

Horsell Matters

An aerial photograph of a stone church tower with a crenellated top. The tower is made of light-colored stone and has a large Gothic window on the side. To the left of the tower is a large building with a brown roof. The church is surrounded by green trees and a cemetery with several gravestones. A tall flagpole stands in front of the tower.

The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
December 2022 – January 2023

HORSELL DIRECTORY

St Mary's Church	Website: www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk	
	Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals	772134
Parish Office open:	Tuesday 9am-4pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am-1.00pm	
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	Coral Colclough	747481
JAM (Jesus and Me)	Rev'd Dmitry Lutsenko (3+) 10am most Sundays	772134
Babies and Toddlers	Angela Murphy	832943
	St Andrew's Room, Tues 9.30am to 11.30am, term time	
Twinkle Tots	Mike Couper, St. Andrew's Room	772134
	Thursdays 9.30 to 11.30, term time	
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	Meets on 4 th Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall	
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Hope, Peace, Love and Joy



If you are anything like me and watch the news regularly, you'd agree that there isn't much **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy** in the world right now. Whether it's world news of global importance, our national or local matters – we are living through some difficult times. The war in Ukraine, the cost-of-living crisis and the 3rd Prime Minister in the last few months, these all add up to stress and uncertainty that we all face as Christmas approaches.

Each Christmas we celebrate the message of **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy**. The baby Jesus Christ came into this world on that first Christmas day two thousand years ago to bring this exact message. The Jewish people around at that time were also going through some difficult times, living under the Roman subjugation. The message Christ brought could not have been more relevant and timely for them.

In today's uncertain and volatile circumstances, the Son of God and his message remain unchanging. Those who put their trust in Jesus Christ will eventually inherit the life full of **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy** and at the same time they are being strengthened by the Holy Spirit to promote the message of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy while they are still here on earth.

May I encourage you this Christmas, despite all the uncertainties that you may be going through, to trust God and his unfailing plan, that Jesus Christ came into this world to bring us back to his Father and to restore the original relationships that God the Father once intended for us to have.

Happy Christmas!!!

Revd Dmitry Lutsenko

ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS

Burials & Cremations

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

Derek Bowen Stephen Clarkson John Froud Tony Marson

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **DECEMBER 2022**

Thurs 1st	9.30am-11am 11am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 2nd	9.00am-12noon 2.30pm-6pm	Pop-in-Coffee Christmas Tree Festival
Sat 3rd	10am-4.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 4th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship & Baptism
Tues 6th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 2.00pm 4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Service at Kettlewell House Prayer at 4pm – at home
Wed 7th	11.00am 11.30am-4pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Private Prayer Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 8th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 9th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Mosaic Choir Christmas Concert
Sun 11th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Mon 12th	6.00pm	Three Horsell Schools Christmas Service
Tues 13th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 4.00pm 6.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Prayer at 4pm – at home St. Andrew's School Carol Service
Wed 14th	9.30am 11.00am-4pm	Junior School Nativity Private Prayer
Thurs 15th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm 6.00pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer Junior School Nativity
Fri 16th	9am-12noon 6.30pm	Pop In Coffee Horsell Community Choir Concert
Sat 17th	3.30pm 7.30pm	Epworth Choir Concert Epworth Choir Concert
Sun 18th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Nine Lessons & Carols
Tues 20th	9.30am-11.30am 4.00pm 11.00am-4pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Prayer at 4pm – at home Private Prayer
Wed 21st	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 22nd	9.00am-Midday 9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	Making of Christingles in St. Andrew's Room – all welcome NO Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 23rd	10am-12noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Pop In Coffee Christingle Service – for younger children Christingle Service – for all the young at heart
Sat 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Sun 25th	9.30am	Christmas Day Family Communion
Tues 27th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 4.00pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Prayer at 4pm – at home
Wed 28th	11am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 29th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	NO Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 30th	10am-12noon	Pop In Coffee



