

This Week Newsletter



Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday - Friday

Monday Wardens' meeting, WCC CH 10:15am

Tuesday 12:30pm Lent Meditation *Meeting Jesus*, Lady Chapel

> Lent Lunch, WCC CH 1pm 7:45-9:45pm WLTC rehearsal, WCC CH

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

> Tinv Tots 10:45am

Headteacher appointment panel meeting, WCC1 12noon

1:45 for 2pm Mothers' Union Meeting, WCC CH

Thursday 10:30am Paint with God Day, Albury

7:45-9:45pm WLTC rehearsal, WCC CH

Friday Junior Choir rehearsal 6:20pm

> 7:30pm Choir rehearsal

Bulgarian education session, WCC1/2 Saturday 9am

> 9:30am Prayers for our community

Interviews for Banns and Weddings 10am

(by appointment only)

Kariuki family party, WCC CH 1-3pm 7 for 7:30pm Nabikabala Quiz Night, WCC CH

Holy Communion, Lady Chapel Next 8am

Parish Communion, with option of anointing with oil Sunday 10am

and laying on of hands for healing

Choral Evensong 6pm

Take a look at our website/twitter/facebook today and give us a it's an important part of our Outreach!



Sunday 10th March 2019 **First Sunday of Lent**

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel 8:50-9:50am • Parish Breakfast, WCC CH 10am • Parish Communion 12:30pm • Holy Baptism 6pm • Taizé Service

7:30-9pm • Connect Youth Discussion Group, Thirst Café

Prayer Ministry. There is an opportunity for personal prayer; for giving thanks, for healing or for other matters at the end of the 10am service. Please go to the Lady Chapel where two members of the church will be available to pray with you. Remember that if you are ill in hospital or at home and you would like a member of the ministry team to visit you please contact the Parish Office.

Large Print Versions of this newsletter, the Sunday readings, the service and the hymn book are available from the Welcome Desk.

We welcome all visitors to our services today. Please make yourself known to the clergy and those at the Welcome Desk. Tea and fresh coffee is served in the Windhill Churches Centre after the 10am service to provide visitors and regular members of the congregation with an opportunity to get to know each other better. Leaflets are available in the Publicity Area providing information about many aspects of church life.

School Signing-in Book - Please sign the register at the Welcome Desk if looking to apply for school admissions under church attendance categories.

> Gift Aid is vital to the funding of St Michael's Church. If you are a taxpayer, please place your offering in a completed Gift Aid envelope and place it in the Collection. Many thanks. Charity Registration Number 1130646

Please turn off and do not use your mobile phones and other electronic devices during our services. Thank you very much.

For the latest news and information, please visit our website: www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk

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Today:

Parish Breakfast from 8:50-9:50am in the Windhill Churches Centre. All welcome. At 12:30pm we celebrate the baptism of Marley Needham.

At 6pm we will hold a quiet meditative service including music from Taizé, scripture, silence and simple prayers. All are welcome to this contemplative act of worship. Connect Youth Discussion Group meet at Thirst Café at 7:30pm. All in Year 7 and above are most welcome to join us.

Lent reading – Please feel free to borrow any of the Lent books from the bookshelves at the back of the church and perhaps place a small donation in the offertory box.

Catching the Wave – CTBS is encouraging members to pray for our world during Lent, using the 40 day prayer guide Catching the Wave, part of the Try Praying Project. Use www.thereishope.co.uk/40-days/ to download the guide or receive daily emails. Hard copies can be ordered in groups of 10 or contact dayd.clapham@ntlworld.com asap.

Lent Devotions in the Lady Chapel – From 12:30-1pm on Tuesdays from **12th March to 9th April**, with the theme 'Meeting Jesus'. Soup lunch at 1pm in the WCC afterwards.

Quiz Night for Nabikabala, Saturday 16th March – Come and have some fun and raise money for the building of the school hall in Uganda! Tickets £12 including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring or join a table of 8. It's at 7 for 7:30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Contact Val Ashwood on 07845 166251.

Exploring Prayer morning – Teaching about prayer and praying together on **23**rd **March**. Leaflets with more information in the Publicity Area, please take one home!

Would your child be interested in preparation for Holy Communion? Derwyn invites families who are interested to come to our forthcoming TEACHING EUCHARIST at 10am on Sunday 24th March and then gather for conversation in the WCC afterwards. For more information or to express interest, please speak to the Vicar, or simply join in on 24th March, with no obligation beyond that day!

CMS Malta Update, Sunday 24th March in the WCC – Come and join us for a short talk after the 10am service, after coffee at about 11:45am; to catch up with Doug Marshall and hear about his work in Malta for Church Mission Society, who we support through the Charities Support Group.

Concert with trio *La Dolce Vita*, Saturday 30th March, 7:30pm – A fundraising event for Bridge Youth Church at All Saints Church. Tickets £7.50 at the door. All welcome!

Foodbank requests – The Foodbank is seeing a huge surge in need at the moment. Many of the people who come are actually in work, but their wages are simply not enough to cover the cost of paying all the bills. This situation is especially distressing for families with children. Please see the note in the Publicity Area or our website for items needed.

Spring Sale and Coffee Morning, Saturday 30th March – 10am-12noon, Windhill Churches Centre, Cards, Books, Good as New, and Homemade cakes. Donations of paperback books, cakes and good as new items will be very welcome. Please come along and enjoy conversation and cake with the St Michaels family. Pam J-C 504012 jandpjc@dsl.pipex.com

Mothering Sunday, 31st March – We will celebrate Mothering Sunday at our 10am service. Junior Church will be making some hand-tied floral gifts for children to distribute to all the ladies in our church family. We welcome all children! Parental help for the first 15 minutes would be wonderful. Donations of bought or garden flowers would be gratefully received: please bring them to the church on Friday 29th March.

Electoral Roll – The APCM is on Sunday 28th April at 11:40am in the WCC. Anyone wishing to vote must be on the Church Electoral Roll. This year, the Roll is due to be renewed so everyone who wishes to apply for entry on the new Roll **must** complete an application form (available in the Publicity Area). The only information published on the Roll will be your name and whether you are resident in the parish or not. Please leave completed forms in the north porch post box. We invite you to consider standing for PCC, Churchwarden or Deanery Synod, or to be appointed as a Sidesperson.

Save the date – On Sunday 23rd June we will have the opportunity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of June Knight's ordination to the priesthood. Details to follow, but do note the date at this stage. Thank you, Derwyn.

Giving Sunday – Thanks again to all who have made their responses to the Appeal held in February: to new donors joining the Giving Scheme, and to those who have increased and maintained their giving to support St Michael's. Some of the increased giving pledged after Giving Sunday has been linked to our proposals for expanding our mission, so do please pray for these plans - engaging a Families Worker and/or Pioneering Curate - to come to God's fruition. Giving Sunday envelopes remain available in church if you have not yet received one. Thank you! Derwyn.

Waitrose Green tokens for Portland Child Contact Centre in March – It would be great if folks could choose us as your charity when you shop. The money will be used to replace tired and damaged toys. We now have to provide toys for children of quite a considerable age range, so this is really important. Thank you for your support.

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