

# Horsham Churches Together

*Sunday 21st June 2026*

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## Introduction

### Weekly Update for 17th June 2026

Welcome to this week's update from Horsham Churches Together.

Please take a moment to read this week's news update, including a write up of Sunday' Prayer & Praise in the Park, a special Father's Day prayer focus this Sunday and an urgent appeal from Horsham Matters and consider how you might help support our local community.

Fresh in our What's On Guide we have added the Salvation Army's Table Top sale and their July Messy Church. We're also looking forward to being part of the Funday Sunday in Horsham Park on 5th July.

Discover all this and more at [www.horshamct.org.uk](http://www.horshamct.org.uk).

## News

### Singing God's praises in Horsham Park

On Sunday 14th June, Christians from across Horsham District gathered to sing God's praises in Horsham Park, and to pray for our town and villages. It was wonderful to see friends enjoying picnics and children chasing bubbles from the bubble machine. During the service, local church leaders lead times of prayer for people moving into new housing developments, households facing hardship, and refugee & asylum seekers. Jon White, from Trafalgar Road Baptist shared the gospel message, encouraging us to find rest in Jesus. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible – stewards, musicians, PA teams and speakers.

Please continue to pray for Horsham District, that our churches would be a blessing to our communities and that many people would come to know the peace and hope found in Christ.

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### Urgent Foodbank Appeal

Right now, local families are facing the impossible choice between putting food on the table and covering life's basic essentials, and many are going without.

Horsham Matters, who supports our community through 15 weekly foodbanks across the district, is urgently appealing for food donations as stocks have fallen to critically low levels. With demand expected to increase over the summer holidays, support from local churches is needed more than ever.

Summer is always a particularly challenging time for many families. When schools close, access to free school meals disappears, and this year families are expected to be especially impacted due to the withdrawal of holiday voucher provision. Demand for foodbank services is likely to rise sharply.

Every donation helps provide practical support and hope to families facing hardship across our district.

If you would like to support this vital work, please visit the [Horsham Matters Donation Page](#) for more information. You can help by:

- Donating money through their online [Donation Page](#).
  - Donating food at the Horsham Matters Community Hub at 1 Redkilm Close, Horsham, RH13 5QL or whenever you are shopping, please consider purchasing an extra item and placing it in the designated donation area to help support those in need (see [Website](#) for details, including latest food requirements.)
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## 2026 Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to Tom Murray on winning the Trustee of the Year award in the Horsham District Council's 2026 Volunteer Awards, recognising his dedication and service to the community through Horsham Matters. Tom has served as a trustee at Horsham Matters since 2012 and is also a Permanent Deacon at St John the Evangelist, Horsham.

As part of the national Volunteers' Week, the awards celebrate the dedication and passion of volunteers across Horsham District, and the positive difference they make in our communities. There were eight award categories, with the awards being presented at an evening celebration by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex Lady Emma Barnard, The High Sheriff of West Sussex, Gary Shipton and Horsham District Council Chair, Cllr Joanne Knowles.

Look out for follow-up posts and interviews on the [council's Facebook](#) page, and for the full list of winners, read the [Horsham District volunteers are recognised](#) post on their website.

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## The Hidden Reality of Rural Homelessness

Rural homelessness is often invisible and fundamentally different from homelessness in towns where help is more concentrated. In rural West Sussex, people are spread across vast areas, living in tents hidden in woodland, cars parked in laybys and other isolated locations. Limited public transport and long distances between services make people extremely hard to support. Poor phone signal, lack of internet access and limited transport mean people may struggle to contact the council or attend appointments.

Despite these barriers, rural homelessness services provided by Turning Tides are making a real difference. Turning Tides is a charity dedicated to ending homelessness in West Sussex. Founded in 1991, it's grown from a small group of kind-hearted Christians to the largest homelessness charity in the county. Their Mid-Sussex outreach team supported 118 people experiencing homelessness last year with food, supplies, housing advice and more, with 47 of those moved into secure accommodation.

The Move On Housing North teams operate across the rural north of West Sussex, with homes in Storrington, Horsham, Burgess Hill and East Grinstead. Across six properties, we provide safe

accommodation for 35 residents. Move On Housing provides a vital stepping stone towards a 'forever home'. Residents gain experience of managing their own home while benefiting from the reassurance of a key worker and a supportive community. Demand is high, reflecting the urgent need for this service in areas where social housing and affordable private rentals are scarce. Even in this difficult housing market, Turning Tides supported 13 residents to move into their own independent homes last year.