All correct at the time of going to print
For further details please look at our website:
www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk

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

Sun 1st	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Service (CW) All Age Morning Worship
Tues 3rd	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 2.00pm 4.00pm	NO Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Kettlewell House Service Prayer at 4pm – at home
Wed 4th	11.00am 11.30am-4pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Private Prayer Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 5th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 6th	9am-12noon	Pop in Coffee
Sun 8th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Service (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Tues 10th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Prayer at 4pm – at home
Wed 11th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 12th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 13th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 15th	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Messy Church
Mon 16th	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 17th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Prayer at 4pm – at home
Wed 18th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 19th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 20th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 22nd	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 24th	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Prayer at 4pm – at home
Wed 25th	11.00am-4pm	Private Prayer
Thurs 26th	9.30am-11am 11.00am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 27th	9am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 29th	8.00am 10.00am 12.15pm	Holy Communion Service (BCP) Parish Communion On Your Own Lunch
Tues 31st	9.30am-11.30am 11.00am-4pm 4.00pm	Baby & Toddler Group Private Prayer Prayer at 4pm – at home

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

Wed 1st	11.00am 11.30 am-4pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Private Prayer Engine Room House of Prayer
Thurs 2nd	9.30am-11am 11am-4pm	Twinkle Tots Private Prayer
Fri 3rd	9.00am-12noon	Pop-in-Coffee
Sun 5th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) All Age Morning Worship

Christmas is Coming

A summary of some traditional and new activities taking place at this time of year in our village

Talk to some long-standing members of the St Mary's Church Choir and you will learn that the **Nine Lessons and Carols Service** has been taking place at St Mary's for many decades. The **Christingle** services are a newer feature, started about three decades ago by The Reverend Rod Jones, spear-headed by the Women's Institute. They became so popular that they were split into two and then three services to accommodate all who wanted to attend. Rod liked to get a big firework which, from a safe spot at the front of the churchyard, he let off at the end of each service, much to the delight of the children and adults attending (but not the Churchyard Cat!) to herald the celebration of the birth of the Baby Jesus. There can't be many people in Horsell who haven't noticed children with their adults walking home after the service on Christmas Eve clutching an orange, with red ribbon around it (sweets probably already eaten) and these days, with a glow stick instead of a candle, to represent Jesus being the light of the world.



Thinking of candles, during the Christmas services, the church is lit by large wreaths of candles hung from the ceiling which provide a wonderful atmosphere for reflection and

celebration. This is particularly poignant for the candle-lit Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

A more recent addition to the festive build up has been the **Christmas Tree Festival**, held at St Mary's, started as a joint effort between the local junior and village schools and the church. This has proven to be a fabulous opportunity for individuals of all ages and organisations to share their creative Christmas tree ideas, from the traditional to the silly to the cleverly cryptic. The Christmas Tree Festival coincides with the whole High Street coming alive as shops and stall-holders welcome villagers and visitors alike, to explore and enjoy the variety of self-crafted goods, gifts, food and drink, music groups and face-painters at the **Horsell Christmas Market**.



In addition (and partly as an antidote to the previous covid lockdown, encouraged by the **Second Thursday Club**), anyone who fancied doing so created their own winter wonderland by making a wintery or Christmas flowerpot, or displaying a sculpture or a piece of art, as well as Christmas lights to their front garden house or window. Will you join in this year?



Back to those **Nine lessons and Carols**. What is significant about it? It's a whistle-stop tour of the first beginnings from the Bible to the birth of Baby Jesus, with carols thrown in for good measure. Some will be familiar, but at St Mary's our talented organist Alan Rapley will also have the choir singing some lesser-known classical pieces, too.



Traditionally the choir is fully robed and processes through the naïve singing Once in Royal David's City to start off the service.

If you haven't attended a **Nine lessons** service recently, or at all, do come along on **Sunday the 18th at 6.30pm** to take in this special candlelit service.

