A notice to churches

Please send your notices for sharing with Horsham Churches Together to admin@horshamct.org.uk by Wednesday 3pm, as notices are usually published from approximately 4pm each Wednesday. Any notices received after this publication time will be held for the following week.

Please read the HCT <u>privacy notice</u> for details on how we collect, store and process your personal information under UK GDPR. The HCT administrator Anna Pisani can be contacted during office hours on Wednesdays.

Check out the new Horsham Churches Together website, including the Community Pages section,

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1. News

—Sharing Jesus this Halloween

How can we shine our light this Halloween? Check out these ideas and resources, and if you're planning an event, let us know!

- 8 Creative Ways to Share Jesus This Halloween from Hope Together
- The Best of SU Light Parties from Scripture Union
- The Best of SU Light Parties for Young People from Scripture Union
- Be Pumpkin Heroes from World Vision
- Eight ways to shine bright this Halloween from Evangelical Alliance
- <u>Light Beacons</u> ideas for a pop-up event on Halloween night.

If you're planning a light party or engaging with your community this Halloween, please let us know so we can spread the word and pray for your event – email the details to admin@horshamct.org.uk.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5 NIV.

Please spread the word about the following events:

- **St Marks, Holbrook** Glowing Wild Light Party, 31st October, 4:30pm. Games, Crafts, Disco and food. <u>Download Flyer. Sign up.</u>
- The Salvation Army Light Party, 31st October, 5-7pm at The Horsham Salvation Army Booth Way. Please reserve your place for free on 01403 254 624 or email caroline.smith@salvationarmy.org.uk. £1 per person, crafts and games, bible story, jacket potatoes. Come in bright clothes. Download Flyer
- Trafalgar Road Baptist Church Light Party, 1st November, 5:30pm. Crafts, music, hot dogs, prizes, soft play and much more for children ages 0-11. SEND friendly early access at 5pm. Download Flyer. Sign up.

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—Horsham Remembers

This year's Remembrance services in the Carfax, Horsham, will be on Sunday 9th November and Armstice Day, Tuesday 11th November. These events are organised in partnership with the Royal British Legion and are an opportunity to remember, commemorate and recognise the sacrifice of serving and civilian individuals who have ensured that the freedoms and way of life we treasure has been preserved. It will include a ceremony held at the War Memorial led by Revd Canon Lisa Barnett, Team Rector of St Mary's Horsham. Visit the **Horsham District Council's website** for more information.

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—A message from Oasis

"Oasis wishes to thank all those that came and supported us at our fun quiz night on Saturday 11th October. The total raised was an amazing £727. (""

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—Lifespring Explorers

Lifespring Church are launching a new stay & play group for 0-4's and their grown-ups, called 'Lifespring Explorers' from Thursday 13th November, <u>download a flyer</u> with more information.

—Eco Church latest newsletter

Download and scroll through the news and links of <u>Eco Church's November newsletter</u>. This includes 'Net Zero by 2030', 'Churches recommit to Fairtrade every 2 years', 'Brew it Fair petition', 'Sustainable Energy at Home', 'Carbon Literacy for Christian Congregations' and 'Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market'.

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—Half yearly update from HDAS

In the latest update from Horsham Debt Advice Service (HDAS), we take a look at those who work behind the scenes to ensure help is available to those who need it most. **Download and read their half yearly update.**

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—Salvation Army, Christmas Appeal: 'Be a star and donate a gift'

Christmas is fast approaching, and preparations are beginning again at The Salvation Army in Horsham, to offer help to families who are experiencing difficulties, with referrals made through Schools and Social Services. Support from other churches and the general public, will always be gratefully welcomed. Could you help to make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

Salvation Army are collecting donations of new unwrapped toys, toiletry sets, and money toward the purchase of gift cards for older teenagers and supermarket vouchers for Christmas Dinner, from now until the 12th December. Gifts donated after this time are still very gratefully received but may be kept until next year if distribution is complete or shared with another Salvation Army church for their toy appeal.

If you are able to help, download a flyer which contains further details.

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2. Events

—Saturday 25th October, Sussex Green Hub, United Reformed Church

The monthly Sussex Green Hub will be taking place on Saturday 25th October, United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG, 10am – 2.30pm Featuring....

- 10am-11am Horsham Community Fridge
- 10am 1.30pm Sussex Green Living Recycling educational display and advice
- 10am-2.30pm our Horsham Repair Café / Refill Shop and Overherd oat m*lk pouch and refill sales service / Horsham Eco Churches / Transition Horsham / and Community Energy Horsham
- NEW: Crafternoon 12 2pm: a relaxed, informal drop-in for all ages to get creative, learn new skills, and enjoy some community connection. Jean Francis will run fun sessions at 12 noon and 1pm showing how to make mini people characters (materials provided; donations welcome). Em from Em Makes will demonstrate how to turn pre-loved clothing, buttons, and beads into unique pieces of art. Bring your own and have a go (canvas and supplies provided).
- PLUS... Horsham Cape of Good Hopes (community textile project) and Community Cafe offering tea, coffee and cakes
- AND don't forget to visit Vegan Fest Horsham 9.30am 3.30pm Piries Place

—Tuesday 4th November: 'An Evening with Rob Parsons - Reflections on the Journey'

Join Rob Parsons on a journey through the decades as he reflects on a life mixed with laughter and tears, and draws on vivid stories from childhood, right through to the present day. He'll tap into a wealth of experience to help us make the best of our circumstances, gifts, opportunities – and perhaps most of all – our relationships. In 'An Evening with Rob Parsons', we invite you to pull up a chair and settle in for a poignant night of storytelling that will reawaken your purpose and stay with you long after you head home.