Read [Read Obert's story on the Turning Tides website](#). Obert is a past Turning Tides client from Horsham, who lost his home following his long-term illness and divorce. Following support, Obert is now in his own accommodation.

For more information about Turning Tides and to sign up for the newsletter, please visit [www.turning-tides.org.uk](http://www.turning-tides.org.uk).

*Article reproduced from Turning Tide's May 2026 newsletter.*

## Events

### People's Emergency Briefing, Horsham

*Friday 26th June 2026 at 7:30pm*

A new public information film on the climate and nature crisis will be shown on Friday 26 June at 7.30pm, followed by a discussion at 8.20pm at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham RH13 5BD. For more information [download the People's Emergency Briefing Information sheet](#)

Free, limited tickets are available, so please book soon. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit the [Ticket Tailor website](#).

Everyone is welcome. A poster for this event is available [to download](#).

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### Table Top Sale

*Saturday 27th June 2026 at 10:00am*

The Salvation Army Horsham will be holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 27th June from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Come and browse a variety of tables offering great finds at bargain prices. There's something for everyone.

Venue: The Salvation Army, Booth Way, Horsham RH13 5PZ. [Download a flyer](#) for this event.

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### Trinity Church Players summer concert

*Sunday 28th June 2026 at 2:00pm*

Everyone is warmly invited to enjoy Trinity Church Players family-friendly summer concert on Sunday 28th June, 2:00 – 5:00pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Rushams Rd, Horsham RH12 2NT. Everyone is encouraged to come along and enjoy an uplifting afternoon of music, community, and summer celebration.

This year's Disney-themed event will feature performances from the church junior choir alongside special guests Horsham Ukulele Society. There will be refreshments available for purchase including tea, coffee and cakes as well as Pimms. Tickets are now available through [Holy Trinity Church's Events Page](#). Adult tickets are £10, while children attend free. All proceeds will support Rare Dementia Care and Holy Trinity Church.

[Download a poster](#) for this event

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## Children's & Youth Leaders' Coffee Morning

*Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 10:00am*

Dalesdown have been exploring ways to support local children's and youth leaders. Through discussions, they are starting to consider and plan events that they hope will build networks, support, encourage and refresh each other and the young people they all serve.

Having hosted an initial coffee morning in March, Dalesdown are planning a second similar event in June, to be followed by a retreat-style day for children's and youth leaders in the autumn.

- Tuesday 30 June – Children's & Youth Leaders' coffee morning 10 AM – 12:30 PM
- Tues 6 October – Children's & Youth Leaders' retreat day

Further details of the events can be found on the [Dalesdown website](#). Tickets are free, but please book your place on [Eventbrite](#).

Please share this with any local children's and youth leaders you may know.

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## Funday Sunday 2026

*Sunday 5th July 2026 at 12:00pm*

HCT will be hosting a stall at Funday Sunday in Horsham Park, on Sunday 5th July 2026, 12-5pm. Last year, we had over [300 children plus their grown-ups](#) visiting our stall throughout the afternoon, joining in the fun of the fair.

There's so much to enjoy at Funday Sunday this year, with games, sports, stalls, street food, live bands and a funfair. Plus, the Horsham Children's Parade will be walking through town from 11am, arriving in the park at 12 noon.

**When:** Sunday 5th July 2026, 12-5pm

**Where:** Horsham Park

**Cost:** Entry is free, but there may be a charge for some activities (HCT stall will be free!)

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## 'Still Waters' retreat at Dalesdown

*Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 11:00am*

Take some time out for yourself ahead of the busy summer holidays. Come for a few hours, or stay all day – doors will be open between 11am-3pm on 8th July. Refreshments of tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available, but please bring your own lunch. The day is likely to include an optional “guided retreat” for those who would like to take part, consisting of some short meditations, whilst allowing time for personal reflection and engagement with God.

**When:** Wednesday 8 July • 11 AM – 3 PM.

**Where:** Dalesdown, Honeybridge Lane, Dial Post, RH13 8NX.

**Tickets:** £6 (includes tea, coffee and biscuits), book on [Eventbrite – Still Waters Tickets](#).

Details of all Dalesdown events and links for booking can be found on [Dalesdown's website – Upcoming events](#).

