



This Week Newsletter

Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday

Monday	am	Parish Office closed
	2pm	Mothers' Union committee meeting, WCC1
	3pm	Funeral of Jacqueline Marychurch followed by refreshments in the Charnley Hall
	5:30pm	Brownie group visit to Belltower
	7:45pm	Finance meeting, WCC1/2
Tuesday	12:30pm	Lent Meditation, Lady Chapel
	1pm	Lent Lunch, WCC CH
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
	1:45 for 2pm	Mothers' Union AGM, WCC CH
	7:30-10pm	St Michael's School outsourced event, WCC CH
Thursday	10:30am	Paint with God Day, Albury
	7:45pm	WLTC rehearsals, WCC CH
Friday	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
	10am	Cursillo 'Fourth Day' meeting, Lady Chapel
	10am	Wardens' meeting, WCC CH
	2:30 for 3pm	Birthday party, WCC CH
Next Sunday	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion
	4pm-5:45pm	Choir rehearsal
	6pm	Choral Evensong

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 it's an important part of our Outreach!

Sunday 8th March 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 10am • Parish Communion
 11:15am • Parish Brunch, WCC CH
 6pm • Evensong

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



Notices

Today:

The Choir anthem at our 10am service is 'God so loved the world (Stainer); the words are available from the Sidespeople.

Our Parish Brunch is after the 10am service from 11:15am, with an enlarged menu! Bacon butties, warm sausage rolls, a choice of different croissants, and fresh coffee, tea and juices! Don't worry if you've forgotten to sign up; everyone is welcome. What better way to end our Sunday morning at Church!

Lent Devotions – will be in the Lady Chapel from 12:30-1pm on **Tuesdays until 31st March**, with the theme 'People of the Passion'. The sessions will be followed by soup lunch at 1pm in the WCC, with donations to the charity Mary's Meals.

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.

Mums of St Michael's Prayer & Fellowship Group – Being a mum can be tough. Trade your anxiety for hope, joy and peace, in a friendly, prayerful environment. Next meeting in the Windhill Churches Centre, **Friday 20th March**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

Café Alpha – Would you like a little taste of Alpha? It's a course that looks at some of the 'big questions' of life: an introduction to the basics of the Christian faith, via a series of talks and discussions. We're holding a session on the morning of **Saturday 28th March** in the WCC, from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Quiz Night for Nabikabala and Eden Schools, Saturday 28th March – Have fun and raise money for the building of the school hall in Uganda! Tickets £12 including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring own drinks! Bring or join a table of 8. It's at 7 for 7:30pm in the WCC. Contact Val: val_ashwood@hotmail.com (07845 166251).

Vocations event, Hitchin, 28th March – Are you reflecting on God's call in your life, either within your church community or to a wider ministry? For information on this free morning of talks, Q&A and discussion, see the flyers in the Publicity Area.

Anointing and laying on of hands – At the 10am Holy Communion on **Wednesday 8th April** and at Parish Communion on **Sunday 17th May** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

Electoral Roll – The APCM is on **Sunday 26th April** at 11:40am in the WCC. Anyone wishing to vote must be on the Church Electoral Roll (the only information published will be your name and whether you are resident in the parish or not). Please leave completed forms in the north porch post box or return to the office. A current copy of the Roll will be in the Publicity Area, along with application forms, until 29th March. We invite you to consider standing for the PCC, Churchwarden or Deanery Synod or to be appointed as a Sidesperson. See the churchwardens for more information.

Notices



Pre-Lambeth Visit. Archbishop Howard Gregory of the West Indies will be in our Deanery from **14th-22nd July** inclusive, ahead of the 2020 Lambeth Conference, with his wife Charmine. Plans are being made for a Deanery programme of events, and the Archbishop will also be attending various diocesan, cathedral and other events during these days. If you may be able to offer some transportation to the Archbishop and Mrs Gregory, to join a team of drivers willing to take them to/from various activities, at mutually convenient times, please contact the Parish Office for further details. Thank you for considering! Derwyn.

HBW 2020 '2020 Vision: Seeing and Believing', 3rd-7th August – The [HBW website](#) is now live, so adult volunteers and children do sign-up as soon as possible to guarantee your place!

Salisbury Flower Festival – We are planning a trip from **15th-17th September**: staying for 2 nights in Salisbury and visiting this spectacular event. Details are in the February magazine and in a folder in the Publicity Area together with a signing up sheet. Please speak to me if you have any queries and do sign up soon as numbers are limited and we need to confirm asap. Rosemary 758389.

If you're relatively new to St Michaels and haven't completed a data form, would you like to do so and keep in touch with our communications via email? Simply complete the appropriate form on the Publicity Area desk and place it in the North Porch letterbox.

Giving Sunday – Thanks again to all who 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. Giving Sunday envelopes remain available in church if you have not yet received one. Thank you! Derwyn.

St Michael's School will need a new school governor from September – Experience in finance, education or HR would be particularly helpful but all applications are very welcome. If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, please speak to Maggie Jarman or Katharine Stanley.

Holy Communion, Coronavirus concerns – We have received advice on the administration of communion in the light of concerns around coronavirus. Among the issues, **intinction of the bread is being discontinued**. Dipping of wafers into the chalice can introduce viruses into the wine, via the wafer, or, sometimes, fingers. So please do not dip wafers into the wine, to prevent this. If you choose not to partake from the chalice, simply receive the bread alone. This is a full and appropriate participation in the communion for those who so choose. Thank you for your understanding, Derwyn.

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