Christmas at St Mary's has always been a family time for celebration and continues to be with hundreds of village children also attending the church for their school nativity services.



Churchyard Cat

I was sitting reflecting on the changing seasons, longer nights, cooler days and marvelling at how my coat thickens up in the autumn, unlike my humans who clearly are not as adaptable as us cats - not such a developed species. I know that many of them have difficulty with the Lych gate steps in winter, so I was pleased to see a new acrylic sign attached at the entrance guiding them to the level path from Wilson Way into church. Personally, I prefer that route rather than taking my life in my paws dashing across Church Hill; 20 MPH is not a speed limit recognised by enough humans, it seems to me.

Sometimes I also take my life into my paws when patrolling my churchyard.

Recently the cockerel weathervane at the top of the tower, which has been in place since 1784, decided to try flying and landed with a crump on my grass. Luckily it missed me and no one else was about, but an event which made the local paper. Cockerels are rather showy; I keep myself to myself and only share my thoughts with you, dear readers.

Happy Christmas and every blessing in Christ at this festive time of year.



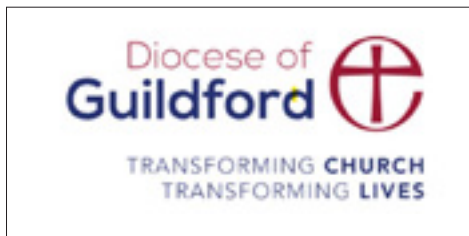
How St Mary's Fits

In this article we explain how St Mary's Church fits into the Church of England

St Mary's is part of the deanery of Woking, together with fourteen other churches in and around Woking, centred on Christ Church in the town square and incorporating Byfleet, Pirbright, Send, Goldsworth Park, Wisley, Woodham, Knaphill, Ripley and other local villages and communities.

One of the longer serving church vicars, currently Revd. Mark Wallace, acts as Area Dean and chairs a deanery synod, on which St Mary's is represented. He is also Moderator of 'Churches Together in Woking' which brings together all Christian organisations in Woking to organise the Good Friday Act of Witness in the Town square, the Lent Lunches, World Day of Prayer, Street Angels, Engage Schools, and several other local initiatives, many of which St Mary's is represented and involved.

Woking Deanery is one of six in the Archdeaconry of Dorking, headed up by The Venerable Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking. There are six other Deaneries in the Archdeaconry of Surrey and together they make up the Diocese of Guildford, one of 30 Diocese within the Province of Canterbury; another 14 are in the Province of York. Guildford Diocese has a total of 217 churches across 162 Parishes covering about 500 square miles with some 200 stipendiary (paid) clergy, who are supported by numerous lay volunteers.



Our Diocese is headed by Bishop Andrew Watson who was assisted by Suffragan Bishop Jo Wells, but she is moving to a new position so a vacancy exists.

Bishop Andrew has his seat in Guildford Cathedral, one of only two built since the sixteenth century reformation (the other being in Liverpool). Bishop Andrew is one of 26 Bishops who sit in the House of Lords. He is also a member of General Synod, the governing body of the Church of England, under King Charles III, supreme Governor of the Church of England, and Defender of the Faith.

Both Bishop Andrew and Bishop Jo attended the recent Lambeth conference, an international meeting of 650 Anglican Bishops from 165 countries held every ten years, which restated important principles of our faith.

Horsell is My New Home

A personal account of one Ukrainian refugee who has settled and made a new life in Horsell by Yara Porplenko

Yara is short for Yaroslava. I never planned to live in the UK. In fact, until 2.5 years ago I didn't speak English and now I'm writing this article!

Crossing the Ukrainian border in March I had a faint idea where I would settle. Through a friend in Kyiv I learned about people in UK giving rooms to Ukrainians. I knew almost nothing about my future host, and where she lives, except the name, Catherine. But I accepted the offer immediately and have been never regretting it after that.



