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Horsham Churches Together Notices

30th October 2024

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1. News

—Light Parties 2024

Light Parties are a celebration of Jesus, the Light of the World: “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’” John 8:12 (NIV). As an alternative to Halloween, there will be a number of Light Parties taking place, hosted by Horsham churches:

Thursday 31st October ('All Hallows' Eve')

- Kingdom Faith, Horsham’s Light Party 4-6pm. Craft, Puppets, Prizes, Fun and Games for all the family. [Download a Poster](#)
- St. Mark's Church, Parish of Holbrook, Horsham, RH12 5PU Light Party, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, for Years: Reception to year 6. More details and registration forms will be available soon.
- St John’s Broadbridge Heath, RH12 3LD will be declaring “On this dark night we give you light” - the church will be open for a stop off for families doing trick or treat, offering tea, coffee, candy floss and giving out bags of hope with gospels in to each child.

Friday 1st November ('All Hallows' Day' - All Saints Day)

- Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, Horsham RH12 2QL will be organising a Light Party, Friday 1st November, 5pm – 6:30pm. Fun for the whole family including crafts, music, prizes, hot dogs, soft play and more! Optional Fancy dress: superhero or princess. Book your free ticket at www.trbc.info/lightparty
[Download an event A4 poster](#) or [download event A5 flyers](#)
- BRBC Light Party - Fri 1st Nov 4pm-6pm
Brighton Road Baptist Church is hosting a FREE Light Party from 4:00pm - 6:00pm on Friday 1st November. This is for families with children aged 0 to 11. To book your place, please sign up via the BRBC Website or email toy.library@brbc-horsham.org.uk to let us know you are coming - for catering purposes. There will be craft, junk modelling, food, fun party games and a story on the theme of "Jesus: Light of the world". This event is part of our Toy Library initiative which will be open for lending during the event. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the whole session and will remain your responsibility throughout. Any queries, please contact Michael Hogg 07926045598 michael.hogg@brbc-horsham.org.uk or the church office 01403 211150 office@brbc-horsham.org.uk Download [a poster](#) for this event

If there are other Light Parties, or similar, happening in your church during the children’s half term and you want them included in HCT Notices please contact admin@horshamct.org.uk with the details.

RESOURCES:

Scripture Union have lots of ideas and resources (whilst they are free they will require logging in or signing up for them) <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/halloween> If you are using the Jesus is the Light? books at your event, don't miss the animated telling of the story – [watch online or download a copy to show at your event!](#)

UCB’s Bag of Hope, designed for children aged (approximately) 7-10. They're free to order – but you will need to pay for postage and packing, and you might want to add a donation to help UCB with costs (but this is optional) <https://www.ucb.co.uk/bagofhope>

The Good Book Company: Have a selection of tracts (to buy)
<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/christian-living/halloween/>

Go Chatter - videos (includes a license to show them in Churches)
<https://gochattervideos.com/halloween-light-party/>

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—Remembrance Sunday

This year, on Remembrance Sunday (10th November 2024), there will be a parade through Horsham town from 10:30am, culminating with a remembrance ceremony and a two-minute silence at the Carfax war memorial, led by Revd Canon Lisa Barnett from St Mary's.

There will also be a ceremony in the Carfax on Armistice Day (11th November 2024), including a two-minute silence at 11am. Remembrance events are also taking place in various locations throughout Horsham District. Further details can be found at <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/events-in-horsham-district/remembrance-sunday>

Churches Together for Britain and Ireland have free resources available for download, including an order of service, PowerPoint presentations and free eBook of 'Beyond Our Tears: Resources for Times of Remembrance'. See <https://ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday> for more details.

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—People's Budget, The Public Vote:

The Horsham District People's Budget is a fund dedicated to supporting community organisations. Funding will be awarded to groups to bring initiatives, events or programmes that deliver fun or creative initiatives that add value to our communities. You will be able to read a list of the groups, their project briefs, and more information on the [Horsham District Council website](#)

A request received from Horsham Matters, one of the groups selected to go through to the final round of the 'People's Budget – The Public Vote'. Their project aim is to ensure that every child has an educational toy to play with, so they would like to set up a District-wide mobile toy library. In order for them to achieve this dream, and if you are a Horsham District resident, they will be grateful if you can vote for their project here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/PeoplesBudget> (You will be asked to confirm that you live in the Horsham District and your email address). Voting closes at midnight on Sunday, 10th November. One vote per person.

