

A notice to churches

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1. News

—2025 Lent Resources

Lent began on Wednesday 5th March. Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI) have produced a Lenten Resource, 'Christian Unity in a Fragmenting World', which follows on from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme this year, which invites us to explore together the enduring relevance of the first ecumenical council of the Church which took place in Nicaea 1700 years ago. [You can download this resource from their website](#)

Additionally, Churches Together in England (CTE) through its website, has compiled Lent resources from various national member churches and partner organizations, which has been [collected together in one place](#)

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—Christian groups call for prayer against the Terminally Ill Adults Bill

Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults Bill, which applies to England and Wales, is at Committee stage in the House of Commons. The earliest the bill can be expected to be at the stage of report and third reading is April 25th, to decide whether it progresses to the House of Lords. UK faith groups are calling for Prayer that this controversial and dangerous Bill would not be legalised in this nation

1. Christian Concern has launched a Lent prayer initiative asking supporters to spend just one-minute daily praying. Throughout Lent, they are sharing short daily prayer points on [social media](#). Additionally, they are also hosting prayer livestreams every Wednesday from 12:30-1pm on their [YouTube channel](#), praying that this Bill will be defeated.
2. A coalition of evangelical groups are calling on Christians across the UK to take part in a National Day of Prayer. On Tuesday 25 March, the Christian Institute, Affinity, CARE, the Christian Medical Fellowship and the [Evangelical Alliance](#) are inviting Christians to pray about the issue and also to encourage their church and friends to join too. Watch a [3 minute YouTube video](#) to find out more information

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—Meaningful Chocolate Company - 'The Real Easter Egg'

Since the pandemic, Meaningful Chocolate Company - 'The Real Easter Egg' is no longer available from UK Supermarkets, so they depend on word of mouth and supporters, buying direct. Could your church, family and friends place a bulk order? Out of the 80 million Easter Eggs given in the UK every year, only one is Fairtrade & includes a copy of the Easter story in the box. You can order, with free delivery buying 3 cases (18 eggs) or spending £99, offer extended to 11th April. [Visit Meaningful Chocolate Company's website](#) for more information.

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—Eco Church News for March 2025

- including - Lent Book Club, Sustainable Energy, Plant to Plate Festival [READ MORE](#)

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—Horsham Debt Advice Service Latest Newsletter

Please read the latest [Newsletter from HDAS](#). As you can see, this is a service which is very much in demand and is making a difference to people's lives.

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—Volunteer Awards 2025!

Nominations are now open for the Horsham District Volunteer Awards 2025! If you know someone who volunteers for a church, charity or community group in Horsham District who makes a real difference to their local community, then head over to the Council's [Volunteer Awards 2025](#) page to nominate them (by 11th April 2025). There are 7 award categories that you can choose from:

- Biggest Heart
- Dream Team
- Outstanding Contribution
- Long Service
- Young Volunteer
- Trustee of the Year
- Permanent Smile

[Download a poster](#) - Who could you nominate, as a thank you for their service and to highlight the work they are passionate about?

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—‘The Chosen: Last Supper’

The table is set. The people of Israel welcome Jesus as King while his disciples anticipate His crowning. But—instead of confronting Rome—He turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country’s religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus’ last. Shot in a beautiful cinematic format, ‘The Chosen: Last Supper’ brings the most pivotal week in history to audiences in this special theatrical release, showing in UK cinema’s 10th – 13th April 2025.

This theatrical release premieres the first two episodes of season five of The Chosen, which will be available to [stream for free](#) online and on the app. [Watch the Trailer](#) | [Get your tickets](#)

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—"Open The Book" props available from Holy Trinity, Lower Beeding

Does your church use "Open The Book" Bible stories in its outreach to your school(s) or are you or another church, even thinking of offering this outreach? Or even joining with another church in this?

Holy Trinity church, Lower Beeding, have received a 'donation' of props, from a church in Hampshire, to support the presentation to schools of the highly successful "Open The Book", bible stories, promoted by the Bible Society. The props cover all the stories. Unfortunately, due to limited storage space available to Holy Trinity church, Lower Beeding and their own stock of props in the church, they are unable to keep them and are offering them free to other churches to use in this very important outreach mission.

They are available for collection from Holy Trinity church, Lower Beeding. If you are interested, please contact Geoff Peckham by email initially at: peckham50@gmail.com to discuss collection.

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—Co-op grant funding for Oasis

A message from Oasis...

“Oasis has been chosen to be part of the Co-Op Community Fund this year! Please vote for us! The more votes we receive, the more money Oasis will receive at the end of the year! We asked for this grant to enable us to grow our schools & store teams in particular. We have been adopted by 4 Horsham Co-op shops: Roffey, North Parade, Horsham Funeralcare & Rudgwick”

If you are a member of the Co-op or shop in these Co-op stores please download [a poster](#) to find out more

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—Alpha Courses

Several churches are running Alpha courses this Spring, and it's not too late to join – follow the link for your nearest church location. Please pray for those exploring the Christian faith for the first time, that they encounter Jesus and respond to His call.