When I came to Horsell I had an online full-time job that took almost all my time. I decided to find a local part-time job to release time for sorting my documents, learning English and socialising. I was extremely lucky because Catherine saw a post about a job in Co-op, I passed the interview and was accepted!

Now I enjoy being a part of a big friendly team. I am very grateful for this chance and their trust. I meet lovely local people at the store with whom we have a friendly chat. I was immediately involved in local social life. Horsell felt like a hospitable village with good people and picturesque surroundings. I'm very into nature so when I saw Horsell Common I was really thrilled. Especially the fact that this place had inspired Wells for his famous novel. Evening walks on Horsell common make me forget for a while about

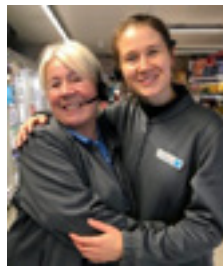
my problems and bad news from Ukraine. On Horsell common I came across the cows that live there. I often go and see them to say hello. I grew up on a farm and this greeting is a warm memory from my childhood.

I even had a chance to take part in the Horsell village show. Despite that fact I didn't win any reward in the competition I had a marvellous time and already have ideas for next year.

One of the other places I am grateful in my heart for is the St. Mary's Church and the volunteers who organised English courses for Ukrainians there. I met people there who are my friends now. At the beginning of autumn, courses at the church finished and we even had a little tea party. But in the new autumn term I continued English courses at Woking college. I feel happy I can continue to learn, increase my knowledge and grateful for new course-mates.

All in all, I consider myself to have been very lucky to come to Horsell with its lovely people. I passed with them moments of joy at the Jubilee celebrations and moments of sadness for The Queen's funeral.

Moreover, I am really happy to stay with Catherine. We get along well together. She has a gorgeous garden, a lovely house and plenty of good friends with whom I feel supported and welcomed. I have a job I like, friends, places to go, a college, a lot of books to read, and cats to pet. All these things from normal life help me cope with the hard times I faced and remember that the world is good.



Yara pictured on the right, with work colleague Jane

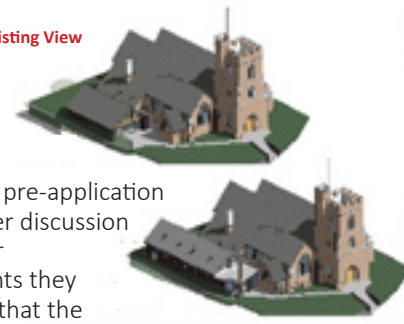


FUN FACT: Yara started to learn English in 2020 in lockdown, because she wanted to read a book that hasn't been translated into Ukrainian. Once she started to learn English, she couldn't stop, it became her passion.

Public Exhibition of Church Hall Plans

St Andrews Room has served us well for the past forty years, but its small kitchen, lack of storage, and single toilet no longer meet current catering nor disability standards for a growing congregation. Following competitive presentations, MEB Design Ltd, experienced Church Architects, were appointed to propose a solution. After internal discussions, the Guildford Diocesan Advisory Committee headed by the Venerable Martin Breadmore, our Archdeacon, visited last year and confirmed that, with some amendments, they were supportive of our plans. This year they confirmed that they were generally in favour and provided us with advice relating to our formal application for DAC approval. We then applied to Woking Borough

Existing View



Proposed View

Council for pre-application advice; after discussion and further amendments they confirmed that the proposal was acceptable. But before submitting formal Planning Permission applications to WBC and DAC, a public exhibition was arranged for the afternoon of Friday 4th November, so that parishioners could consider the plans and give their opinions.

The exhibition was well publicised, and some forty people attended, expressing great interest and general support for the proposals. We now move forward to seek formal permissions which will take into account the views expressed.