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—Community Chest Voting

Horsham Debt Advice have been selected to participate in "At Home's Community Chest" scheme for this quarter. Register your vote here - <https://forms.gle/K8AEjBqj1Aa9aJ9X6>. The more votes they get, the larger donation they receive. Please share with your friends and family to increase their chances of receiving a significant and vital financial donation. Voting closes 31st December 2024.

At Home Estates are a local estate and letting agency, who give back to their community through their Community Chest Scheme, giving financial support to local community organisations and services.

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—Send us details of your Christmas Services & Outreach events!

HCT are collating details of Christmas services and outreach events, to share online and with Horsham District Council. If you would like your event listed, please email the details to - pete.dibdin@horshamct.org.uk. Thanks.

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—Horsham Eco Church Newsletter – October 2024

New Eco Church Survey & Resources - Read about these and more in the latest edition of the [Horsham Eco Church Newsletter](#), jam packed with news, information and events.

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—The Salvation Army, Horsham, Christmas Appeal 2024

"Be a star and donate a gift" The Salvation Army, Horsham, have advised that last year 234 families (over 1000 individuals) received gifts and family-unit food vouchers, and they anticipate a similar number this year. Could you help make Christmas special for those who may have little, or nothing, under the tree on

Christmas morning? Donations of New Toys and Gifts (unwrapped please) can be brought to Horsham Salvation Army on Booth Way, RH13 5PZ. Any monetary donations will also be very gratefully received. [you donate by using their dedicated JustGiving page.](#) (Link to the Just Giving page). This will enable the purchase of gifts for the age groups that will be short of gifts, and to purchase food vouchers for each family unit. [For more information please download a poster.](#)

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—Horsham Matters' Christmas Tins or Toys campaign 2024

Horsham Matters is once again asking for your support to spread some Christmas cheer. Every year they support over 300 families across Horsham District with Christmas parcels which includes festive food and toys for the children.

If you or your organisation would like to support the Horsham Matters' Christmas Tins or Toys campaign, please contact them directly on info@horsham-matters.org.uk in the first instance to express your interest. They can then allocate a list of food items or an age group for toys. With your help, it can be a Merry Christmas for everyone in our community. [Download a poster for this appeal](#)

Alternatively, if you would prefer to make monetary donations you can do so on their dedicated [Just Giving Page](#) (Link to the Just Giving page)

Thank you for your support.

In addition, to see their weekly requirements, visit the [Horsham District Food Bank website](#). These donations can be placed in the shopping trolley at the front of their Redkirk offices, Monday- Friday 10am-2pm or at any of their donation points including their Love it Again shop in West Street, Tesco, Lidl and Waitrose. Every donation makes such a huge difference and will help support the most vulnerable in our community.

Finally, there is an updated Foodbank schedule, with changes in Warnham and Pulborough.

[DOWNLOAD THE FOODBANK SCHEDULE](#)

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—Horsham Matters: Christmas Community Days

This festive season Horsham Matters is asking the community to support them by helping them to pack Christmas parcels with food and toys. They will be running two sessions:

- Monday, 2nd December 5pm-8pm
- Saturday, 7th December 1pm-5pm

Please email them on info@horsham-matters.org.uk to book into a session. Children aged 10+ are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. [Download a poster](#)

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—HRSG clothing support needed!

An urgent appeal and message received from Horsham Refugee Support Group (HRSG):-
"You may remember that we have been supporting asylum seekers in a local hotel. We've been coping ok with the requests coming in, but recently there has been a high turnover of residents moving on and arriving. New arrivals are coming with nothing and asking for clothes, shoes and mobile phones. Can you help?"

- You could donate financially towards our spending on clothing and shoes. Our account details are Horsham Refugee Support Group, Sort Code: 60-11-17, Account No: 27033597.
- You could collect unwanted mobile phones from your congregation. These need to be unlocked. We are working with Horsham Matters to provide data SIM cards, so no SIM is needed in the donation. These can be delivered directly to Polly Hobbs. Contact polly.hobbs@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk

Your support will be gratefully received".