When: 7:30pm on 4th November

Where: Kingdom Faith Church, Foundry Lane Horsham RH13 5PX

Tickets: Purchase on Eventbrite

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— 10th to 15th November 2025: Fire Camp | Horsham 2025

Christ for all Nations (CfaN) is known for its evangelistic outreach across Africa and works to inspire and equip the body of Christ for evangelism through conferences, literature, and media. CfaN are hosting Fire Camp from 10th to 15th November 2025 at Dalesdown, Dial Post, Horsham. This conference is aimed at those who are passionate about leading others to Christ and to deepen their understanding of evangelism -both in their local communities and as part of the global Church. For more information, visit the Fire Campbooking page.

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—19th, 29th November & 10th December: Events @ Dalesdown

Dalesdown is a Christian conference and activity centre, just off the A24 at Dial Post. They have a number of upcoming events, including:

- 19th November The Running Father, a study day based on the prodigal son
- 29th November Christmas Fayre, with crafts, gifts and refreshments
- 10th December Our identity in God a study day in our God given identity.

Find all the details and booking information on the <u>Dalesdown website</u> or print the <u>flyer</u>.

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—Saturday 22nd November: Horsham Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre

Salvation Army Horsham's Christmas Fayre will be happening at their premises in Booth Way on Saturday 22nd November, 10AM-2PM, including Children's Activities, Local Small Businesses, Stalls, Cake Sales and Refreshments. **Download an event flyer.**

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—Sunday 23rd November: HCT Worship & Prayer Evening

As we continue to pray for our town and villages, everyone is invited to the next <u>HCT Worship & Prayer</u> evening

- When: 6pm on Sunday, November 23rd, 2025
- Where: Kingdom Faith Church in Horsham (RH13 5PX)

Can't make it? Then, then join the <u>Horsham Virtual Prayer Room Facebook Group</u> and check out the <u>Prayer of the Week</u> on the Horsham Churches Together homepage.

Please use these resources to share this event with your church: <u>Social Media Graphic (1:1)</u>, <u>Presentation Slide (4:3)</u>, <u>Poster to print (A4)</u>, <u>Flyers to print (A6)</u>, <u>ZIP of all files</u>

—Saturday 29th November 2025, Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market

A note for your diary - Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market, Saturday 29th November 2025 10am - 4pm @ St John's RC Church Hall (next to the Lynd Cross). There will be a fabulous array of Fairtrade Christmas foods, gifts and treats – Cocoa Loco chocolate, Love that Stuff clothes and jewellery, Nika Deluxe toiletries, Siwok wooden crafts. baskets from Ghana, Amazonian crafts, foods, gifts, clothing, Christmas cards and Advent calendars from Fairtrade retailers. Luxurious toiletries, stunning textiles, delicious chocolate and much more! Sales of all of these items help workers in the developing world to improve their lives. Download a poster for this event

The Fairtrade mark means that farmers and producers get a fair price for their products and that they have safe and healthy working conditions. Plus, they receive a Fair-Trade premium to spend in their local community. This Fair-Trade premium was often spent on medical facilities or a school. Now it is mostly spent on countering the effects of climate change. Visit the Fairtrade stall to find out more about Fairtrade's Climate Change Campaign.

Additionally, visit the Sussex Green Hub at the United Reformed Church, opposite St John's Church Hall, 10am - 2.30pm on the same day, to learn more about local environmental initiatives.

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—Friday 5th December: The Magic of Christmas

Horsham Matters present "The Magic of Christmas". Sponsored by Howden, this festive evening will take place at 7:30pm on Friday 5th December at St Mary's Church, Horsham, featuring incredible performances from the contemporary gospel choir Singergy, the Rock Choir, and local legend Jodie Munday.

Tickets priced £15 per person are available from the <u>Horsham Matters website</u>, or the Love it Again shop in West Street, Horsham. All profits will go to support the work of Horsham Matters.

Enjoy a magical evening filled with festive music, mulled wine, mince pies, and a raffle with amazing prizes!

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—Saturday 6th December: Carols in the Carfax 2025

Join us in Horsham Town centre for Horsham Churches Together Carols in the Carfax, with the Slinfold Concert Band. Starting with festive music 11am, then a carol service from 11:30am to 12:15pm with singing, Bible readings, and a gospel talk, followed by more festive music until 1pm.

When: 11pm - 1pm on 6th December 2025

Where: Carfax Bandstand, Carfax, Horsham, RH12 1FD

Directions: Google Maps or Apple Maps

Parking: Town centre car parks or Horsham Park & Ride **Cycling:** Cycle racks are located in Medwin Way, next to the

Swan Centre.

