



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Anniversary of the Dedication of St John the Evangelist, Horsham, Year A | 25th October 2026

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Holy Mass Open to Parishioners and Live-streamed

24th October – Saturday, St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (Memorial)

10:00am Mass - Rev. David Cullen RIP

Followed by Confession, Adoration & Benediction

12:00 noon - Baptism of Lottie Petz

2:30 pm - Knanaya Mission Mass

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - George Greenhalgh RIP

25th October – Anniversary of the Dedication of St John the Evangelist, Horsham

9:15 am Mass - Jack and Kitty Kavanagh RIP FM

11:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:30 pm - Baptism of Eliza Marie White

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

26th October – Monday, Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops (Memorial)

12:00 noon Mass – Patrick Rock RIP

27th October – Tuesday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

(Church doors open at 7:15 am) **7:30 am Mass** - Philip Johnson RIP

8:00am to 8:00pm – Adoration

28th October – Wednesday, Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)

NO MASS

(12:00 noon - Mass at Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead)

6:00 pm - Polish Adoration

7:00 pm - Polish Mass

29th October – Thursday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

12:00 noon Mass - Donovan Austin RIP

30th October – Friday, Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 30

12:00 noon Mass - Finnula Quinlan Bennett RIP

Followed by Confession

7:00 pm - Rosary & Adoration

**31st October – Saturday, Our Lady on Saturday
NO MORNING MASS**

NO CONFESSION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

5:15 pm to 5:45 pm - Confession

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Margaret Pentony RIP

1st November – Sunday, All Saints (Solemnity)

9:15 am Mass - Pro Populo

11:15 am Mass - Linda T, Tim B and Wilf B RIP

1:45 pm - Polish Mass

3:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves at Hills Cemetery

5:00 pm - Italian Mass

Useful Contacts

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your generous donations,
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to donate.



Last Week's Collection

£2,911.69

(£1,161.69 Offertory;
£1,750 Standing Orders).

Second Collection

£715.69

Thank You
You could add 25p to every £1
you give by joining Gift Aid.

PLEASE NOTE: VIDEO RECORDING IS NOT ALLOWED DURING MASS WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION.

FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENT - PLEASE SEND BY WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM TO

horsham@abdiocese.org.uk

NEW BISHOP OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON CALLS FOR CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED AND A GROWTH IN HOLINESS

Catholics across Sussex and Surrey welcomed a new bishop on Monday 19 October, when Bishop Stephen Wang was ordained as the sixth Bishop of Arundel & Brighton.

Pope Leo XIV announced Bishop Stephen's appointment in July. Monday's Mass of Ordination at the Cathedral of our Lady and St Philip Howard was attended by His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, with representatives of other Christian traditions and the Muslim, Jewish and Hindu communities, united in marking this important moment in the life of the Diocese.

At the end of the Mass, Bishop Stephen highlighted a deep gratitude "to God for his goodness; to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints; and to family and friends, living and dead."

"What a wonderful diocese we have!" he added. "I'm truly grateful for the privilege of being your shepherd, your father, your brother... We have important work to do as a diocesan family: to grow in faithfulness and holiness, to care for those in need, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those we meet."

Words from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians form the basis of Bishop Stephen's episcopal motto: "Veritas in caritate." Reflecting on their significance, he said:

"'To speak the truth in love' is a phrase that has inspired my whole priesthood: the search for truth, and the conviction that truth and love can never contradict. If we love God, and love our neighbour; if we seek the truth and speak the truth in love; what more could God want from us, and what more could we hope for each other?"

"I've felt remarkably peaceful over the last three months," he continued, "It's definitely a grace – the spiritual joy and consolation I've experienced since my appointment. I'm not complacent; I understand there will be challenges, but I know it's all in God's hands."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION FOR HORSHAM DISTRICT FOODBANK - Firstly, a big thank-you to all who contributed so generously to our September collection. In total, your food donations weighed in at 60 (SIXTY) kilograms - a magnificent effort! Our next collection will be on the weekend of **24th and 25th OCTOBER**. Let's aim to match - *or even beat* - last month's effort. The foodbank will gratefully accept any non-perishable food, but right now they are particularly short of Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes, and Instant Cup A Soup. Please bring your offerings to Mass with you and leave them on the table at the back of the church. Many Thanks!

LOST SHEEP (AND MISSING BOOKS!) - Last year, thanks to your generosity, we fundraised and sourced a selection of quality Christian children's books for families to use during Mass. Sadly, more than half have since gone missing. If one has found its way home with you by mistake, please return it to the box in the narthex so other families can enjoy them. Thank you! Equally if you would like to donate an appropriate Christian children's book to the box, please feel free.

UPDATE: 2027 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME – There are **only 3 weeks left** to submit your application for our **2027 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** (school Year 3 and above). To register your interest, please speak to Fr Tristan or Deacon Tom after any Mass and they will be able to give you an Application Form in person; **these will not be available from the Parish Office or from the website**. Please return your completed Application Form, together with the necessary supporting documents, by the **closing date of Friday 13th November 2026**. We are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

TODDLER GROUP – As it's Half Term next week, the Toddler Group will be taking a week off. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November.