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—Horsham Community Fridge 2024 Calendar

Many thanks to all the churches and volunteers who host and help with Horsham Community Fridge and the Pop-Ups. The Horsham Community Fridge 2024 calendar and posters are as follows:
2024 Calendar times and locations continues the pattern of previous years. Please help to advertise these on your noticeboards and social media. Download a png version [Here](#)

[DOWNLOAD A pdf VERSION OF THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE SCHEDULE](#)

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2. Events

—Wednesday 6th November ‘Home For Good’ West Sussex Information Evening

Join Home for Good and the team of local volunteers on the 6th of November 19.15 – 21.00 at Cuckfield Baptist Church, Hayward’s Heath, RH17 5GP, to explore how you can support families and children in care through fostering, adoption and supported lodgings. There will be inspirational stories from those who’ve opened their homes and exploring what role you can play to find homes and support from those who have welcomed children and young people. ([Download a poster for this event with further information](#))

38,000 children and young people will come into the care system this year. that's a hundred children a day. Come and find out what part you can play and how the church can support the vision and mission of finding a home for every child who needs one. We all have a role to play, what is yours?

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—Saturday 9th November, The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre presents a CONCERT – ‘No Strings Attached’

‘No Strings Attached’, is an acapella group of five musicians who have been performing in Sussex for over ten years. They provide enchanting and unique vocal harmonies, with a repertoire including hits of the 60s, 70s and folk songs. They will be performing at The Roffey Club, Spooners Road, Horsham RH12 4DY on Saturday, 9th November 19:30 - 21:30 to raise funds for The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre. [Download a poster for this event.](#) Book your tickets on [the Eventbrite website](#)

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—Friday 22nd November 2024, carol singing at the switching on of Horsham town Christmas lights

As part of the switching on of the Christmas lights in Horsham town Centre, St Mary’s Church Choir and St Mary’s School Choir will be leading a carol singing walk from 5pm to 5:45pm, singing carols in the Causeway, Forum, West Street and Market Square. Everyone will have carol sheets to join in the singing. Afterwards, the lights on the Christmas tree in the Market Square will be switched on, and the Capitol’s panto cast will perform festive songs. There will also be street food and late-night shopping. Then, at 7:30pm, the Trinity Church Players will be carol singing around the Christmas tree in Piries Place. Everyone is invited to take part, as we declare through song the good news of Jesus’ birth.

Read the full line up of the “Christmas Launch Party” on the [Horsham District Council website.](#)

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—Saturday 23rd November Christmas Fayre @ Horsham Salvation Army.

A Christmas Fayre, happening at Horsham Salvation Army on Booth Way, RH13 5PZ, on Saturday 23rd November 2024. 10am-2pm. Come and join in with the festive celebrations. There will be: Local Small Businesses, Stalls, Cake Sale, Children’s Activities and Refreshments. [Download a Poster for this event](#)

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—Saturday 30th November, Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market

This year's Fairtrade Christmas Market will be on 30th November 2024 at St John's RC Church Hall. From 10am to 4pm. 20 tables of unusual Fairtrade products that make ideal gifts, especially for those who care about ethics and the environment. [Download a poster](#) for this event. For more information about Fairtrade [visit their website](#).

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—Saturday 30th November, Horsham Matters' Merry Melodies Christmas Concert

Get into the Christmas spirit at the Horsham Matters' Merry Melodies Christmas Concert taking place on Saturday, 30th November at St Mary's Church in Horsham, featuring local talent including contemporary gospel choir, Singergy and local legend Jodie Munday plus a special guest. Doors open at 6:30pm with the concert starting at 7:00pm. There will be a bar providing mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets are £12 per person and can either be purchased [from the TicketTailor website](#) or in person at the Love it Again shop on West Street in Horsham town centre. Funds raised will help support the work in the community.

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

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—12th - 16th December: Experience the Christmas story at Wintershall

Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable event for all the family. It's a Nativity like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. It's the perfect festive event for kids, parents and grandparents. 12th to 16th December. [Book your ticket today](#)

Wintershall relies on donations for their outreach work, which includes the Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square and special performances for school children. One off or regular donations can be made [via the Wintershall website](#)

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—Saturday 14th December 2024, HCT Christmas Carol Service

Horsham Churches Together Carols in the Carfax, with the Slinfold Concert Band, on the Carfax bandstand.

Festive music from 11am
Carol service from 11:30am to 12:15pm, with singing, Bible readings, and a gospel talk
More festive music until 1pm

[Download the promotional graphic for this event](#)



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3. Employment Opportunities

• Children's & Youth Leader, St John's Broadbridge Heath

St John's Broadbridge Heath would love to welcome a new Part Time (24 hours) Children's & Youth Leader to help grow the ministry to children and young people, beyond Sunday mornings. If you love Jesus, have a heart for sharing His love with children and young people and are interested in the role, please contact Rev. Mark Lavender to find out more office@stjohnsbh.org.uk Salary up to £26,000 (pro-rata) depending on experience.