A dark-themed advertisement for KRBL Home Improvements. It features the company logo (KRBL with a house icon) and a list of services: PVC, Aluminium, Timber, Windows, Doors, Roof Lanterns, Bi-Folds, Orangeries, Garden Rooms, and Conservatories. It also includes contact information: 01483 727 474 | sales@krbltd.com, 109 High Street | Horsell | Surrey | GU21 4SY, and 76 High Street | Old Woking | Surrey | GU22 9LN. Several accreditation logos are shown, including Checkatrade.com, Surrey Trading Standards Approved, and FENSA Approved Window & Door Installations.

Life Events Services

During 2022 we had 5 baptisms, 1 thanksgiving service, 16 funerals and 3 church weddings.

Life is a journey! Here at St Mary's Horsell we hold special services to celebrate and remember special life events with you. We would like to be on this journey with you.

An **Infant Baptism** service celebrates the beginning of a child's journey in faith when parents make the promises on behalf of their child to bring them up in Christian faith and to role model for them the way of Christ. In preparation for the infant baptism, parents meet with the vicar several times and discuss the meaning of baptism, faith, Christian upbringing, and promises.

The focus of a **Thanksgiving** service is to give thanks to God for a safe arrival of a child. Although, unlike infant baptism, Thanksgiving doesn't require any preparation on the parents' part, these

services still need to be booked in advance via the parish office.

A **Funeral** service celebrates the life of a departed person and concludes with the committal either at the cremation or burial site.

The **Wedding** service celebrates the union of two individuals to become, what the Bible describes as, "one flesh" and the start of a new life together in the community.

If you would like to find out more about 'Life events' services, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Parish office and speak to Helen, our administrator.



What's Your Top Ten?

One Horsell family has an annual tradition of recalling highlights from the last 12 months

Each year, sometime after Christmas Day but before the New Year, a familiar (to one Horsell household, anyway) question is asked: "Have you done your top ten list yet?" It's then decided which meal will be the deadline for sharing the top ten - it's usually a lunch or dinner on the 30th or 31st, when it's just the immediate family present.

There's nothing sophisticated about each person's list. Sometimes its scribbled on the back of an envelope or as a note on a mobile phone. What is special, is that

sense of happiness you get when someone shares their own delight at a remembered event or achievement; and inevitably there are a few overlaps. And that's a positive thing. It means good times have been shared, featuring on more than one individual's highlights from the year.

Turns are taken to state the 'something' and explain why it has made the list. Cries of "that's on my list, too" or "Oh yes, I remember that day; I wish I'd put that on my list" are frequent. And therein lies the joy. A simple act that endorses treasured and shared memories.



Fabulous festive fun



Book a festive break at Horsell Lodge Care Home

Enjoy a magical festive season, with celebrations, daily activities, healthy food along with all the support and care you need. Welcome in the New Year with new friends in our warm and homely community.



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St Mary's Flagpole in 2022



In 2022 St Mary's flagpole was 'busier' than ever before. In previous years it stood empty but for 1 day being St George's Day (22 April, in 2022).

When the war started in Ukraine on 24 February, we wanted to show our support and an order for a Ukrainian flag was promptly placed. The demand for Ukrainian flags was high, which resulted in a long wait before delivery, when, after careful ironing, the flag went up on 17th March, a bright sunny day. By that time the donation point at St Mary's Church was up and running, staffed by an army of around 30 volunteers, and drawing generous donations from the local area and beyond. It was a special moment for all to see the yellow-blue flag flying high above the tower.

The Flag of Ukraine remained on the pole until 2nd June when the Union Flag was raised to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Later in June the Ukrainian flag joined it and proudly, the 2 flags flew together until Thursday 8th September, when sadly, our Queen, Her Majesty Elizabeth II, died in the late afternoon.

That evening, a small team of faithful volunteers went up the tower to take down the Ukrainian and Union flags, both notably weathered, to be replaced with a bigger Union Flag, flown at half-mast. The skies opened (as if to join the nation in its crying) and the changing of the flags was done in pouring rain; a memorable occasion for those involved.

A member of the bellringing team arrived in the late afternoon and marked the day with the constant ringing of a half muffled single bell.

