

Horsham Churches Together

INTRODUCTION

HCT Notices 15th April 2026

Welcome to this week's update from Horsham Churches Together. Join us this Sunday evening, 6pm at Kingdom Faith Church for Worship & Prayer, as we unite together to worship Jesus and pray for our local community. Updates this week Horsham Matters' urgent appeal for food bank donations amid rising demand, a new dementia-friendly midweek service at Cornerstone, and a two-part event at St Mark's exploring hope, loss, and resilience. Community groups are also hosting a "People's Emergency Briefing" film screening on the climate and nature crisis, alongside details of a women's faith gathering focused on worship, prayer, and spiritual encouragement. Discover all this and more online at www.horshamct.org.uk/notices.

NEWS

News and events, online and straight to your inbox

Our new look weekly email launched on 22 April 2026, with news and events from Horsham Churches Together, local churches and partner charities. The new email design is visually engaging with a simple, clean layout to help subscribers find news and events relevant to them. All the content is also available on our website too, with an expanded [News](#) section and a new [What's On Guide](#) - making it even easier to share with your friends.

How can I subscribe to the new look weekly email?

Join the mailing list using the sign up form on the [Horsham Churches Together](#) homepage.

How can I share a post with friends?

Every page of the website now has a share button in the bottom left of the screen - it's deep pink with three connected dots. Click it and choose an app to share. Facebook. WhatsApp. Email. We've got you covered.

Has the link on the website changed?

No. The existing link still works, and has the same weekly content as the email newsletter. Visit www.horshamct.org.uk/notices to discover more.

Can I forward the email to a friend?

Please do. Then invite them to sign up on the [Horsham Churches Together](#) homepage.

How can I share news and events in our church newsletter?

You can copy and paste the short excerpts from the email or copy the full text from our website. Don't forget to include a link for people to find all the details. You could also include the introduction paragraph from the email, as a brief summary of news and upcoming events.

Do you still have a text only version for printing?

Yes, we still have text only versions of the weekly newsletter, available [online](#), in [PDF](#), and [Word \(docx\)](#). These have the full content of each post, perfect for printing.

How can I submit my news, events, job ad or volunteering opportunity?

Please email your notice to admin@horshamct.org.uk by noon on Wednesdays. The notice should be connected with one of our member churches or partner charities and be of general interest to people living in Horsham District. We are unable to publish personal notices. Please also send us social media images or posters that people can download to help spread the word.

I can't see the images in my email - can you help?

Images not displaying in your email client is a common issue. Either add admin@horshamct.org.uk to your contacts, or find the "download images" setting, usually located just above the email. If you need technical support, please email hello@horshamct.org.uk.

Can I share feedback with you?

We'd love to hear it. Send us a message through our website's [contact page](#).

Praying together for teenagers and young adults.

On Sunday, 19th April, we gathered for a powerful time of prayer and worship. Following our opening worship, we reflected on the Easter story of the Road to Emmaus, praying that our hearts might burn with a renewed fire for Scripture, prayer, justice, and the Good News of Jesus.

The highlight of the evening was hearing from two young adults who shared their heart for reaching their generation. This led into a powerful time of prayer for teenagers and young adults in our community.

We look forward to seeing you all for [Prayer & Praise in the Park](#) on Sunday, 14th June 2026, 5pm in Horsham Park.

Horsham Eco Churches May News

Please download and read the latest [Horsham Eco Churches May 2026 News](#) - Upcoming, there are many May events, including Caring for Creation webinars, Eco Church Evensong, and the Storrington White Stork and Nature Festival 2026.

St Mary's English Lessons

St Mary's English Lessons are for refugees and others settled in Horsham who want to improve their English. Starting Tuesday 5th May 10.30am - noon, and then every Tuesday morning at the same time during school term times at St Mary's Church, The Causeway, Horsham. For more information, [download a poster](#).

A Million Acts of Hope...on your doorstep

A [Million Acts of Hope](#) is a nationwide campaign running from 13–20 May 2026, supported by Churches Together in England, encouraging people across the UK to highlight and celebrate everyday acts of kindness and community connection. It aims to spotlight the "doers and helpers" in local communities to combat division and promote hope.

To find out more information, and to take part in the campaign, visit the [Churches Together in England website](#).

Christian Aid Week

[Christian Aid Week](#), taking place from 10–16 May 2026, brings together supporters from across the UK to raise funds and awareness for the work of [Christian Aid](#) and its local partners. Through these collective efforts, communities around the world are empowered to develop practical, sustainable solutions to poverty.

This year, the focus is on addressing severe urban poverty in Nairobi, Kenya. The campaign supports families by providing tools, seeds, and training to help them grow food in small spaces, strengthening both resilience and self-sufficiency. It also highlights the work of Christian Aid's local partner, Beacon of Hope.

To learn more about why this campaign matters, or to get involved by accessing resources and information, visit the [Christian Aid website](#).

[Christian Aid](#) is a National Agency of [Churches Together in England](#).

