Horsham Churches Together

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Introduction

Weekly Update for 4th November 2026

This week's newsletter brings together the latest church news, community updates, upcoming events and other opportunities to get involved, support others and make a difference.

Our Prayer Focus turns to remembering those who have died and supporting all who are living with grief and bereavement.

Discover all this and more at www.horshamct.org.uk.

News

New Ethical Buying Guide for churches

Churches Together in England has highlighted a refreshed Ethical Buying Guide from the JustMoney Movement, helping churches consider how their spending choices can reflect Christian values.

The free guide includes practical advice, discussion questions and examples of good practice, covering areas such as Fairtrade, fair pay, decent working conditions and caring for the environment.

It encourages churches to think about the impact of their purchasing decisions both locally and globally, and how small actions can contribute towards a fairer, greener world.

To find out more and download the free guide, visit: JustMoney Movement – Ethical Buying Guide for Churches

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Turning Tides Update on Roffey Place

Turning Tides has announced that its high-support accommodation service at Roffey Place will close in April 2027. Since opening, it has provided accommodation and support to 222 people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Turning Tides remains committed to supporting people in Horsham and will continue to help local people experiencing homelessness to find stability, build independence and move towards a safe and sustainable home. They are actively seeking a new location to providing high-support accommodation.

You may be able to help? Contact Turning Tides if:

- You own a property that could be suitable for supported accommodation
- You know of an empty or underused building with potential
- You know of a property or site that you think Turning Tides should explore
- You would like to explore becoming a socially conscious landlord
- You can connect Turning Tides with someone who may be able to help

If you know of a suitable property or building that could be used for supported accommodation, Turning Tides would be pleased to hear from you. Please email info@turning-tides.org.uk.

Turning Tides Christmas Appeal

As Christmas approaches, Turning Tides is inviting people to help make the festive season a little brighter for those experiencing homelessness. Its Homeless Wish List includes practical gifts and essentials that can make a real difference to people supported by the charity.

Anyone wishing to support the appeal can choose an item from the Amazon wish list and purchase it as a gift for someone in need. Items will be delivered directly to Turning Tides.

View the Turning Tides Homeless Wish List and help spread some Christmas kindness.

For information about the Turning Tides Charity visit their website.

Be Ready – Emergency Preparedness

Are you emergency ready?

Everyday emergencies like storms can disrupt the essential services you rely on – like your phone, water, power and the internet.

Taking a few simple steps to prepare can make a big difference, helping you manage while emergency support reaches those who need it most.

If you or someone you know might need extra support during a gas, electricity or water outage, they may be able to sign up for the Priority Services Register. It's a free service that ensures utility companies know who may need extra assistance. Lots of households are eligible, including those of pensionable age, people with long-term illnesses, and families with children under 5.

Find out more about how to prepare and check your eligibility for extra help by visiting the Government's Be Ready website for guidance and advice.

Advent and Christmas Resources

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) has brought together a selection of resources to help churches prepare for and celebrate Advent and Christmas 2026.

These include worship materials, Advent calendars, children's activities, Christmas carols and ideas for sharing the Christmas message within our communities. Resources are available from organisations including the Bible Society, CAFOD, Christian Aid and the Methodist Church.

There is also information about the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Shine Your Light initiative, which encourages communities to share carols and the Gospel message in public spaces.

To explore the resources available, visit: Advent and Christmas 2026 – Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Christmas Decorations Appeal

Looking to change up your decorations?

Help someone else in the Horsham District have a great Christmas by donating them to Horsham Matters, 1 Redkiln Close, Horsham, RH13 5QL or to the Love it Again shop in West Street

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Lifespring Advice Cafe

Lifespring Advice Cafe is launching on Wednesday 4th November, offering free advice and information on money, energy savings, benefits and other important issues, with support from Citizens Advice and local partner organisations. Visitors can also enjoy free refreshments, cookies and a friendly chat in a welcoming community space.

The café will be open on Wednesday mornings during term time, with advice available from 11.30am to 12.30pm, followed by time to relax and connect with others until 1pm. No appointment is needed, and everyone is welcome.