The flag stayed at half-mast for 10 days, the only exception to half-masting during this period of mourning being the day of the Accession Council on 10 September when His Majesty King Charles III was formally proclaimed. Flags are required to remain at half-mast until 8.00am the day after the Queen's funeral.

Today, the Union flag flies high, visible from many angles of the village as you approach the Parish Church.

Junior School News



The close link between St Mary's Church and the Junior School includes regular services, as well as school assemblies, to coincide with seasonal events and regular church activities. In this article Celia Wand, Headteacher at Horsell C of E Junior School, tells us about two recent events held in church involving the children.

Harvest Festival

At a time when many of us are thinking about the cost of living, including the impact of rising food prices, Horsell Junior School's Harvest Festival service was an appropriate time to reflect on the many gifts that God has given us as part of His creation. Children from Year 5 led the service, where they celebrated the hard work of farmers and food producers, as well as reflecting on the importance of trees and water to people all over the world. The children worked hard to remember their lines and songs, and the church was full of parents and carers. One of the school's values is service,

and parents and children were able to demonstrate this value by donating food to Woking's York Road Project as part of the school's Harvest Festival reflections.

School Eucharist

St Mary's Church was full to bursting on 21st September as all members of Horsell Junior School attended a whole school Eucharist. The children learnt about the meaning of the Lord's Supper, why it is important for Christians, and how this special event is celebrated in church. The service ended with a blessing from the vicar and prayers which were written and delivered by some of the school's Year 6 children.

Flying Weather Cocks

Early arrivals for Friday morning coffee on 14 October were surprised to be greeted by the weather cock, which had adorned the top of St Mary's since 1784, imbedded in the grass near the tower.

It is suspected that the larger than normal Union Flag, atop the flagpole for the King's proclamation, managed to ensnare the bird and hook it off its perch. In the process, some of its feathers were bent, exposing the need for some redecoration. It also started speculation as to the meaning of

HC and IC cut into the tail, speculation which reached the newshound at Woking News & Mail, which reminded us that it was Pope Nicholas in the 9th century who decreed that roosters should be displayed atop churches as a reminder of Peter's betrayal of Jesus.

Precision Engineers at Holman Engineering in New Haw are ready to carry out the necessary repairs, once permission has been granted by the Diocese.





What's On in December and January
for children, young people and families at St Mary's
Your Parish Church in Horsell

For more details about any of our services and activities
please contact the Parish Office on 01483 772134
or email stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com



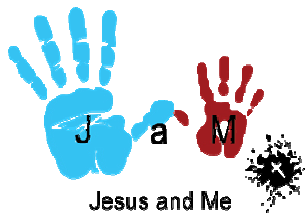
**Sunday Morning
All-Age Worship**

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



On the first Sunday
of every month
4th December
1st January
5th February

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

**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**



Baby and Toddler Group
Weekly in term time
9.30am to 11.00am
Come and make friends, enjoy play, craft, Bible stories and songs



4.00pm to 5.30pm
15th January

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)

Stay in Touch

Our Parish Office is open
Tuesday 9am-4pm
Wednesday & Friday 9am-1.00pm
Telephone: 01483 772134
Visit our website at: stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com
Follow us on Facebook 
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**St Mary's
Christingle
Services**
















**Friday 23rd December
at St Mary's Church**

4pm - we suggest for younger children
6pm - a Candlelit service for slightly older children, teenagers and all the young at heart!

Christmas starts with Christ!