Hearts & Hymns - Connecting Faith and Friendship, a safe space for those living with dementia

Cornerstone Methodist Church, Horsham, are keen to promote a monthly midweek service that will be particularly accessible for those living with dementia, but also more generally for anyone who struggles to get to a Sunday 10.30am service.

Starting 20th May, and taking place every third Wednesday afternoon, 3pm, at Cornerstone Methodist Church, London Road, Horsham RH12 1AN. It will be a relaxed service with well-loved hymns, followed by tea and cake.

[Download a poster](#) for this event.

Horsham Matters - Urgent Appeal

A message received from Horsham Matters CEO, Kelvin Glen:

“Food prices have stayed painfully high in recent months, grocery inflation rising by 3.6% in January, 3.3% in February and 4.3% in March 2026 as everyday essentials remain out of reach for many families. This means that many of those who turn to us in times of hardship will further be affected by the cost-of-living crisis and need to visit our food banks more frequently. As the situation worsens, we anticipate many new clients turning to us for help. Please can you help?

How to help:

- Financial donations enable us to buy essential food quickly, fill urgent gaps in stock, and keep our food banks operating when demand rises. A regular gift of just £5 can make a difference. Please visit [Donate to Horsham Matters - Horsham Matters](#) to donate.
- Donations of non-perishable food items, for a list of the most-needed items, please visit [Donate to Horsham Matters - Horsham Matters](#) or download [The Bank the Food App](#).
- Every contribution, food or financial, strengthens our ability to support vulnerable households across the district at a time when prices are rising and uncertainty is growing.

Thank you for standing with us when it matters most”.

EVENTS

Quiz & Cheeseboard Evening at Holy Trinity Church

Friday 24th April 2026 at 7:00pm

An evening of Fun, Brainpower and Delicious Snacks! Hap0peniing on Friday 24th April 7:00 - 10:30pm at Holy Trinity Church Horsham. Teams of 6 please. Tickets are £15 which includes a cheeseboard for 6 for supper; there is a cheese alternative. For more information download a [poster](#) and to book your tickets visit [Holy Trinity's Church Suite](#).

Horsham Matters' Quiz Night

Saturday 25th April 2026 at 7:30pm

Think you've got what it takes to be crowned quiz champions? Join a fun-filled Quiz Night to raise funds for Horsham Matters! Bring your friends, test your knowledge, and help support families across the Horsham District while you're at it.

- Max 6 people per team
- £10 per person (includes nibbles!)
- Bragging rights up for grabs!
- [Download a poster](#)

When: Saturday 25th April, Doors open at 7:00pm, Quiz starts at 7:30pm

Where: The Scout Hut, Church Street, Rudgwick, Horsham RH12 3HJ

Book by email to fundraising@horsham-matters.org.uk

Circle of Security Parenting Course

Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 9:30am

Lifespring Church will be running another **free** parenting course on Tuesdays from 28th April at 9:30am. This is an **8-week course** aimed at parents of **children age 8 and under**, and will be held **at the Drill Hall**, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1J. [Download a flyer](#) with further information.

? Parents/Carers can [sign up here](#).

The Circle of Security parenting course is led by Fiona Garratt, a local Child Clinical Psychologist and mum of three. It is based on secure attachment and offers a great opportunity for a 'parenting MOT' - to reflect on how things are going in a relaxed, supportive environment and connect with other parents. The course will help with:

- Learning to better understand your child's emotional needs
- Supporting your child's ability to manage emotions effectively
- Building your child's self-esteem and confidence

For more information about the Circle of Security program, visit www.circleofsecurityinternational.com

HDAS Quiz night, at St Mark's Church

Saturday 9th May 2026 at 6:30pm

Horsham Debt Advice Service (HDAS) will be having a fundraising Quiz night at St Mark's Church, Horsham on Saturday 9th May (free parking in car park), 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

£5 per person - maximum of 6 per team. Bring your own drinks and snacks (tea and coffee provided). There will also be a Raffle.

All proceeds to Horsham Debt Advice Service - helping those who have fallen into debt to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Please email advisor@hdas.co.uk to book a table so they can cater for tables and drinks to be prepared.

Youth Praise Night @ Trafalgar Road Baptist Church

Saturday 9th May 2026 at 6:45pm

'Youth Praise Nights West Sussex' – a night of worship, community and encounter for 14-24-year-olds, will be taking place at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, Horsham on 9th May, 6:45pm to 9:15pm. [Download a poster](#) for this event.

Tee off for a great cause this summer!

Friday 5th June 2026 at 9:00am

Play golf. Have fun. Make a difference. Fancy a fantastic day of golf and the chance to change lives locally? Join Horsham Matters' Charity Golf Day and help support families in the Horsham District

Friday 5th June, Slinfold Golf & Country Club

This much-loved annual event features a shotgun start tournament, with breakfast and lunch included, all for just £70 per player. Teams of four can look forward to a day packed with friendly competition, prizes, an auction, great food and even better company. What makes it even better is it's all in support of a brilliant local cause!

