

# Pirbright Village News

October 2025

## Launching the Parish Dash!

We are delighted to announce a brand-new initiative for our village—The Parish Dash—which will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9.00am, meeting at Lord Pirbright's Hall before Church on the Green.

The Parish Dash is for everyone! You can take part in a 5km run (or a shorter 2.5km distance if you prefer), or join the Parish Plodders for a gentle walk around the Green. However you take part, it will be a chance to exercise, enjoy our beautiful surroundings, and spend time together as a community.

Afterwards, we'd love you to stay for coffee and fresh pastries at Church on the Green—and of course you're warmly invited to join us for the service itself.

We'll be starting the Parish Dash once a month, but our hope is that as more people get involved and interest grows, it will become a more regular feature of village life.

I've always thought Park Run was such a fantastic initiative—and really, it's something the church should be at the heart of. This is our way of putting that vision into practice: in the community, for the community.

We'd love you to come, to bring friends and family, and to have fun together as we exercise, laugh, and build community life in Pirbright.

See you at the starting line!

*Rev'd George*

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ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

## THE PARISH DASH

Joined by Ash Social Runners

Join us every fourth Sunday  
9am at Lord Pirbright's Hall

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Distances 2.5K & 5K  
or walk around the green with  
the Parish Plodders  
Free  
All ages and fitness levels welcome  
Tea, coffee & croissants after!  
Join for Church on the Green  
service afterwards (optional)



pirbrightchurch.org.uk

## St. Michael's and All Angels Church

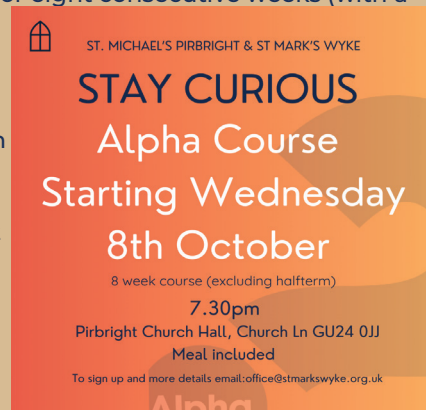
### Alpha Course – Starting Soon

We're excited to be running an Alpha course beginning on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in our Church Hall. The course runs for eight consecutive weeks (with a break for half-term).

Alpha is a brilliant opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Each evening includes a meal together, a short video, and an open discussion where no question is out of bounds.

In these turbulent times, Alpha offers the chance to ask big questions and discover what the Christian faith has to say about life, hope, and purpose.

We'd love to invite you to come along and be a part of it. To sign up and for more information email: [office@stmarkswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswyke.org.uk)



ST. MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

# STAY CURIOUS

## Alpha Course

### Starting Wednesday

### 8th October

8 week course (excluding halfterm)

7.30pm

Pirbright Church Hall, Church Ln GU24 0JJ

Meal included

To sign up and more details email: [office@stmarkswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswyke.org.uk)

### Baby Loss Awareness week

The 9th-15th October marks Baby Loss Awareness week. It is a special opportunity to mark the lives of babies lost in pregnancy or at, or soon after birth. We also remember those suffering from infertility, secondary infertility or the lack of opportunity to have children.

This may be a topic that you are all too intimately aware of, or it may be something you have never really considered before. Many people in our community will have been, or are affected by these issues, so let us hold them lovingly in prayer.

On Tuesday 21st October there will be a short mid-week communion service in the church, on the theme of baby loss awareness.

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ console you, and gently wipe the tears from your eyes.

*And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with each one of you and all those whom you love, today, tomorrow and every tomorrow, for evermore.*

*Amen*

If you would like to speak or pray with myself, Revd George, or Revd Alex about any of these issues, please contact the office at [office@stmarkswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswyke.org.uk)

For additional information and support please visit [babyloss](http://babyloss.org.uk)

Every blessing

*Revd Joanna*



St Michael's Church Pirbright

## BABY LOSS AWARENESS SERVICE

We are holding a short communion service Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10.15am at St. Michael's Church (Church Ln GU24 0JJ)

There will be time and space to either sit quietly, participate in the service or simply to come and light a candle

Children are welcome, tea and cake will be served in the Church room after the service

For additional information and support please visit [babyloss-awareness.org](http://babyloss-awareness.org)

[pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://pirbrightchurch.org.uk)

## St. Michael's and All Angels Church

### Pirbright Village Fair – Best of British

Wow! What a day! Pirbright really did showcase the Best of British at our village fair on 30th August, from cream teas to cricket, Pimms to pooches, queues to croquet and much, much more. There was something for everyone and, as well as raising much needed money for our church, and many clubs and societies, the Fair brought the community together for a great day out.