❄️ THE CHRISTMAS STORY ❄️

Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem on a . The  was busy and there was no spare room in the inn. The innkeeper showed them to a warm, dry . That night  Jesus was born. Mary put him to sleep in a . An  appeared to the  and told about the new-born King! The  came to see the special . The  from afar followed the  and came to Bethlehem with precious  for the . Every year at Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

❄️ COLOUR THE PICTURES AND READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY ❄️



Gardening Matters

Elna Broe provides gardening tips with some personal reflections

In winter, seed ordering is high on my 'to do' list - a little retail therapy, ideal for a wet day. I'll get vegetable and salad seeds for planting and cropping at different times. For flower borders I like umbellifers such as Ammi majus, pretty and a good food source for pollinating insects. In the past seedlings vied for space on every available windowsill whilst others had daily trips in and out of the shower! However, less is more and I now try to grow only sufficient to sit comfortably in my mini-greenhouse and cold frame.

Many plants are now in their dormant state and it's time for me to do a bit of pruning and (provided the ground is not frozen) move a small deciduous shrub that is in the wrong place. In January I will prune my little apple tree to remove any dead



wood, take out any touching branches and others that will deprive leaves and fruit of light. Pear trees can also be pruned in January (but not plum or cherry trees, which should be pruned later in the year). The rest of the garden looks a little tired and it is tempting to tidy up. However, beneficial insects and other wildlife will be hibernating amongst old growth and seed heads are an excellent food source. I am always rewarded for 'leaving be' when blue tits and goldfinches perform their acrobatics, often hanging upside down

on the stems of evening primrose and verbenas bonariensis in search of seeds. There is always joy in the garden.



The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet. (Unknown)

Open Doors at Horsell Kitchen

Most of us will remember where we were when hearing the news that the Queen had died. It's one of those occasions that makes you remember what you were doing, however insignificant, long after the event.

On the day of the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, Monday 19th September, Joanna Hodgson, owner at Horsell Kitchen made a kind gesture on that day, by opening the doors of her café, specifically inviting those who might otherwise have been on their own, to watch the live broadcast on a TV put in place for the occasion. Jo offered free tea and coffee, cakes and sandwiches, all served by Kath (who regulars will see serving behind the counter on most days the Kitchen is open) and Kath's 11-year-old daughter, who both volunteered their time.

Some elderly locals and their carers, some with family too, spent time together to pay tribute to the Queen's extraordinary reign, and Her Majesty's



Joanna and Kath

remarkable life of service as Head of State, Nation and Commonwealth. It was a tearful, reflective communal occasion for all, and Joanne's hospitality meant that those who might otherwise have been alone did not have to be; it allowed people in the village to take part, publicly but in an intimate way, in mourning The Queen as so many did around the world.

Huge thanks to Jo and her husband John, Kath and her daughter, for their generosity.



A singular act of kindness throws out roots in all directions and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves. (Frederick William Faber)

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Recipes



Halloumi and vegetable bake recipe which serves 4 and is ready in 70 minutes

- 2 red peppers, deseeded and cut into large chunks
 - 1 aubergine, cut into large chunks
 - 2 large sweet potatoes (about 500g) peeled and cut into chunks
 - 1 large courgette, thickly sliced
 - 1 tbsp olive oil
 - 150g red split lentils
 - 750ml hot vegetable stock
 - 250g pack halloumi cheese, cut into 8 slices
 - Handful of fresh parsley leaves to serve
- Heat the oven to 200°C or gas 6. Put the prepared vegetables into a large roasting tin or baking dish. Drizzle over the oil and season with sea salt and black pepper. Toss

the vegetables to give them a good coating of the oil and seasoning. Roast for 30 minutes on the middle shelf of your oven. Remove the dish from the oven, sprinkle the lentils over the veg and pour in the hot vegetable stock. Return to the oven and roast for another 15-20 minutes until the veg and lentils are cooked through. Remove the dish from the oven and switch the oven to grill setting. Lay the halloumi cheese slices on top of the veg, then place under a medium hot grill for 5-8 minutes until the cheese is golden. To serve, sprinkle with the chopped parsley.

An easy recipe for individual tiramisu, which serves 6 and takes 20 minutes to prepare

- 500g mascarpone cheese
- 85g caster sugar
- 25g dark chocolate, finely grated
- 3 tsp instant coffee granules
- 100ml Tia Maria
- 24-30 amaretti biscuits, plus 6 to decorate

Beat the mascarpone until it is soft, and then beat in the sugar. Keep 1 tbsp of chocolate for decoration and stir what remains into the mascarpone.