- WHEN: Wednesdays, 11.30am–1pm (term time only)
- WHERE: Lifespring Church, The Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF

For weekly updates on which organisations will be available, visit the **LifeSpring Advice Café Facebook page.**

Horsham Eco Churches News

The November edition of Horsham Eco Churches News is now available, full of events, news and inspiration to help you on your eco journey. Read online today.

Horsham Salvation Army 'Be a Star' - Christmas Appeal

Christmas is fast approaching, and preparations are beginning again at The Salvation Army in Horsham, to offer support to local families who are experiencing hardship through its annual 'Be a Star' Christmas Appeal. Last Christmas, the appeal helped 231 local families – that's over 840 individuals! Families are referred anonymously by schools and support agencies to ensure help reaches those most in need while protecting their privacy.

The appeal provides toys and gifts for children up to 18, toiletries and gift vouchers for teenagers, and a £20 supermarket voucher towards Christmas dinner. Where possible, gifts are also provided for parents and carers. Every household also receives a Christmas card, a leaflet about Jesus, and a Salvation Army Christmas magazine.

How to help:

- **Donate gifts:** New, unwrapped gifts (toys/games, toiletries sets) are welcome.
- **Drop-off Location & Deadline:** Donations should delivered to the Salvation Army Christian Centre, Booth Way, Horsham, RH13 5PZ, on weekdays, by the end of November
- **Make a financial donation:** Donations can be made via the Horsham Salvation Army website.
- **Become a donation station:** If your church is collecting gifts, please contact Lieutenant Rachel Abbott at Horsham Salvation Army. Email: horsham@salvationarmy.org.uk. Tel: 01403 254 624.

Every contribution helps bring hope and joy to local families this Christmas. Thank you for your generous support.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Collection

Kingdom Faith Church Horsham (Foundry Lane, RH13 5PX) will once again be a local collection point for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, this year.

Shoeboxes can be dropped off 9–15 November 2026 as follows:

- Monday 09 November 10am – 4pm
- Tuesday 10 November 3 – 5pm
- Wednesday 11 November 10am – 2pm
- Thursday 12 November 3 – 6pm
- Friday 13 November 10am – 4pm
- Sunday 14 November 10am – 2pm
- Monday 15 November 10am – 4pm

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Each shoebox is an opportunity to bring joy and hope to a child at Christmas. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Anyone wishing to take part can find full guidance on what to include and how to pack a shoebox on the Samaritan's Purse website. Find out how to pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox

Events

SEND Family Hub

Monday 9th November 2026 at 10:00am

Parents and carers of children with SEND are invited to come along to the SEND Family Hub at St Mark's Church, Horsham. It is an opportunity to meet other parents, chat, share experiences and connect with people who understand the SEND journey.

Children are very welcome to come along too. Download a flyer.

As Mondays don't work for everyone, anyone who is unable to attend but would be interested in other SEND Family events and support is encouraged to get in touch.

When: Mondays, 10am–12pm
Dates: 9 November and 14 December
Where: St Mark's Church, Horsham (RH12 5PU)
Contact: familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk

Armstice Day

Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 10:45am

There will be a ceremony at the Carfax War Memorial on Armistice Day, including a two minute silence to remember all those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Led by the Royal British Legion and local church leaders. Remembrance events are also taking place in various locations throughout Horsham District. Further details can be found on the Horsham District Council website.

God's Lavish Grace Conference

Saturday 14th November 2026 at 10:00am

A day to be refreshed, renewed and immersed in the richness of God's grace, with teaching from Terry Virgo and worship led by Jos Wintermeyer and the Lifespring team.

- ?Hosted by Lifespring Horsham
- ?Date: Saturday 14th November
- Location: Drill Hall, Denne Rd, Horsham, RH12 1JF
- ??Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Ticket Price: £15 (Refreshments included)
- Lunch: Please bring your own or enjoy a trip to town for lunch options

Sign up today and tell a friend.