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ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – Fr Tristan will be at Hills Cemetery on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm** for the annual Blessing of the Graves. Please gather at Fr Gregory Williams' grave.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED – On **Saturday 7th November at 10:00am**, we will be holding our annual Mass for the Bereaved, when we remember all those who have died and offer prayers and support for the bereaved of our community. During the Mass, the names of those who have died over the last 12 months will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light votive candles for all those we love who have died. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall, hosted by the SVP. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like the name of anyone who has died in the last 12 months to be added to our list. All are most warmly welcomed to this Mass.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - The Parish Quiz Night this year will be held on **Saturday 14th November 2026** in the Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start. The price is £15 per person (which includes a Chilli Supper). Max 6 people to a table. There will be a raffle. Please bring your own bottle and glass. Please call LESLEY on 07957 546265 to book your tickets. Funds raised will go towards helping the youth of the Parish with the cost of attending faith building events.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST YOUTH CLUB - St John the Evangelist Youth Club is off to a fantastic start! Our first sessions have been full of energy, great discussions and new friendships. If you're in secondary school or college, it's not too late to join us. We meet fortnightly on Fridays, 7.00–9.00 pm, in the Parish Hall. 📅 **Upcoming dates: 6 & 20 November, 4 & 18 December.** We're also looking for adult volunteers (18+) to help run the club, whether regularly or occasionally. To find out more and register your interest head to our website >Groups/YouthGroup.

THANK YOU – AND A FRIENDLY REMINDER - A big thank you to the 500+ parishioners who have already completed our new parish registration form! It helps us keep our records accurate & secure and also registers you for parish parking. If you haven't yet, please do so soon, especially if you ever use the car park. **From Sunday 1st November, only registered parishioners will be able to park there**, so spaces remain available for those attending church. Register in <2mins, **scan the QR code on the pew stickers**, pick up a leaflet from the Narthex, visit our website or pop in the office.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: A DEEP DIVE INTO POPE LEO'S NEW ENCYCLICAL - *Conference Afternoon Exploring Catholic Social Teaching with Dr Jack Norman.* **Sunday 8 November · 1:30–4:15pm · Fitzherbert Community Hub.** Dr Jack Norman, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, will explore our vision of the human person: what does it mean to be human? How can we safeguard the human person in the age of AI? In a world that is reshaping how we live, relate and think, we have an urgent task: to rediscover the path to true human flourishing. All are welcome to join early for a shared lunch at 12:45pm (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share). No booking required. Donation only. Tea, coffee, and cake provided. **Venue:** The Fitzherbert Hub, St John the Baptist Church, BN2 1AP. **More info:** joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk.

CAFOD DEBT JUSTICE CAMPAIGN - The global debt crisis is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it, in order to pay off unfair debts. Please visit <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition/1> to find out more and sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to act.

LIVE SIMPLY “Live simply so others may simply live”

GREEN HUB SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST 10AM - 2:30PM - The Green Hub will be open at the United Reformed Church, across the road from St John's, on Saturday October 31st. With a NEW service!! - Ethical Consumer Information.

- Plus, Recycling and Energy advice (helping you save money and the planet!), Repair Cafe, repairing electrical items and textiles (booking required), and a Refill Stall for cleaning products, toiletries and oat milk. Cafe serving hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes. Repair cafe booking and more info here: <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/sussex-green-hub/>

Email livesimply_stjohnshorsham@yahoo.com with your Live Simply questions and ideas.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (1 Kings 8:22–23, 27–30)

In those days: Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands towards heaven, and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers towards this place.

And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray towards this place.

And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. **R**

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, “Peace upon you.”

For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God, I will seek good things for you. **R**

SECOND READING (Ephesians 2:19–22)

Brothers and sisters:

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool, says the Lord; what is the house that you would build for me? Alleluia

GOSPEL (Luke 19:1–10)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time:

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.

So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.”

So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LET US PRAY FOR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK INCLUDING

Baby Zoë Daly-Ford, Patrick Connors, Paul Wycliffe, Charlotte Curson, Edwina Slater, Tony Sefton, Baby Ruby, Sheila Pike, Bill Hughes, Geraldine Garvley, Ashley Elliott, Robin Sherfield, Pat Danielian, Anne Mullarky, Vilma Marshall, Carolyn Whitefield, Zoe Keane, Mark Wiesner, Brian Harris, Shane Campbell, Laura Rawlinson (Walshe), Grace Khushi, Amanda Molloy, Jarad Nunns, Gina Partridge, Margaret Georgeson, Jan Davies, Alan Frendo-Cumbo, and Katrina Sharpe.

**WE PRAY FOR
ALL HOLY SOULS.**

COLLECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND.**

COFFEE AFTER 9:15 AM MASS HOST

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reading 1 - Book of Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm - Ps 24(23): 1-2.3-4b.5-6. R. cf.6

Reading 2 - First Letter of St John 3:1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a