Please use these graphics to promote the event in your church:

- Social Media Graphic (1:1)
- Presentation Slide (16:9)
- Presentation Slide (4:3)
- Poster to print (A4)
- Flyers to print (A6)

Carols in the Carfox

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Download all files in the Media Pack ZIP

—Saturday 10th of January 2026: The Way of the Spirit - Word & Spirit - LIFE!

'The Way of the Spirit' are passionate about God's Word and want to see Christians from all backgrounds engaging with the Bible daily and growing in their relationship with God.

You are invited to an open morning where you can see the resources 'The Way of the Spirit' offers, meet the Horsham team and find out more about the vision for Bible reading groups.

They are looking forward to meeting you on Saturday 10th of January 2026, 10 am to 12pm, Kingdom Faith Church, Foundry Lane, Horsham, arrive at any time. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

For more information about The Way of the Spirit – Horsham, visit their website

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3. Save The Date

- i) New Year 2026
 - HCT Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th 25th January 2026
 - HCT Good Friday Service in the Carfax: Friday 3rd April, 11:15am
- ii) The next HCT Forum Meeting (Time: 7PM for 7.30PM start Venue TBA): Tuesday 10th February 2026

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4. Prayer of the week

—Everyday Discipleship

Not every day feels special – but every day matters to God. Discipleship isn't only about Sundays or church gatherings; it's about how we live and love in the ordinary moments that make up most of our lives.

When we show patience in traffic, take time to listen, or quietly help a neighbour, we are following Jesus just as truly as when we worship together. The Gospel belongs in the school run, the office chat, and the evening meal just as much as it does in the sanctuary.

Sometimes discipleship feels dramatic – faith tested, courage required, choices clear. But most of the time, it's quieter and humbler than that. It's found in our daily routines, small acts of kindness, and the decisions no one else sees.



Holy Spirit.

breathe your life into the ordinary things of this week. In our conversations and decisions, our work and our rest, shape us in the likeness of Jesus.

When we are weary, give us strength.
When we are hurried, still our hearts.
When we are self-reliant, draw us back to grace.

Teach us to see each moment as holy ground – for you are present not only in the great and the grand, but in the small, faithful steps of everyday discipleship.

Amen

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3:17

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5. Employment Opportunities

—Dalesdown are hiring! - Part-time Assistant Administrator

Dalesdown are looking for a friendly and organised Assistant Administrator to join their team, on a part-time basis, 1-2 days a week, flexible. They are in particular looking for someone with both admin and typing skills and is great with people. This is not a job that can be done remotely and it will occasionally involve a small amount of weekend work to lock up the centre after a group booking. If you are interested, please contact Lee on ceo@dalesdown.org.uk for more information.

Closing Date 14th November 2025

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6. Volunteering Opportunities

—Governor vacancies at All Saints CE Primary School

All Saints are looking for committed individuals to join their Governing Board and uphold the Christian vision and ethos of our school. Being a governor is a truly rewarding experience and whist it is a big responsibility it is also a wonderful opportunity to make an invaluable contribution to the education of young people. No formal qualifications or experience is required as full training will be provided.

For more information, please read this letter from the <u>Chair of Governors</u> or email: <u>clerk@allsaintshorsham.school</u>.

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—Horsham Matters need Volunteers

The need in our community continues to grow—and so does the need for compassionate volunteers. Horsham Matters require further volunteers. They have a variety of roles to suit your interests and schedule:

- Supporting families at the Horsham District Foodbank
- Sorting and preparing donations in their Warehouse
- Serving and restocking at their Charity Shop
- Welcoming guests at the Connecting Café
- Assisting with Fundraising to keep their services running

Just a few hours a week can transform lives. Training and support are provided.

Can you join as a Volunteer at Horsham Matters?

Please email amalia.lovett@horsham-matters.org.uk to find our more and for an application.

—Volunteers needed at Dalesdown

Could you spare a few hours either weekly or occasionally to help out at Dalesdown? Dalesdown is a Christian residential conference and activity centre at Dial Post. The Dalesdown team are looking to expand its volunteers. For further details **download their information document**. If you would be interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Zoe – events@dalesdown.org.uk

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—YMCA Horsham Y Centre are looking for volunteer Chaplains

The YMCA Horsham Y centre is looking for bright and cheerful volunteer chaplains to join their team. They are looking for someone who is kind and compassionate. The role consists of cooking a meal, eating and talking with the residents. They require a commitment of volunteering fortnightly for at least one year. Their sessions are held in Horsham Y centre on Thursdays 5.30-8pm. For more details and how to apply visit the website Volunteer Chaplains - YMCA DownsLink Group or contact Dani Fray on 07912271164 danielle.fray@ymcadlg.org.

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— Volunteer Trustees required at The Oasis

Could you contribute to your community by volunteering as a Trustee for The Oasis using your past and/or current work experiences and skills? For further details **download a poster**.

If this is of interest, please contact Dawn Spouge – <u>info@theoasis.org.uk</u> or 01403 272 723 or look at their website to understand more of what they do <u>www.theoasis.org.uk</u>.

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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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