The Power of Prayer

Saturday 14th November 2026 at 10:00am

Brighton Road Baptist Church are hosting a free one-day seminar event exploring the power of prayer through teaching, testimony, worship, fellowship and praying together. Featuring Guest Speaker: Revd Naomi Gull, a retired minister serving at Bathpool Chapel in Taunton. She is from Pakistan, an ex-Muslim who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. Her testimony is of a life saved to serve – a transformed life through the power of prayer.

The event is FREE and you are welcome to come for all or part of the day.

There will be a curry lunch and refreshments provided or feel free to bring your own lunch.

The afternoon session after lunch starts at 1pm and there will be a children's group provided for preschool and up to the age of 11 inclusive during this time. There is also a crèche room available throughout the day for parents to go with their pre-school children.

Sign up online at https://www.brbc-horsham.org.uk/Articles/748596/The_Power_of.aspx.

Messy Church – Roffey

Sunday 15th November 2026 at 3:00pm

Messy Church returns to Cornerstone St Andrew's Methodist Church, Roffey, for an afternoon of family fun for parents and children up to the age of 11.

The afternoon includes lively songs, storytelling, creative crafts, Messy Scientist activities and a meal together, finishing with a few more songs. Children should wear clothes suitable for getting a little messy!

The event is free, although donations towards running costs are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Date: Sunday 15 November 2026
- Time: 3.00pm–5.45pm
- Venue: Cornerstone, St Andrew's Methodist Church, Roffey, HORSHAM RH12 4DX

For more information and to book a place, visit:
Messy Church – Roffey (Eventbrite)

Fundraising Ceramic Painting Workshop

Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 1:30pm

- Ceramic Painting Workshop, supporting Olive Tree Cancer Support charity
- Wednesday 18 November 2026
- 13.30 – 15.00
- Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Horsham, RH12 1GZ
- Tickets £15, to include all art materials

A fun and friendly 90-minute ceramic painting workshop is taking place at Lavinia House, Horsham, in support of Olive Tree Cancer Support.

Open to all ages and abilities, the workshop offers an opportunity to get creative, enjoy a relaxing afternoon and make something beautiful to take home. All materials are provided, so no previous experience is needed.

£5 per ticket sale will be donated to Olive Tree Cancer Support.

Book tickets on Eventbrite

World Day of Prayer – Horsham Branch

Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7:30pm

The Horsham Branch of the World Day of Prayer invites anyone interested to attend its next meeting at the Salvation Army, Booth Way, Horsham, RH13 5PZ, on Wednesday 18 November. Arrival is at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

The meeting will focus on preparations for next year's centenary service. Anyone who would like to be involved is warmly welcome to come along.

Kingdom Alignment

Saturday 21st November 2026 at 10:00am

Kingdom Faith Church, Horsham, will host 'Kingdom Alignment: The Church, Israel and God's Unfolding Story' on Saturday 21 November 2026.

The event will explore the biblical relationship between God's Kingdom, the Church and Israel, and the significance of the Jewish people in God's purposes today. Through biblical teaching, dialogue and personal stories from Jewish and Arab voices in Israel, attendees will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Scripture and consider the Church's response to antisemitism.

Refreshments and lunch: The HUB Coffee Shop will be open throughout the day, where hot drinks, refreshments and snacks can be purchased. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch.

Further details and registration are available on the Kingdom Faith website.

Saturday 21 November, 10am-5pm

Kingdom Faith Church, Foundry Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5PX

Warnham Ukulele Club Singalong

Saturday 21st November 2026 at 10:30am

Everyone is invited to a fun, informal singalong with the friendly Ukulele Club of Warnham, a small group that meets monthly at the Village Club to enjoy playing and singing a variety of songs, from simple favourites to more challenging tunes.

Join them at St Margaret's Church, Warnham, RH12 3QW, on Saturday 21 November. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 10.30am, with singing starting at 11am and lasting around 45 minutes.

Entry is free, although donations are welcome. All funds raised will support the Warnham Parish Christmas Dinner for people spending Christmas Day on their own.

