hundred pipes came from the previous instrument as well as some of the panelling (bleached to fit in with the new woodwork), but building the new organ was still costly. Built by Hill, Norman and Beard who were prominent in the Organ Reform Movement, the organ was largely designed by the then organist, David Llewellyn Green. It was the first of its type in the area and so it is an important part of the village's heritage.

Looking west down the church through the display pipes

It is fitting, then, that we should mark the 50th anniversary of that occasion with a recital given by our local cathedral organist, Katherine Dienes-Williams, who is something of a celebrity in the organ world. She is the first female cathedral organist in the UK, first female President of the Cathedral Organists' Association, recitalist, co-founder and patron of the Society of Woman Organists, and published composer. We are very fortunate indeed to have her come to play for us.

This will be the first concert given by a cathedral organist at Horsell and promises to be well worth attending to hear the organ put through its paces by an absolute expert.

Katherine Dienes-Williams

Entry is £10 for adults, free for under 18s starting at 7.30pm on 22nd April, available on the door of St Mary's Church.

Regular readers may spot the absence of a Book Review. We did not have room in this edition, thanks to the many topical articles submitted for publication.

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What's On: Corra Sound

A workshop celebrating the versatility of the female voice.

Corra Sound is a vocal ensemble made up of about twelve female singers from Surrey and its surrounding counties. Two of its members live in Horsell and are active in the community. The group have been rehearsing monthly in the local area since 2018 (notwithstanding Covid) and are hosting a singing workshop for women over 18 at Horsell Village Hall on Sunday 11th June, from 3-6pm.

Corra Sound love performing. The group is passionate about its collective mission: to discover new repertoire which explores the reach and versatility of the female voice, and to celebrate the works of remarkably talented and marginalised female composers.

Corra Sound is fortunate to comprise musicians who are adept at many complimentary skills, from conducting to vocal health; from jazz to opera; from musicianship training to Alexander Technique; amongst many more. We will bring these elements into our workshop in a fun and engaging way to get the best out of everyone and celebrate the joy that singing together in harmony can bring.

If you love singing, this workshop is for YOU! You don't need to have any specific training or a great voice, although it would help if you have sung in a choir before. The workshop will begin at 3pm and finish by about 5.15pm. At 5.30pm we will open the doors to friends and family to hear a few pieces in a song sharing event – some by Corra Sound, and some that we can sing collectively - which will finish at around 6pm. Just bring a bottle of water, a willingness to try out new things and lots of enthusiasm. Tickets are £22 and can be bought (without booking fee) through the link on our website: www.corrasound.co.uk

Two Local Lectures

Jewel of the Crown – Sainte Chapelle

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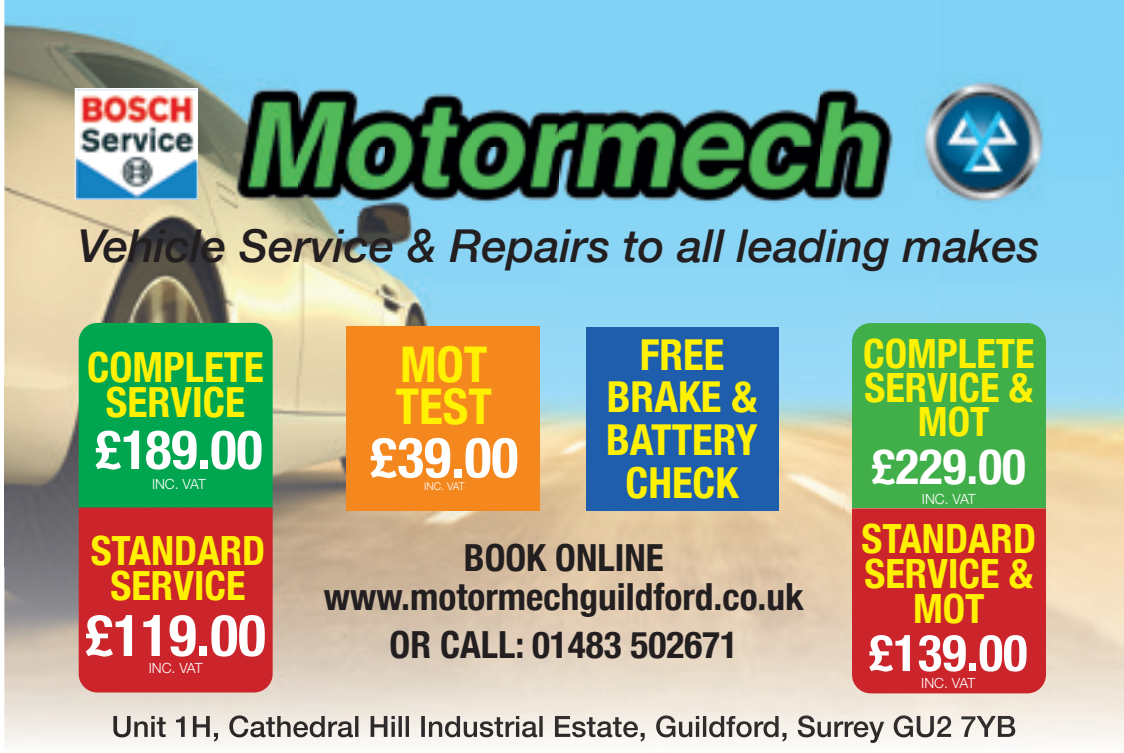
Sainte Chapelle

The history of Western painting in 12 masterpieces

From the beginnings of the Renaissance in 13th century Italy to the birth of Abstraction in the 20th century, this lecture, taking place at **St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park Centre, GU21 3LG on Thursday 11 May 2023, at 10.30am,** charts the main developments of Western European painting, both the stylistic and the thematic development alongside the historical contexts in which they were created. For more info visit https://theartssocietymayford.org.uk/Lectures



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