The next Alpha course is starting at [St John's, Broadbridge Heath](#), from Tuesday 11th March, with courses already underway at:

- [St Mark's, Holbrook](#), started Tuesday 21st January
- [Trafalgar Road Baptist Church](#), started Thursday 23rd January
- [Christian Life Centre](#), started Tuesday 28th January
- [Brighton Road Baptist Church](#), started Tuesday 28th January
- [Lifespring](#), from Monday 24th February

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—Foodbank Requirements and Schedule

Our foodbank relies on our goodwill and support. To see their weekly requirements and places where we are able to make donations visit the [Horsham District Food Bank website](#). Food donations can also be placed in the shopping trolley at the front of the Horsham Matters' Redkiln offices, Monday- Friday 10am 4pm and their Love it Again shop in West Street. Every donation makes such a huge difference and will help support the most vulnerable in our community.

For an updated Foodbank schedule, with changes in Warnham and Pulborough -

[DOWNLOAD THE FOODBANK SCHEDULE](#)

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2. Events

—Saturday 15th March - Oasis' Quiz of Quizzes is back for 2025

Back by popular demand! Oasis' Quiz of all Quizzes taking place at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham on Saturday 15th March 2025. Doors open at 6.30pm and the quiz will start promptly at 7pm.

Come with your friends/colleagues/neighbours as a team of 6 or be joined to a table to make a team for a great fun-filled evening.

There will also be a raffle on the evening Snacks will be on the table but please be sure to bring your own soft drinks (no alcohol please)

This is a fundraising quiz night, with all proceeds going to The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Horsham, to be able to continue the free services they offer in Horsham and Crawley and surrounding areas.

[Download a flyer](#) for this event. Tickets cost £12 each and can be purchased through [Eventbrite](#) or you can reserve some & pay on the door by emailing info@theoasis.org.uk

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—Sunday 16th March, HCT Worship & Prayer together with Prayer Pointers

Join with us as we pray for Horsham District at the next HCT Prayer & Worship evening from 6pm on **Sunday 16th March** at Kingdom Faith Church, Foundry Lane, RH13 5PX.

In the week leading up to the prayer gathering, we invite you to pray for those living in your neighbourhood and those who are part of your everyday life who do not yet know Jesus. Use these prayer prompts at home, with your church, or online through the [Horsham Virtual Prayer Room](#) group on Facebook.

- **Monday 10th March**

As we prepare to unite in prayer this coming Sunday evening, ask God to ignite a burning passion in us for the gospel—and pray for your friends, neighbours, and colleagues to hear the good news of Jesus during Lent & Easter. Imagine our town alive with His love, shared one conversation at a time!

- **Tuesday 11th March**

Jesus said to love our neighbours as ourselves—and what better way is there to live as His disciples? Pray for opportunities to serve and share Jesus with those in our street—whether it's a kind word, a helping hand, or a bold invitation to know Him. Do one act of neighbourly love today — maybe a smile, a coffee, or a chat — and together, we can spark revival, one neighbour at a time!

- **Wednesday 12th March**

Who in your life needs to know Jesus as their Saviour? Today, let's bring them before the Lord by name. Pause now and lift them up—ask God to bless them richly, to open doors for you to share your faith with gentleness and courage, and for them to encounter Jesus in a real, life-changing way. Maybe it's a friend, a co-worker, or a family member—name them before God right now.

- **Thursday 13th March**

Today, lift up the leaders of our community in Horsham District —those in our council, churches, schools, businesses, and beyond. God has placed them in these roles for such a time as this, and so ask the Lord to guide them with His mighty hand, granting them wisdom, insight and compassion.

- **Friday 14th March**

Pray for the children and youth of our communities today. The Lord sees their energy, their dreams, their potential, so pray for the Holy Spirit to ignite in them a deep passion for Jesus, stirring their hearts to love Jesus and follow Him with all they've got.

- **Saturday 15th March**

Pray for everyone coming to the HCT Worship & Prayer, that they would encounter Jesus anew, being refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference in God's world.

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- **Saturday 29th March, Sussex Green Hub @ URC Horsham**

The Sussex Green Hub takes place on the last Saturday every month, at the United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG, 10am – 2.30pm. The next Sussex Green Hub will be on Saturday 29th March, featuring...