Fundraising Arts & Craft-ernoon

Saturday 21st November 2026 at 2:30pm

- Arts & Craft-ernoon, in aid of Turning Tides charity
- Saturday 21 November 2026
- 14.30 – 17.00
- Holbrook Tythe Barn, Pondtail Road, Horsham RH12 5EZ
- 3 different crafts to try out – ceramic painting, decoupage and needlecraft
- Tickets £25, to include all art materials and refreshments

Everyone is welcome to enjoy an afternoon of creativity at this fundraising Arts & Craft-ernoon, in aid of Turning Tides charity.

The 150-minute workshop offers the chance to try three different crafts: ceramic painting, decoupage and needlecraft. Suitable for all ages and abilities, it is a lovely opportunity to learn something new, have fun and create something to take home.

Tickets cost £25, including all art materials and refreshments. Under-18s must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

£3 from every ticket sold will go to Turning Tides charity.

Book tickets on Eventbrite

Left to their own devices

Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7:30pm

Our kids are facing a whole new level of complexity as they grow up in a turbulent digital world. Bullying, screen time, lessening attention span, the rise of AI and VR… these are just some of the issues our children are facing online. These parenting challenges can be overwhelming; but we can't afford to ignore them!

Join Care for the Family's live event Left to Their Own Devices? for practical skills and knowledge to stay ahead of the curve and help your children navigate the digital world safely and to their advantage. It's never too late to establish healthy digital boundaries with your children – whatever their age.

Left to Their Own Devices? is taking place this autumn at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham, at 7.30pm on 25 November. Tickets are £11 each, or £8 per person when booking three or more tickets together. Book your tickets at cff.org.uk/owndevices.

To make sharing easy, you can download a media pack containing social media graphics, email copy, and other promotional resources, which you can download here.

Made For You Women's Conference

Saturday 30th January 2027 at 8:45am

Lou Fellingham & Friends Made For You Women's Conference in Horsham

A special day for women to be refreshed, inspired and equipped, with Lou Fellingham and friends, including Rachel Gardner, Elle Limebear and Care for the Family.

- Hosted by Lifespring, Horsham
- Date: Saturday 30 January 2027
- Time: 8:45 AM (registration) – 5:00 PM (End) GMT
- Location: Drill Hall, Denne Rd, Horsham, RH12 1JF
- Tickets: £33.25 (£32.50 + £0.75 booking fee)

For more information and to book tickets

Christmas Events

Quiz & Pud!

Saturday 14th November 2026 at 7:00pm

An evening of fun is promised at Holy Trinity Church Hall, with an excellent quiz and delicious luxury puddings served during the interval.

Doors open at 6.30pm, with the quiz starting at 7pm. Teams of six are invited, at a cost of £12 per person. When booking, please mention which team you are joining (e.g. Fred Bloggs' team).

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a festive raffle.

- Date: Saturday, 14th November 2026
- Time: 7 – 10pm
- Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Rushams Road, Horsham, RH12 2NT.

Book your tickets online

For more information download a flyer for this event

Christmas Eve - Carols by candlelight

Thursday 24th December 2026 at 6:00pm

LifeSpring Church invites everyone to join them for a special Christmas Eve service of carols by candlelight.

- DATE: Thursday 24th December
- TIME: 6.00pm
- VENUE: LifeSpring Church, The Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1JF

A Lifespring Christmas - Contemporary Carols

Sunday 6th December 2026 at 10:30am

LifeSpring Church invites everyone to enjoy a Christmas celebration featuring a free contemporary carol concert with a live band. Suitable for all ages and bring your friends and family too! Complimentary festive refreshments will also be available.

- DATE: Sunday 6th December 2026
- TIME: 10.30am
- VENUE: LifeSpring Church, The Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1JF

Entry is free.

Lifespring Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November 2026 at 10:00am

LifeSpring Church invites everyone to its Christmas Fair, featuring festive stalls, live music, and delicious seasonal food and drink. Plus, you can visit Santa himself in his grotto – bookings for seeing Santa are now open! Slots cost £3.50 per child and include a gift from Santa.

It’s a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to enjoy the festive season together and discover unique gifts in preparation for Christmas. Suitable for all ages.

