

A notice to churches

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9th April 2025

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1. News

—HCT Prayers and Reflections for Holy Week 2025

We will be posting prayers and reflections throughout Holy Week on the [Horsham Churches Together Facebook Page](#) and the [Horsham Virtual Prayer Room](#). Subscribe today to receive the posts in your daily feed or [download](#) a copy to print at home.

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—The King of Kings – A Story Told by Charles Dickens

A father tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. The King of Kings invites us to rediscover the enduring power of hope, love, and redemption through the eyes of a child. In UK cinemas from 11th April 2025, rated PG. [Cineworld Crawley](#) have exclusive previews on April 7th-10th April

[Watch the Trailer.](#) | [Buy your tickets.](#) | [Download children's activities.](#)

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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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—Video to share this lent – Stop Rosebank Oil Field

A video produced by the ‘Christian Climate Action’ showing footage from the Ash Wednesday service and the 24-hour vigil, which took place on the 5th to the 6th of March. It lasts 4.5 minutes and has been created to be shared as widely as possible this lent. It highlights the world’s climate emergency and how we might respond in the light of the gospel’s call to repent and change. In particular focussing on stopping the Rosebank oil field – a pivotal campaign that could end the extraction of Oil & Gas from all new sites in the UK. Watch the video on the [Christian Climate Action website](#)

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—Horsham Matters’ farewell and a big thankyou to Emma Elnaugh

A message from Horsham Matters: “*Sadly, Emma Elnaugh, Managing Director of Horsham Matters, will be leaving the charity at the end of the month. We will be holding a celebration for her on Friday, April 25th 1:30pm-3:30pm from Park Barn, North Street in Horsham (near Kaya in the Park). If you would like to join us as we say farewell and a big thank to her for her hard work the last past 7 years, then please email amalia.lovett@horsham-matters.org.uk. We are also doing a collection for her. If you would like to donate, you can do so online here: <https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3339624>”*

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—Cruel cuts to disability support: The Work and Pensions Secretary needs to hear from your MP

A message from Horsham Matters: “Over three quarters of people in receipt of Universal Credit and disability benefits are already struggling to afford the essentials like food. If the UK government chooses to slash disability payments, we expect more residents to need our support. If you haven’t already, please email your MP urging them to call on the Work and Pensions Secretary to rethink these cuts”. For more information and to email your MP visit the [Trussell Trust website](#)

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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. 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.

If you would like to share your views with our MP, John Milne, then send an email to john.milne.mp@parliament.uk or write to John Milne MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

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—Accommodation request

A request received from one of St John’s Broadbridge Heath Mission partners: “Our family is returning back to England to settle after being long term missionaries in Uganda for 16+ years. My husband is Ugandan and I am British, we have 5 children ranging from 13 to 4 years. We would love to live in the Horsham or Chichester area due to our family links here. If you know of any housing availability at a negotiable rate or missionary accommodation from the middle of June for up to 6 months or a year, we would be grateful. Many thanks, Rachel and Eric Mande” - Please email Rachel if you are able to help racheljenkins45@hotmail.com

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—Embracing Age West Sussex

Embracing Age is a Christian charity bringing joy to older care home residents, particularly those without family or friends, to help combat loneliness and isolation. People might think that care home residents can’t be lonely in a communal environment, but there’s a huge difference between being surrounded by others and having meaningful connections. In fact, research shows that care home residents are **twice** as likely to feel severely lonely as older people living in the community.



There are several strands to their work:

1. **Befriending volunteers** - bringing joy and community connection to care home residents through trained volunteer befrienders.
2. **Supporting churches** in their ministry to older people. We offer online or in person webinars and training to help with your ministry and encourage you to ‘Adopt a Care Home’.
3. **Carers Connect** - a weekly online support group for unpaid Christian carers including prayer support.

Can your church get involved and provide potential volunteers in the Horsham area? To find out more, please visit the [Embracing Age website](#) and contact: Jane Preston (local area co-ordinator)

jane@embracingage.org.uk telephone 07918 261222, or Paul Crowther (Churches network support) paul@embracingage.org.uk or visit the [Facebook "Embracing Age West Sussex"](#)

They also provide various leaflets, including:

[General Flyer](#) | [Churches information](#) | [Carers Connected](#) | [Join the Volunteer Community](#) |

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—April Eco Church News

Download and read the latest [Eco Church News](#) with particular highlights on the forthcoming Plant to Plate Festival and the White Stork and Nature Revival Festival

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—Community Climate Fund

Are you a non-profit organisation located in Horsham District with a project idea to promote sustainability and lower running costs? The Community Climate Fund has been extended for 3 more years, and the next application round is open from 1 to 30 April - so now is the perfect time to prepare your application.

In previous years, churches have been awarded grants for solar panels, smart thermostats, bike racks, insulation, recycling collection points, community orchards and allotments. What could your church do to protect the environment and bless the community?

Visit the [Community Climate Fund](#) page or email the team for guidance and to discuss next steps at CommunityClimateFund@horsham.gov.uk.

