

Horsham Churches Together Notices

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1. News

— Prayers for the people of Israel and Gaza

Since the unprecedented incursion of Hamas fighters into Israel on 7th October, the reports and pictures of violence and bloodshed have been horrific and devastating. We have been overwhelmed by the impact on neighbourhoods and communities. In the face of continuing violence and an unfolding humanitarian disaster we feel stunned and helpless. Events seem to be rolling out of control [Read more](#)

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— Final call to subscribe and continue receiving HCT Notices

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to re-subscribe to the HCT contacts Mailchimp database. Within the next couple of weeks we will be transitioning over to Mailchimp in order to send out our weekly Notices and other information. This will mean we will discontinue our existing database. Accordingly, we will be sending an email with a final reminder to all those who have not yet transitioned over, asking them to follow through the simple process to re-subscribe to the new Mailchimp Database.

For brand new subscribers, wanting to receive weekly notices and wanting to be added to the new database, please contact admin@horshamct.org.uk

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— St Johns Broadbridge Heath – Celebrating 60 years

We're really excited for our friends at St John's Broadbridge Heath who will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary during 30th October to 5th November. Their celebrations feature a week-long series of free events, open to all:

- **Now more than Ever:** Alauda Dance Performance – An evening to explore our relationship with nature and the value of creation Monday 30th October from 7.30pm
- **All Hallows Eve Drop-In Café:** Tuesday 31st October 5-7pm [Read more](#) (*link to St John's website*)
- **Duggie Dug Dug Light Party::** Wednesday 1st November 6pm. Although this is a free event St John's prefer that you book in advance [Read more](#) (*link to St John's website*)
- **Selah: Pause and Reflect** 'Words and Music Inspired by the Psalms and Poems', Thursday 2nd November from 7pm
- **Band Night:** Selection of local bands, including plugged and acoustic sets, Friday 3rd November from 7.30pm
- **HPP Young Musicians Showcase:** A relaxed and accessible event - Suitable for all ages – Featuring some of the most accomplished performers from the Horsham Performers Platform summer festival events Saturday 4th November from 6pm
- **All Age Celebration Service:** Sunday 5th November from 10am

The Café will be open in the Church Hall Mon – Sat mornings with an exhibition of photos celebrating 60 years of St John's Broadbridge Heath. Download the flyer for 30th October to 1st November events [Here](#) and events for 2nd – 5th November flyer [Here](#)

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—Service of Lament Wednesday 15th November 2023, United Reformed Church

HCT are working with Mark Francis and our friends at Horsham Eco-Churches to host a Service of Lament at the United Reformed Church in Springfield Road (RH12 1PT) on Wednesday 15th November 2023. This will be a 30 minute reflective giving us time to lament the impacts of the climate emergency both in the Global South and closer to home. Doors open at 6.45 for a 7pm start. You can download a flyer for this event [here](#).

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— Wintershall Nativity

Tickets are selling fast for the Wintershall Nativity Journey this December. Experience the real Christmas story and walk with Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem, live at Wintershall. This is the perfect way to get the entire family into the festive mood. Learn more and book tickets [here](#): *(link to Wintershall's website)*

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—Autumn Horsham Men in Sheds Newsletter

The latest newsletter from 'Men in Sheds' is available and can be accessed from their website [Here](#)

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—New Leadership at the URC Horsham and Slinfold

Delighted to share this news from our friends at the United Reformed Church:

“Following the retiral of Rev Kristin Ofstad, the Synod of Surrey and Sussex have been considering how best to provide ongoing ministry, and to enable our church to understand its future focus with regard to mission and vision. We are therefore delighted to welcome Rev David Pitkeathly as Transition Minister to work alongside the elders and fellowship, as together we seek to discern the way ahead. Additional to work alongside David, we welcome Rev Anne Lewitt (Minster of URC West Sussex Area Ministry - Petworth, Billingshurst and Pulborough URC's) who will provide our church with some pastoral support. David and Anne will be formally commissioned at a Commissioning Service to be held at Horsham United Reformed Church, Springfield Road, Horsham RH12 2RG on Sunday 29 October 2023 at 3pm.”

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—NHS Survey by local MP

Jeremy Quin MP is trying to build a picture of the local perception of NHS primary care in Horsham District, to help with constructive feedback to local NHS leaders and ambulance services. He has published a questionnaire and invited you to contribute. You can access the questionnaire here: <https://www.jeremyquin.com/nhs-survey>

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—Introducing the Horsham Fibromyalgia Support Group

Fibromyalgia is a debilitating and extremely painful condition. The Horsham Fibromyalgia Support group is for anyone who has fibromyalgia and lives in Horsham or the surrounding areas. This is the chance to have a general get together, and sometimes they are joined by speakers. The group also run ad-hoc coffee mornings. Fibromyalgia sufferers can bring someone with them to the meetings if they want to and can just turn up. Meetings are held at

Horsham Hospital, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DR at 18:30 on the first Tuesday of every month. To find out more, please contact email: fmshorsham@gmail.com

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—Horsham District Foodbank

The team are facing unprecedented demand for support from the foodbank, and are desperate for donations to help them keep up with the need. Please click [here](#) to see their latest requirements: Donations can be placed in the shopping trolley at the front of their Redkirk offices, Monday- Friday 9:30-2pm.

