

Newsletter 12th January 2025



Hartfield, Colemans Hatch & Cowden
Heart for the Community



Rev Julie writes...

Dear friends,

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant as we look toward 2025. I hope it is an encouragement.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice

to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to

repentance, and to a new commitment to have Jesus at the centre of our lives each day.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

**Rev Canon Julie Sear. 01892 770436 &
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Upcoming Services from Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Cowden

Sunday 12th January 2025 – The First Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am	Morning Worship	St Mary's
10.30 am	Sunday Morning Worship	Cowden Church
11am	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Trinity

Sunday 19th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ)

9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers	St Mary's
10.30am	Holy Communion	Cowden Church
11am	Matins	Holy Trinity

Tuesday 21st January – Deanery Celebration

7pm	Deanery Celebration followed by refreshments in St Mary's School	St Mary's
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Sunday 26th January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am	Morning Worship	St Mary's
10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Cowden Church
11am	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Trinity

Sunday 2nd February – Candlemas
(Presentation of Christ)

9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers	St Mary's
10.30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Cowden Church
11am	Matins	Holy Trinity
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	Holy Trinity

Dates for Your Diary

Little Stars

9.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church

13th January

20th January

27th January

30th January

3rd February

Sunday Discoverers

During the service at St Mary's Church

19th January

2nd February

Sunday Connect

During the service at St Mary's Church

19th January

2nd February

Connect

5pm - 6.15pm at Hartfield Village Hall

23rd January

6th February

Connect Extra

5pm - 6pm at The Oast

23rd January

6th February

Church Street Café

2pm - 4pm at St Mary's Church

16th January

Trinity Café

9.30am – 12pm at Trinity Hall

23rd January

6th February

Community Coffee Morning @ Cowden

10am – 12pm at Memorial Hall

7th February

Praise & Prayer

7.30pm at St Mary's

4th February

Arts Retreat

7.30pm at All Saint's Church Crowborough

7pm - 9pm 21st February

9.30am – 5pm 22nd February

A led Arts Retreat on the theme of Rest.

Time to connect with God, people and creativity. All artistic disciplines and standards