- 10am-11am – Horsham Community Fridge
- 10am-2pm – Home Energy-Saving Help Desk – no appointment needed!
- 10am-2.30pm – Horsham Repair Cafe, Refill Shop, Horsham Eco Churches, Transition Horsham, Community Energy Horsham, Sussex Green Living Recycling
- 10am – 2.30pm – Overherd oat milk pouch and refill sales service
- PLUS... Green Book Library, Horsham Cape of Good Hopes (community textile project) and Community Cafe offering tea, coffee and cakes

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—Thursday 3rd April. Horsham Debt Advice Service Quiz night at The Red Deer, Horsham

Raising funds for Horsham Debt Advice Service (HDAS) ♡

Quiz Night:- Name that tune, picture rounds & much more!

Date and time: Thursday 3rd April, at 8pm

Venue: The Red Deer, Horsham, 24D Carfax, RH12 1EE

Max 6 people per team, Entry £5 cash per person, Raffle £1 cash per ticket.

£50 gift card for winning team!!

Booking is ESSENTIAL as it is likely to sell out quickly. To book your table please call The Red Deer: 01403 247000

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—Saturday 26th April: ‘Plant to Plate Festival’ and a call for volunteers

Join Horsham Eco Churches, on Saturday 26th April, from 10 AM–4 PM, at this exciting day packed with local food, expert talks and eco-friendly fun that will inspire individuals and families to live more sustainably. This will be occurring across four unique venues in central Horsham:

- **Quaker Meeting House** - food-based talks
- **Unitarian Church Hall and Gardens** - interactive wildlife-friendly gardening activities and stalls advising on reducing waste, recycling and composting. Talks on growing food and caring for our soils, FREE seedlings, cooking and sustainable living books.
- **United Reformed Church** will host the usual Sussex Green Hub activities (energy-saving advice, Horsham Repair Café, the Refill Shop and Horsham Community Fridge) and stalls for local food and drink businesses, cooking and baking demos.
- **Bishopric Market** will have live music, Eco Float and interactive activities looking at carbon footprints and other ways to have a smaller impact on the environment.

Volunteers will also be required to help across these four venues. For more information please contact [Karen Park](#) or visit [The Get Volunteering website](#)

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—Saturday 28th June – Walk Through the Bible – The Old Testament in a nutshell

The Old Testament is massive, often hard to understand and difficult to navigate. Relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide encourages you to see God’s Word from the ‘Big Picture’. The fun, interactive and memorable sessions will help you learn with such clarity you’ll be able to retell the whole storyline to a friend. The seminar will also do its best to inspire and equip you to keep digging deeper.

Saturday 28th June 10am until 4:30pm (Arrive from 9:30am)

Please bring a packed lunch

Cost £14 (FREE for children aged 11-17)

For more information, [download a Poster](#) or for a supply of A6 postcard flyers please email the TRBC Administrator, Faith Aldridge, administrator@trbc.info

Book online at <https://www.bible.org.uk/>

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3. Save The Date

- HCT Worship & Prayer evenings** on 16th March, 21st September and 23rd November, starting 6pm at Kingdom Faith Church
- HCT Good Friday Service** in the Carfax, Horsham on 18th April, starting at 11:15am. Celebrating Jesus’ death and resurrection in the Horsham town centre.

- iii) **HCT Prayer & Praise in the Park** at 5pm on 22nd June in the Human Nature Garden, Horsham Park. An evening of worship to Jesus and prayer for our community.
- iv) **Horsham Rotary's Funday in Horsham Park**, Sunday 6th July, 12 noon to 5pm. A fantastic community event, including the culmination of the Horsham Children's Parade, showcasing their creations and costumes made in workshops with professional community artists. Horsham Churches Together will be hosting a stall at the event.
- v) **2025 HCT Forum Meeting Dates (Time:7 for 7.30PM start – Venues to be advised, unless stated)**
 - Wednesday 7th May 2025 @ St John's Broadbridge Heath
 - Thursday 3rd July 2025 (Including AGM) - **New date, amended from previously advertised**
 - Tuesday 21st October 2025

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4. Employment Opportunities

—Part-time IT Support Administrator required

The 24-7 Prayer team are looking for a permanent, part-time IT Support Administrator (4 days a week)

This will involve working with their IT Director and Operations Team to manage their IT software and hardware. The position will be a friendly point of contact for the 24-7 Prayer staff and national teams, supporting their IT needs. You'll be someone who can clearly communicate and listen to problem solve and instil confidence in others, with an expertise in Microsoft applications including Teams and SharePoint on both PC and Mac devices. This role requires someone who has excellent interpersonal skills, attention to detail, and is highly proficient in office software and tools with excellent administrative ability. This role can be either based in their Woking office or a hybrid role. For more information, including job application details, visit the 24/7 Prayer website, [Job Opportunities page](#).

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—A 'Facilities Manager' required at Lifespring, Horsham

Lifespring, Horsham, are currently looking for a Facilities Manager to join their staff team. Having just taken on a building in the centre of Horsham, this job opportunity comes at an exciting time in their history. For more information and to download a Job Description & Application Form please visit the [Lifespring website](#)

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5. Volunteering Opportunities

—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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Please Note

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