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4. Volunteering Opportunities

— World Day of Prayer - Horsham Branch Administrative Support

The Horsham Branch of the World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) is seeking a volunteer with skills in administration to help with the organisation of the annual World Day of Prayer service. They have a thriving group which has quarterly meetings. They pray for a different country every year. Next year it is the Cook Islands. Please contact Alison Hudson, the Branch Secretary, on wdp@panda.me.uk if you feel this could be for you.

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— Volunteer Cooks required @ Turning Tides

Turning Tides are looking for volunteer cooks and helpers in their kitchens at Roffey Place, Horsham. Roffey Place is a short-term accommodation service which helps people achieve a pathway out of homelessness. Each day, the kitchen serves breakfast and evening meal to the 50 residents who live at Roffey Place. For more details about this volunteering opportunity, please read the role descriptions for [breakfast cooks and helpers](#) or [evening meal cook](#)

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— Horsham YMCA Volunteer Chaplains

Horsham YMCA is looking for warm and nurturing people to volunteer as chaplains. The role involves cooking a shared meal on Thursday evenings fortnightly. The residents are aged 18-25 and need people willing to listen to them and occasionally hold some activities like board games. For further details, the job description and application form [visit the YMCA website](#) or email volunteering@ymcadlg.org.

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— Horsham Matters need Volunteers.

Horsham Matters are in need of volunteers to support their work in the community. In particular, they need support in their charity shop and foodbank:

- **Love it Again Volunteers:** volunteer at their vintage charity shop on Saturdays and/or Mondays.
- **Foodbank Volunteers:** volunteer at Horsham Foodbanks Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays 4pm - 6pm and Saturdays 10am – midday.

[Download a flyer](#). If you can spare a few hours a week and would like to support a local charity, please contact them to apply, email info@horsham-matters.org.uk

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— HDAS Service are searching for an additional Trustee (Volunteer role)

[Horsham Debt Advice Service](#) (HDAS) is a registered Charity and offer a completely free service, seeking to come alongside those in financial difficulty, providing practical support and expert advice. They are searching for an additional Trustee (without active involvement in the Charity) to join their Board of

Trustees. Please contact the new Chairman of HDAS, Mike Newman, email advisor@hdas.co.uk or Tel. 01403 258 040 to find out more.

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5. Funding Opportunities

— National Churches Trust - Large Grants Programme

National Churches Trust's Large Grants Programme has reopened to applications for funding in 2025. The Trust offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 for urgent and essential structural repair projects (costed at more than £80,000) to buildings that were originally built as churches, or the installation of kitchen and toilets (costed at more than £30,000). Match funding of at least 50% is required. As the Trust has limited funding, most grants will be for less than £40,000. The average grant is around £15,000.

Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, in the UK that are open for at least six services of public worship a year. Although not listed as distinct priorities, the Trust seeks more applications from non-Anglican denominations and a geographic spread.

Priority is given to:

- Work to architecturally and historically significant buildings
- Urgent/essential structural repair projects (as identified in a recent QIR or building survey as required within two years), with a focus on buildings that are at risk
- Installation of kitchens and toilets where a strong need can be demonstrated
- Places of worship that can demonstrate a suitable maintenance system is in place to protect the investment
- Places of worship with regular opening hours
- Places of worship that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability.

There is a two-stage application process. The deadline for stage 1 applications is 5 November 2024 (midnight). [Download more detailed information](#)

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— New funding to boost voluntary groups in Horsham District

Horsham District Council's Volunteer Sector Support team are inviting churches, charities, community groups to apply for up to £4000 of funding, to help support existing volunteers and recruit new people for volunteering opportunities. They are also offering free training sessions and 1:1 support for help in recruiting and managing volunteers. The grant funding could include:

- Costs associated with recruiting and managing volunteers (e.g., staff costs (volunteer manager), advertising and marketing, DBS checks, interview, and induction processes, etc.).
- Volunteer recruitment events (e.g., volunteer fairs or open days).
- Increasing the diversity of volunteers.
- Volunteer training costs.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Developing resources and policies to improve and support volunteers.
- Support for volunteer health and wellbeing.
- Opportunities to reduce barriers to volunteering (e.g., physical, cultural, or financial; lack of time or transport; lack of confidence or not being aware of volunteering opportunities).

Applications are open from August 2024 to February 2025, subject to funding availability. Decisions will be made on a rolling weekly basis, subject to funding being available. More information can be found on the [Horsham District Council's website](#)

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