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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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—CAP Money Coaching and Lifeskills Courses

Next courses to be running at The Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF

1. Money Coaching:

This is a four-week free course designed to empower people with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage their finances. The sessions are interactive with videos, activities, introduction to the online tool and CAP money management system.

- Horsham Daytime Course 1 - 2:30pm on Tuesday afternoons on the 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May 2025
- Horsham Evening Course 7:30 - 9pm on Tuesday evenings on the 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May 2025

Sign up for 'Money Coaching' via the site capuk.org/trymoneycoaching, which also includes a short one minute video or for more information contact 07477660531 or email - moneycoaching@wearelifespring.church (please leave a name, contact number and an email address).

2. Lifeskills:

A great eight-week course that will give you the skills needed to improve important parts of life (money, organisation, health & wellbeing and relationships) and meet new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment. [Download a leaflet](#) for more information

- 10:30 - 12noon on Thursdays starting 1st May through to 26th June (excluding half term 29th May)

If you are interested in attending email marjoriecannadine@caplifeskills.org or contact 07897742865 with your name and a contact number.

Remember also that Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Help is available providing face to face home visits and support for those in unmanageable debt.

To self-refer for debt help contact 0800 328 0006

For more information <http://capuk.org/debthelp>

If you would like posters and leaflets about these courses, please contact Ali Chadwick ali@wearelifespring.church

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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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—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

—Tuesday 15th April Evening Concert; & Maundy Thursday lunch time film; @ The Salvation Army

Join 'The Salvation Army Horsham', who will be hosting an Easter Music Concert Evening on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm which will be led by their Singing Group, and supported by their Brass Band. Then, on Maundy Thursday, 17th April at 12.30 – they will be showing a Lunchtime Film the 'Overcomer', rated PG, and everyone is welcome to bring their lunch. Tea/Coffee and a few snacks will be provided. All welcomed. Salvation Army's invitation is also extended to their other Easter events, [download their poster](#) for more information.

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— Friday 18th April: HCT Good Friday Service, Carfax Bandstand

You're invited to this year's Horsham Churches Together Good Friday Service in Horsham town centre. With uplifting sung worship led by Trafalgar Road Baptist, and an inspiring gospel talk by Colin Squires from Kingdom Faith, we stand together to publicly declare the good news of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection. As we count down the days to Easter, we encourage you to pray for the person you will be inviting to discover more about Jesus this Easter.

Where: Carfax Bandstand, Horsham Town Centre

When: 11:15– 12:00 on Friday 18th April 2025

Please download these resources to help promote this event in your services, newsletters, and social media. [Square social graphic](#) | [A4 Poster](#) | [A6 Flyers](#) | [16:9 Presentation](#) | [4:3 Presentation](#)



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

AT THE CARFAX BANDSTAND IN HORSHAM

11:15AM ON 18TH APRIL 2025

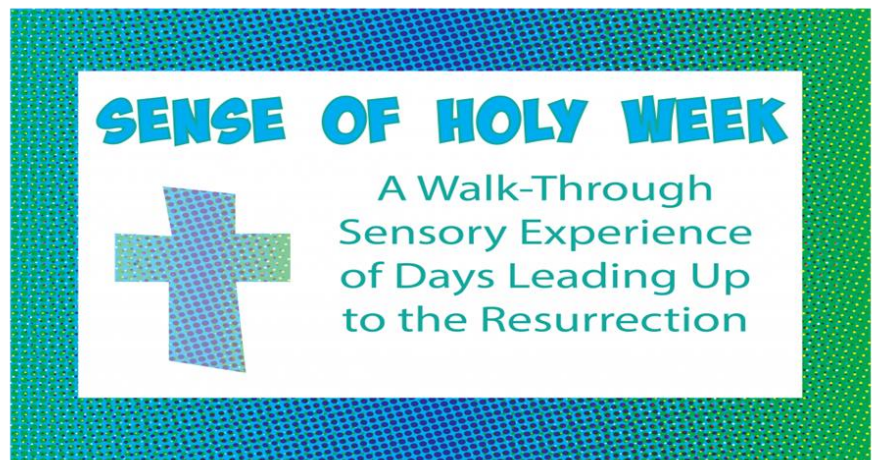
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—Easter Saturday 19th April - Sense of Holy Week @ URC

A Walk-Through Sensory Experience of the days Leading up to the Resurrection - Come and experience the sights, smells and tastes of that moving week at the HORSHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Saturday 19th April 10am to 12 noon

[Download a poster](#) for this event



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

Get ready for a vibrant celebration of sustainable living, delicious food and community spirit across three venues in Horsham.

Explore eco-friendly solutions at the Sussex Green Hub with stalls, a Repair Café, and interactive displays at the **United Reformed Church**. Discover talks and demos on composting, recycling, and food packaging at the **Quaker Meeting House**, and enjoy gardening, nature, and rewilding activities at the **Unitarian Church**. With workshops, expert speakers, cooking demos, and plenty of hands-on activities, this event is perfect for all ages.