[HOW THE FOODBANK WORKS](#)

[A DOWNLOADABLE UPDATED VERSION OF THE REGULAR FOODBANK SCHEDULE IS HERE](#)

Please consider offering regular financial support for Horsham Matters. [Click Here](#) for details (*Link goes to Horsham Matters Website*). You can support the team by making a monetary donation here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Horshamcostoflivingcrisis> or text FOODHELP to 70470 to donate £5

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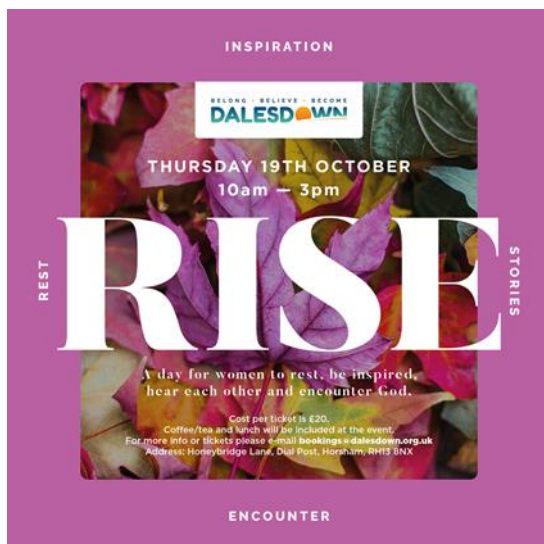
—Community Fridge – Dates and Venues

Horsham Community Fridge 2023 Calendar times and locations are in the attached poster.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE 2023 COMMUNITY FRIDGE SCHEDULE](#)

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2. Events



Dalesdown Retreat on Thursday 19th October

The RISE team are excited to announce that they will be running another event on Thursday 19th October from 10AM-3PM.

The cost is £20 and includes tea/coffee and lunch.

For more information and to book your place, please email bookings@dalesdown.org.uk or call the [Dalesdown office](#) on 01403 710712, option 1.

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—Firestarter – Kingdom Faith – 20th October

You are invited to **Firestarter**, part of the 'Fuel the Fire Leaders Conference' at Kingdom Faith in October.

Firestarter will be a powerful evening of encounter with worship, word and ministry at Kingdom Faith Church in Foundry Lane on Friday 20th October from 7pm. This is a free event which is open to everybody.

Church leaders who are interested in the 'Fuel the Fire leaders Conference' are invited to contact Clive Urquhart on moderator@horshamct.org.uk.

[YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A FLYER FOR THIS EVENT HERE](#)

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—HCT Worship and Prayer – 26th November

A date for your diary: The next HCT Worship and Prayer service will be held on Sunday 26th November from 6pm, hosted at Kingdom Faith Church in Foundry Lane.

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—Horsham Matters Christmas Music Event - Friday 8th December

Save the Date! Horsham Matters will be hosting a Christmas Music Event on Friday 8th December at the Drill Hall from 6:30pm. More information to follow.

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—HCT Christmas Service – 16th December

Advance warning – Save the date! The Horsham Churches Together Christmas event will take place on Saturday 16th December in Carfax. In a break from recent tradition, the service will be in the morning rather than the afternoon. We're delighted that the Slinfold Concert Band will be joining us again this year.

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3. Employment Opportunities

—Horsham Matters – Fundraising Manager

Horsham Matters are recruiting a Fundraising Manager. They would love you to join their amazing team and help to make a real difference in your community. Full details on how apply [here](#).

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—Christian Part-time Early Years Practitioner required

St. Mary's Pre-School are looking for a new member of staff to work two days a week in term-time. They are a Christian Pre-School owned by Horsham PCC and are looking for an employee who is sympathetic to their beliefs. An ideal candidate would have a qualification in Early Years but we would also be interested in anyone who is willing to undertake appropriate training. The current vacancy is for Mondays and Thursdays but there may be some flexibility about these days and there may be extra hours available in future. Please contact Lai or Karen via email on stmaryspreschool20@gmail.com for an application form or for further information.

Closing Date: 27th October 2023

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—Horsham Schools – Teacher Vacancies

A reminder that schools vacancies, including non-teaching roles, are advertised on the [West Sussex Schools website](#)

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4. Volunteering Opportunities

—Horsham Matters – Trustee (Volunteer role)

Horsham Matters is seeking a Trustee to join their Board of Trustees. If you are a strategic thinker with a creative vision with experience at senior level and are looking to make a difference in your community, then please consider joining the board and help drive the charity forward. For an informal chat, please contact Emma Elnaugh on emma.elnaugh@horsham-matters.org.uk

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—Bohunt Horsham are looking for a Community Governor

Bohunt Horsham are looking for a Community Governor to join their local Governing Body – For further details and how to apply [Click Here](#)

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5. Funding Opportunities

—Magic Little Grants – Local Giving

Apply for a grant of up to £500 for your grassroots organisation to help fund your projects. There is a short online application form to fill in, that shouldn't take more than 20 minutes. Grants are particularly welcome from organisations who support physical activity, the arts, reduce poverty, tackle inequality, improve biodiversity and increase public access to the outdoors. For more information and to apply click here: <https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/>

Deadline: 31 October 2023

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—Calling all Horsham District good causes - your chance to win £500

Horsham District Community Lottery Horsham District Community Lottery is now four years old. To celebrate it is giving local charities and good causes the chance to win £500 for their organisations. For new organisations, if you sign up and go live with the lottery by 8 December, you will be entered into the prize draw for your chance to win. Existing lottery organisations will be automatically entered into the draw. It's free, quick and easy to register to fundraise through our local lottery. For information and how to register click here <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/horsham-district-community-lottery>

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