Dissolve the coffee into 1 tbsp of boiling water. Add the Tia Maria. Place the amaretti biscuits on a deep plate (but keep 6 aside for decoration). Pour the coffee mix over the biscuits and allow them to soak for 1 minute. Put a soaked biscuit in the

bottom of each of the dessert glass bowls and using the surplus from the deep plate, put 1 tsp of coffee mix in each glass.

Using half of the mascarpone mix, divide it between the 6 glass bowls, spooning it in on top of the first biscuit. Then top the mascarpone mix with the remaining soaked biscuits, distributing them evenly between the 6 bowls.

Spoon on the remaining mascarpone mix and drizzle over any remaining coffee mix, again distributing evenly between the 6 bowls.

Sprinkle each bowl with grated chocolate and finally place an amaretti biscuit on top of each glass, ready for serving.

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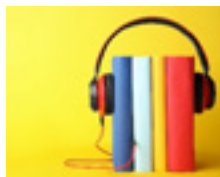
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Audible Book Review



Geneva by Richard Armitage, a debut novel, published by Audible and narrated by the author and Nicola Walker

As an audible subscriber, listening to this recent release made a long car journey from Horsell pass in no time.

The story is about Sarah Collier who is a Nobel Prize-winning scientist who has taken a break from work to spend more time with her family, husband Daniel and their daughter Maddie. Her father suffers from Alzheimer's and needs special care. But Sarah is showing signs of the disease too. She's been experiencing blackouts and memory loss and fears the possibility that she won't see her daughter grow up. Her husband is a neuroscientist and does his best to be supportive.

Sarah initially turns down an invitation to be guest of honour at a prestigious biotech conference in Geneva. She doesn't want the attention. But she learns what work Mauritz Schiller has been developing and is lured in. She and Daniel catch media attention against a backdrop of the spectacular alpine city and Sarah's increasing symptoms. Schiller's work could change medicine forever and it might revolutionise Sarah's life.

However, such medical advancements fascinate others such as wealthy investors, a controversial blogger Terri Landau and the self-interest of someone close to Schiller. Sarah perceives danger and experiences trust issues. As events get out of control, could Schiller's technology be her downfall? And Sarah and Daniel's marriage is tested to the extreme.

This debut thriller is gripping, well-constructed and emotional. The care-home scenes are sensitive, with some laugh out loud moments too, and will touch a nerve with anyone who has a loved one with dementia. The narration by the author Richard Armitage (who many will know from his acting career – think Guy of Gisborne in BBC's Robin Hood) and Nicola Walker (Spooks, Unforgotten, Last Tango in Halifax, The Split), is superb. The other narrator is the less well-known but adept Jane Perry.

This compelling drama is money well spent if you are not an audible subscriber, and if you are – it is highly recommended as your monthly credit. The novel is not available in print at the time of writing this review.

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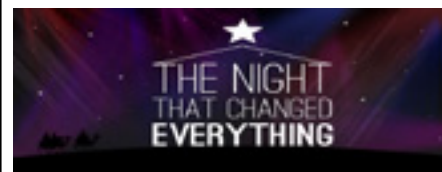
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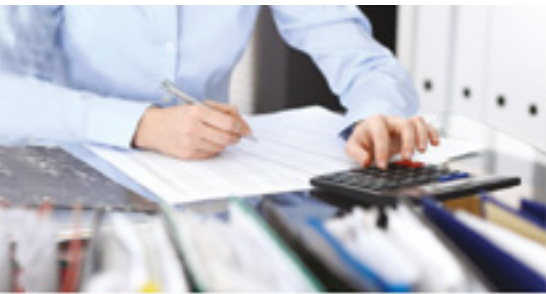
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