Bookings are now open! For a booking form please email or call:

? fundraising@horsham-matters.org.uk

? 07774 078915

[Download a poster for this event.](#)

Left to Their Own Devices' with Katharine Hill

Monday 8th June 2026 at 7:30pm

St Mark's Holbrook are hosting a Care for the Family event 'Left to Their Own Devices – Parenting in a Digital Age' with Katharine Hill. This event is not just for parents but for anyone involved with children and young people. It will equip parents and carers with practical skills and knowledge to stay ahead of the curve and help children navigate the online world safely and to their advantage. This event is free of charge and will be taking place at St Mark's Church, Horsham, Monday, 8th June from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Early booking is encouraged. For more information and to book [download a flyer](#) and book your place on [Eventbrite](#).

Prayer & Praise in the Park 2026

Sunday 14th June 2026 at 5:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of prayer and praise in Horsham Park on Sunday 14th June 2026, with live worship music and prayers for our local churches and communities. Service start at 5pm, with gates open for picnics from 4pm.

When: 4pm for picnics, 5pm for service, Sunday 14th June 2026

Where: Human Nature Garden, Horsham Park ([///switch.making.held](#))

General Parking: [Pavilions Car Park](#), Hurst Road, Horsham, RH12 2DF

Accessible Parking: [Jubilee Car Park](#), Madeira Avenue, Horsham, RH12 1AB

Media Pack

Please use our media pack to help you spread the word and invite others within your church:

Noticesheets – [Event Graphic](#)

Projectors – [Widescreen](#) / [Standard](#)

Social Media – [Portrait Post](#) / [Square Post](#) / [Story](#)

Posters – [A3 Landscape](#) / [A4 Landscape](#)

Postcards – [4 x A6 postcards on a A4 sheet](#)

Download all the images with our [Media Pack ZIP file](#).

COTILLION – Live Folk Music Evening

Saturday 25th April 2026 at 7:00pm

‘Join Cotillion, a local folk group featuring Anne, Bonnie, Alan, and Linda, for a special evening in support of St Peter’s Church, Slinfold. ‘The Last Trip Home’ - A celebration of the working horse and ox in song and verse. Happening Saturday April 25 2026, 7.00 pm start at St Peter’s Church, The Street, Slinfold, Horsham, RH13 0RR. Free entry with a retiring collection and refreshments. [Download a poster](#) for this event.

Seedling Exchange at the Sussex Green Hub

Saturday 25th April 2026 at 10:00am

Come and swap your seedlings or pick some up and leave a small donation. All Welcome. Happening Saturday 25th April, 10am - 2.30pm at the [Sussex Green Hub](#), United Reformed Church, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG.

Women Spending Time with God

Saturday 25th April 2026 at 6:30pm

Women Spending Time with God (WSTWG) is a vision by Christian Love Ministries, an online ministry created in 2020 by Horsham resident, an ordained Evangelist, Vivian Tirado. What began as an [online YouTube ministry](#) for sharing bite-sized messages of love, hope, and salvation is now growing into a Spirit led in-person gathering for women. The mission is to create an inter-denominational monthly space for women to come together in faith to pray, worship, and be encouraged through the Word of God. A monthly love gathering where women can connect, grow spiritually, and encourage one another in our walk in Christ Jesus. The next gathering will be on Saturday 25th April 2026, 6.30-8.30pm, at Bohunt School, Bailey Rd, Horsham RH12 6AP. [Download an event flyer](#).

‘Should we Pray for Politics?’, Spring Lecture at St. Mary’s Church, Petworth

Friday 24th April 2026 at 7:30pm

Rt. Hon. Gillian Keegan, Conservative MP for Chichester, also served as Secretary of State for Education (2022-24), will speak on 'Should we Pray for Politics?'. This will be taking place at St. Mary's Church, Church St, Petworth GU28 0AD, at 7.30pm. Free Entry. Wine and Canapés. Parking in Petworth Square or Pound Street Car Park [GU28 0DX]. For more information visit the [Petworth Area Churches Together website](#).

PRAYER

Prayer Focus: Earth Day

Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, is the world's largest environmental movement dedicated to protecting the planet from pollution, climate change, and deforestation.

- Find a quiet spot in your garden or a local park and reflect on the words, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Spend a few moments simply listening to the sounds of nature, offering thanks to the Creator for the life around you.
- Pray for the [Horsham Eco Church](#) network, as they equip churches and inspire lasting environmental transformation in the local community. Pray for each of the churches involved and the monthly [Sussex Green Hub](#).
- Pray: "Lord, how can I be a better steward of your creation?" Commit to one small step towards change in your daily life as your response to that prayer.

JOBS

Horsham Matters is Hiring a Part-time Frontline Administrator

As the first point of contact for Horsham Matters, the Frontline Administrator provides a friendly, professional, and efficient welcome to clients, customers, donors and partners. Working as part of a small, busy team, this role delivers high-quality administrative and customer service support to ensure the smooth day-to-day operation of the Charity's services. For full details of this post, including how to apply [download the Job Description](#).