are welcome more information (or contact

Cathy Allen at All Saints) and sign up via

link <https://bit.ly/3OIzvsM>

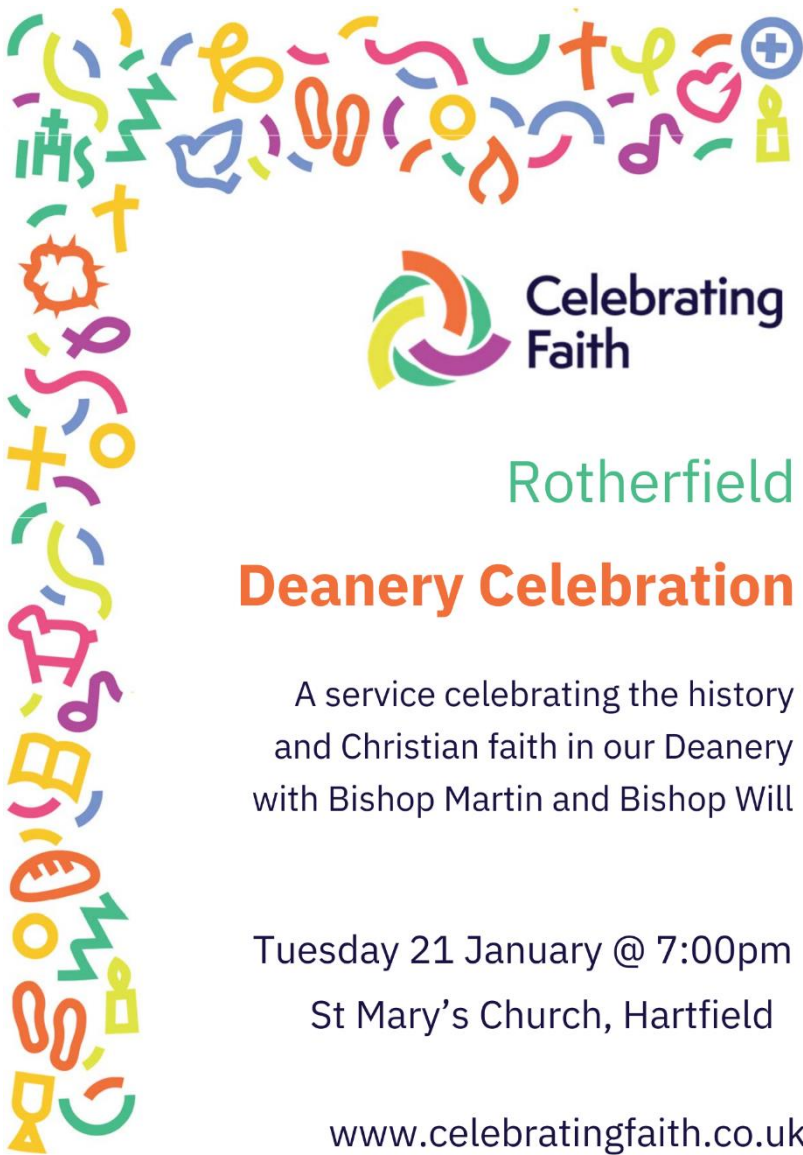
Deanery Celebration

There is to be a service held at St Mary's to celebrate the history and Christian faith in the Rotherfield Deanery. Both Bishop Martin and Bishop Will will be attending and refreshments will be served following the service in the school.

This is to take place on Tuesday 21st January at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome.

See flyer below.



Rotherfield

Deanery Celebration

A service celebrating the history
and Christian faith in our Deanery
with Bishop Martin and Bishop Will

Tuesday 21 January @ 7:00pm
St Mary's Church, Hartfield

www.celebratingfaith.co.uk

2025 – The Year of Faith

BISHOP MARTIN'S INTRODUCTION TO THE 2025 CELEBRATIONS

2025 marks the 950th anniversary of the formation of the diocese of Chichester. It is also the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when what we call the Nicene Creed (“We believe in one God...”) began to take shape.

In 2023 we explored as a diocese how Jesus was prefigured in the Old Testament. 2024 explores how in worship and evangelisation the Church forms the New Testament, enabling us to encounter Jesus today. 2025 explores how the Creed unites us in what we believe about God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

These three years outline how we celebrate the mystery of faith. This mystery presents the truth that Christ has died, is risen, and will come again.

In the new life of Baptism and in his body and blood in Holy Communion, Jesus authenticates the mystery of faith by the

Holy Spirit who inspires and sustains us as missionary disciples.

This momentous celebration reminds us that we cannot define God. Faith is an exploration in which we risk everything in order to glimpse the mystery of God's glory and to discover our place in his heart of love.

To celebrate this jubilee year we have a host of events planned across the diocese and at the Cathedral:

- a celebration service in every deanery
- a weekend away for young families
- pilgrimages for young people and parishes
- a Lent course
- a programme of special events at the Cathedral
- a clergy conference in Canterbury
- an international ecumenical conference in Chichester

All of these will serve to inspire and strengthen our faith as we seek together to know, love, and follow the Lord Jesus in 2025 and beyond.

Follow the link below for all the latest updates and information about the Year of Faith

[Celebrating Faith – Chichester Diocese 2025 Year of Faith](#)

Praise and Prayer

FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES

**We are starting a monthly praise and prayer evening for our three churches.
Everyone is welcome.**

**We will meet at 7.30pm on the 4th February &
4th March
to pray together as a church family.
Further dates to be arranged.**

**We will have tea and coffee on arrival
at St Mary's Church.**

**The evening will start with a short bible thought and a time of sung worship.
The evening will then continue with several slots praying in small groups on various
topics covering the life our church and communities.**

Prayer is the powerhouse of the church.