Download the full programme, kids' activities and flyers on the [Sussex Green Living](#) website, to help spread the word. For more information or to volunteer on the day, please contact HCT's Eco Churches lead, [Karen Park](#).

—Monday 28th April, Community Showcase

A day for local groups to show what they do and how the community can get involved, including Horsham Matters, St Mark's Holbrook, Cornerstone Methodist St Andrews and Horsham Churches Together. Organised by North Horsham Parish Council, it will be an opportunity to meet new people; learn new skills; volunteer and support your local community. [Download the flyer.](#)

When: Monday 28th April, 7:30pm to 9:30pm,

Where: North Heath Hall, St Mark's Lane, Horsham, RH12 5PU

—Thursday 8th May, VE Day 80th anniversary in Horsham town centre

Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) 80th anniversary in Horsham town centre on Thursday 8th May, there will be a range of activities and events including:

- Ceremony and a proclamation War Memorial in the Carfax at 9am
- 6.30pm – 9.30pm
 - Ringing out for Peace - St Mary's Church in the Causeway between 6.30pm until 7pm
 - The Sussex Band of the Royal British Legion performance - Carfax Bandstand between 7pm to 9pm.
 - Closing ceremony and beacon lighting War Memorial in the Carfax between 9.15pm to 9.30pm

—Saturday 31st May, The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre's Open Afternoon

The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Horsham, will be holding an Open Afternoon on Saturday 31st May, from 3-5pm at the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham RH12 1JF All welcome, for tea & cake and to find out more about their services and how you could get involved. Download a [A5 poster](#) | [social media flyer](#) for this event.

—Wednesday 4th June – Care for the Family, “A Mind of Their Own”

Coming to 'The Charis Centre, West Green Drive, Crawley RH11 7EL on Wednesday, 4th June, . 7:30 - 10pm Care for the Family's' popular parenting event, “A Mind of Their Own”.

Young people are facing unprecedented levels of pressure, from school, from their phones and from their peers. All of which are having a detrimental effect on their mental health. “A Mind of Their Own” will give parents, carers, and anyone working with young people, practical and preventative tools to understand these pressures and help your children build strong emotional resilience and healthy mental wellbeing. The evening will be packed with simple and effective strategies for you to use at home, helping you to better understand what's going on in your child's head. Together with Katharine Hill and Mark Chester, featuring interviews with mental health professionals, Dr Rob Waller and Dr Kate Middleton, they will explore the science of the mind, and why children act and react the way they do.

For more information and to purchase tickets for this event visit the [Eventbrite website](#)

—Friday 6th June – Horsham Matters’ Murder Mystery Evening

Join Horsham Matters for their next fundraising event! Goring Regional Occasional Players present ‘Murder at the School Reunion’, a three-act performance providing all the clues needed to identify the culprit. This Murder Mystery Night is taking place on Friday, 6th June at St John the Evangelist Church, Horsham. Doors open at 6:30pm; starts at 7pm. Tickets are £15 and includes supper. A licensed bar will be open. [Download a poster](#) for this event. Why not invite your friends and family for a fun evening of "whodunnit". Book your tickets on the [Horsham Matters’ 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

- i) **HCT Worship & Prayer evenings** on 21st September and 23rd November, starting 6pm at Kingdom Faith Church
- ii) **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)
 - Tuesday 21st October 2025

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4. Employment Opportunities

—St Mark’s Holbrook is seeking to appoint an Operations Manager

St Mark’s Holbrook is seeking to appoint an Operations Manager to work 30 hours per week, leading and overseeing many aspects of their busy church’s administration, ministry and mission. St Mark’s is a place for everyone, with a warm welcome assured, it’s an active and growing church which serves the

communities of Holbrook and North Horsham. They are a Spirit-led, evangelical church with a variety of services from traditional to modern, reflective to lively, as well as regular events and groups for children, young people and adults. Please click [here](#) to view their vacancies page. If you need more information or the application form, please contact Rev'd Tim Stilwell Tim@stmarksholbrook.org.uk

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5. Volunteering Opportunities

—Volunteers required at Dalesdown

Dalesdown is a residential conference and activity centre at Dial Post, set in the open countryside about eight miles south of Horsham town. They have eight acres of ground with amazing views of Chanctonbury Ring and the South Downs. Charity since Owned by a Christian 1991, Dalesdown serves local churches, local schools and fostering services.

The maintenance team are looking for volunteers, so if you're a dab hand at DIY, enjoy gardening or would like to learn new skills, please call 01403 710712 (option 5) or email maintenance@dalesdown.org.uk. For more information, [download a poster](#).

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—HDAS are looking for a fundraising person and a media/marketing person

Horsham Debt Advice Service (HDAS) are seeking a fundraising person and a media/marketing person to help them with their online presence: "These roles should only be about two to three hours per month and we'd appreciate it if you could consider this if you have the skills set maybe you could combine the two? Please contact Horsham Debt Advice on advisor@hdas.co.uk "

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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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Please Note

Whilst we've carefully chosen these events and notices because we hope they will be useful to you and your church family, we are not directly responsible for the content from external groups and organisations.
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