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## People's Emergency Briefing, Mannings Heath

*Thursday 9th July 2026 at 7:30pm*

A public information film on the climate and nature crisis will be shown on Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm, at Mannings Heath Cricket Pavilion, organised by Nuthurst Parish Carbon Busters. For more information [download the People's Emergency Briefing Information sheet](#) and also [a flyer for this event](#).

Free, limited tickets are available, so please book soon. [Register and reserve your ticket](#)

Everyone is welcome.

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## Healing Conference with Chris Gore

*Saturday 11th July 2026 at 2:00pm*

Hosted by Life Community Church Storrington, this special event will be a day of teaching, worship, prayer, and activation, exploring God's heart for healing and learning how to walk in His love and power. The church is delighted to welcome Chris Gore as guest speaker at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. [Download a poster](#) for this event.

- **Date:** Saturday 11th July

- **Time:** 2pm to 9:30pm
  - **Location:** Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Storrington (RH20 4BG)
  - **Booking:** Sign up at [www.lccstor.org/church-diary](http://www.lccstor.org/church-diary)
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## 'The Healing Ministry of Jesus' at Dalesdown

*Thursday 16th July 2026 at 10:00am*

Jesus said He came to heal and restore our lives – do we truly believe and understand this? Dalesdown are hosting a teaching day to explore what this truth means for us in our day to day lives. Led by Robert Steele, Centre Director at Ellel Glyndley Manor, the day will incorporate a mixture of teaching, worship, reflection, and fellowship time, with an opportunity for prayer.

When: Thursday 16 July • 10 AM – 4 PM (doors open at 9.30AM).

Where: Dalesdown, Honeybridge Lane, Dial Post, RH13 8NX.

Tickets: £25 (including lunch), book online at [Eventbrite – The Healing Ministry of Jesus Tickets](#).

Details of all Dalesdown events and links for booking can be found on our website – [Upcoming events | Dalesdown](#).

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## Messy Church

*Friday 17th July 2026 at 4:00pm*

Friday 17th July, 4:00pm – 6:00pm: Messy Church at The Salvation Army, Booth Way, Horsham RH13 5PZ

Come and enjoy Messy Church with a story, crafts, games, and a freshly cooked meal. Suitable for all the family. Suggested donation: £1 per person.

To book your place, please call 01403 254624. [Download a flyer](#) for this event.

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## Southwater Church Fair and Fun Dog Show

*Saturday 12th September 2026 at 12:00pm*

The **Southwater Church Fair & Fun Dog Show** will be taking place on **Saturday 12th September 2026, from 12 noon to 4pm**, in the beautiful Vicarage Garden, Church Lane, Southwater.

The afternoon will include crafts, games, a tombola, raffle, refreshments and, of course, our fun dog show. It's always a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy some family-friendly fun and support local causes. They

If you sell handmade crafts, local produce, gifts, or run a community organisation, then book a stall by emailing [southwaterchurchfair@hotmail.com](mailto:southwaterchurchfair@hotmail.com)

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## Calling Children's & Youth Leaders Retreat Day

*Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 10:00am*

Dalesdown have been exploring ways to support local children's and youth leaders. Through discussions, they are starting to consider and plan events that they hope will build networks, support, encourage and refresh each other and the young people they all serve.

Having hosted an initial coffee morning in March, Dalesdown are planning a second similar event in June, to be followed by a retreat-style day for children's and youth leaders in the autumn.

- Tues 6 October – Children's & Youth Leaders' retreat day 10 AM – 2 PM

Further details of the events can be found on the [Dalesdown website](#). Tickets are free, but please book your place on [Eventbrite](#).

Please share this with any local children's and youth leaders you may know.

## Prayer

### Father's Day

As we look ahead to Father's Day this Sunday, we ask the Lord to bless fathers in our community, helping them parent their children through different stages of life.

- Ask God to give them the confidence and skills they need to love, care for and nurture their children.
- Pray for single parent families and lone dads this week.
- Pray for more positive male role models for young people so that they will grow up with healthy attitudes towards others.
- Pray for fathers who are grieving, struggling in their role, or separated from their children, that they may know God's presence, strength and hope. Pray also for those who are grieving the loss or absence of their father.

Based on the June 2026 Prayer Diary from [Spurgeons](#).

## Anything to share?

Do you have any news, events, jobs or volunteering opportunities to share from your church or Christian charity? Please email your notices to [admin@horshamct.org.uk](mailto:admin@horshamct.org.uk) by noon on Wednesday for publication in

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