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Trinity Cafe

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday

Open from 9.30—12 o'clock

Serving coffee, hot chocolate
and many speciality teas in our
ever popular vintage china.

Various squashes are also available.

We have our usual seed and
puzzle-swap, a large selection of
books on our book shelves and
toys and books are on hand for the
children.

There is no price list - we simply
divide your very generous
donations between a
different nominated local
charity each year and also to the
upkeep of Trinity Hall.

Our charity this year is Jigsaw South East
children and young peoples' bereavement
charity



TRINITY HALL COLEMAN'S HATCH SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Come and join us! 7pm to 10pm

Next session, Friday 24th January
and then every 4th Friday each month.

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



Sunday Discoverers

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

Upcoming dates: 19th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 16th March

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

Sunday CONNECT

For young people aged 10+

Held in The Oast from 9.30am, for breakfast and chats, before heading back to church for communion.

***Sunday dates are:
19th January
2nd February***

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

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

CONNECT

For young people aged 10+

Join us for games,
food and fun
From 5-6.15pm in
the Village Hall

Thursday dates are

9th January
23rd January
6th February

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

CONNECT EXTRA

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

*Where we read and question,
while exploring the
Christian faith together.*

For young people aged 10+

Thursday dates are
16th January
13th February
27th March

For more information
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LITTLE STARS

Parent & toddler group
Mondays @ St Mary's Church, Hartfield



Upcoming dates

13th January
20th January
27th January
3rd February
10th February
24th February
3rd March

9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided revjuliesear1@gmail.com

Church Street Community Cafe

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

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

upcoming dates

Thursday 16th January

Find us at St Mary's Church at the top of
Church Street in Hartfield

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on
07941 856715 or msjoannegriffin@gmail.com



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

Deodorant (male + female)

Hair Shampoo

Surface Spray Cleaner

Long Life Fruit Juice (not chilled or squash)

Marmalade

Porridge (500g)

Kitchen Roll

Shaving Foam

Hair Conditioner

Toothpaste

Microwave Rice (2 mins)

Laundry Capsules

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

Websites

Please take a look at the Hartfield,
Colemans Hatch and Cowden websites
at:

hartfieldchurch.org ,

colemanshatchchurch.org and

[St Mary Magdalene](http://StMaryMagdalene)

for up-to-date information on Events and
Services.



This week we are praying for...

For peace and justice in our world.
Particularly remembering the Holy Land at this time, that peace would come to Israel, the Palestinian territories and across the Middle East.

For the war in Ukraine and Russia, that the escalation in hostilities would cease and a just peace arise.

For Syria for a peaceful transition to a truly democratic society for all people.

For the leaders of the nations.

For the United States for a smooth transition between administrations and that President-elect Trump will make wise choices.

For all politicians and community leaders local and national, that they would work together for the best interests of all in the coming year.

For refugees, the international response to the refugee crisis – and for our own response.

We pray for the homeless - remembering the work of Crawley Open House.

For those who are in distress, who feel anxious, who have lost loved ones or are facing difficulties – may they know God's love.

We especially pray for the families of David Holland; Alex Gardiner; Tim Leeney.

For those who are unwell including Pauline; Freya; Cameron; Sandra.

We pray for all our events in the coming weeks. Especially we pray for our Year of Faith Deanery Event on the 21st January 7pm at St Mary's.

For all our children and youth work and the staff and pupils at St Mary's School.

With every blessing,
Rev Julie

www.hartfieldchurch.org or
www.colemanshatchchurch.org or
[St Mary Magdalene](#)

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*****The Rector's rest day is Friday*****

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A serene sunset scene over a beach. The sky is a gradient of warm colors from orange to yellow, with the sun low on the horizon. The foreground is filled with smooth, light-colored pebbles. The text is centered in a dark blue font.

Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he cares
for you.

1 Peter 5:7