- DATE: Saturday 28th November 2026
- TIME: 10am – 3pm
- WHERE: Lifespring Church, The Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1JF

For more information, to express your interest and to book a Santa slot please visit the Lifespring website.

Christmas Eve Community Carol Service

Thursday 24th December 2026 at 4:00pm

Horsham Salvation Army invites the community to join its Christmas Eve Carol Service at 4.00 pm at the Salvation Army Centre, Booth Way, Horsham, RH13 5PZ.

The service will take place in the car park, moving indoors if the weather is cold. Everyone is welcome to come together and celebrate the joy of Christmas through carols.

Salvation Army Christmas Fayre

Saturday 21st November 2026 at 10:00am

The Salvation Army in Horsham will be holding its Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November, from 10 am to 2 pm, at its premises in Booth Way, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5PZ.

The event will feature children's activities, stalls from local small businesses, craft sales and refreshments, offering a lovely opportunity to enjoy some festive shopping and support the local community.

For further details, download the event flyer.

Christmas Messy Church, Horsham

Friday 27th November 2026 at 4:00pm

- Friday 27th November, 4.00–6.00 pm
- For all the family £1 per person
- The Salvation Army, Booth Way, Horsham, RH13 5PZ

Come and enjoy Messy Church for a fun celebration of the first Christmas, with a story, craft, games, and food. Download a flyer for this event.

To book your place, please call 01403 254624 or email the Community Mission Support Manager caroline.smith@salvationarmy.org.uk

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Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 12th December 2026 at 2:30pm

St Andrew's Church, Nuthurst, will be holding its Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 12th December, from 2.30 to 4.00 pm.

The afternoon will feature a festive Lighting Up Party and Christmas Raffle Draw, with luxury Christmas hampers and other wonderful prizes to be won.

Visitors can enjoy festive music, mulled wine and mince pies as the community comes together to celebrate the Christmas season.

Everyone is warmly welcome!

St Andrew's Church, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 6LH

Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market

Saturday 28th November 2026 at 10:00am

Saturday 28th November, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
St John's RC Church Hall, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham

The popular Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market returns, offering an opportunity to find unusual and thoughtful Christmas gifts while supporting Fairtrade producers around the world.

Visitors can browse a wide variety of stalls selling luxurious toiletries, beautiful textiles, colourful bags, handmade crafts, jewellery, clothing, Fairtrade food and much more.

The market will also feature a Fairtrade café serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and delicious cakes, together with a raffle offering three fantastic Christmas hampers filled with Fairtrade products. The raffle will be drawn at 3.00 pm by Horsham District Council Chairman, Joanne Knowles. The market will be opened at 10.00 am by local MP John Milne.

For the full list of stallholders and details of the products on offer, visit the Fairtrade Horsham website.

A wonderful opportunity to enjoy some Christmas shopping with a clear conscience!

The Nativity at Wintershall

Thursday 17th December 2026 at 11:00am

The Nativity Journey returns from 17 – 20 December 2026, offering families and friends the opportunity to experience the Christmas story in a unique and immersive way.

Visitors can walk with Mary and Joseph and their donkey, meet the shepherds, encounter Roman soldiers and enter the stable as the story of the first Christmas unfolds around them. This unforgettable family experience offers a chance to discover the true meaning of Christmas through immersive theatre, with something for children, parents and grandparents alike.

For further information and to book tickets, please visit the Wintershall website: Wintershall – The Nativity Journey. They also have special performances for schools on 15-16th December.

Download Poster.

Prayer

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered

from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reproduced from the Remembrance Order of Service by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Jobs

Job Opportunity – Home for Good

Home for Good is recruiting a Church and Community Relationships Coordinator for West Sussex and Hampshire to build relationships with churches and communities, encouraging support for children and families through fostering, adoption and other forms of care.

The role is 22.5 hours per week, hybrid working, with a permanent contract subject to continued partnership funding.

Applications close on 15 November 2026.

Find out more and view the job description and application pack.

Anything to share?

Do you have any news, events, jobs or volunteering opportunties to share from your church or Christian charity? Please email your notices to admin@horshamct.org.uk by noon on Wednesday for publication in next week's HCT Notices.

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