Events like that don't just happen, there are so many people to thank. Top of the list must be the Fair Committee, who worked hard for a whole year to pull it all together, and didn't they do a great job?!

Thank you too to all those who contributed to the entertainment, whether the clever displays on the little green, the music and displays, and the wide variety of stalls. Last but by no means least, huge thanks to all of you for coming along to support the day.

So, the big question now is .... what will we do for next year?

Watch this space to find out!



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH PIRBRIGHT

## OCTOBER SERVICES

1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Service at St. Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
2nd Sunday	8.00am Said Communion 9.30am Contemporary Worship Service
3rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion 11.15am Contemporary Worship Service St. Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
4th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE 11.15am Traditional Holy Communion St. Mark's Church GU3 2DA

Church Ln Pirbright GU24 0JJ/ [pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://pirbrightchurch.org.uk)



St Michael's Pirbright & St Mark's Wyke

## CHURCH ON THE GREEN

### 26th October 10am

### Lord Pirbright's Hall

### GU24 0JE



[pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://pirbrightchurch.org.uk)

## Pirbright Parish Council

**Spooktacular Community Litter Pick! Saturday 25th October from 11:00am to 1:00pm meeting at Lord Pirbright's Hall.**

Dress Code: Halloween costumes encouraged (but not too scary for little ones!). Treats for all volunteers! Let's come together to banish the litter ghouls and keep our community boo-tiful! Families, friends, and little monsters of all ages welcome.

All equipment provided - just bring your spooky spirit! Prizes for "best costume" and "most rubbish collected"!

For more info, contact Cllr Keith Rowe ([k.rowe@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:k.rowe@pirbright-pc.gov.uk)) who is again organising the event.

**Pirbright Village Green - and update on the dredging of the Pond.**

The Parish Council re-seeded the area covered in silt back in the Spring but unfortunately the lack of rain over the summer has meant that it hasn't been as successful as was hoped.

The Parish Council harrowed and seeded it again in September and it is hoped that there is enough warm weather left to get the grass growing a little better over the silted area before the autumn sets in properly.



## Village Hall Deep Clean

**Join Us for an Autumn Deep Clean at Lord Pirbright's Hall!**

Whether you're a regular hirer, a past partygoer, or simply someone who cares about this special community space, come and join us for a fun rewarding day as we give the hall a well-deserved deep clean.

It's the perfect opportunity to roll up your sleeves, catch up with the community, and help keep LPH looking its best.

Refreshments and sausage rolls provided

DATE	TIME	PLACE
25 October	10:00 – 14:00	Lord Pirbright's Hall

**For more information contact:**  
**Catherine on 0749 4485 056 [lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk)**

## Support LPH for Free while You Shop online!

Sign up to Easy Fundraising, choose Lord Pirbright's Hall as your cause, and every time you shop online, we'll receive a donation at no extra cost to you. With just a few clicks, you can help preserve and improve our hall for the whole community to enjoy.



## Support Your Local Community

## WINTER WONDERLAND CHRISTMAS FAIR

**PIRBRIGHT SCHOOL**  
**SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER**  
**2:00 – 5:00 PM**  
**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
**STALLS • GAMES • REFRESHMENTS**  
**FESTIVE CHEER**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/fops](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fops)

## Friends of Pirbright School's Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Friends of Pirbright School are hosting a Christmas Wreath Making Evening to raise funds for the School's Home Technology Suite build.

Kick off the festive season in style with an abundance of foraged foliage along with fun, fizz and festive tunes! Create your very own Christmas wreath with Lily & Myrtle Flower School

Friday 14th November | 7.30pm–10pm  
Lord Pirbright's Hall Pirbright Woking GU24 0JE  
£50 per ticket

includes delicious bites & a complimentary glass of bubbles or soft drink!  
Spaces are limited – book now and make this Christmas truly magical!

Tickets Close Thursday 6th November 2025  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/fops](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fops)  
Contact us at [pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk)

## Pirbright Gospel Choir

The Pirbright Gospel Choir was founded twelve years ago by Rev Chris Musser, Brett Musser (church organist), and Pirbright School music teacher Sandi Stefanetti, with a simple aim: to encourage everyone to sing. Its ethos is that music is for everyone, it lifts the spirit, supports mental wellbeing, and brings people together.

As someone who was once told I couldn't sing, the choir has been truly life-changing. With no auditions or judgement, it has given me a place for my voice and given me confidence to try new things.

Our repertoire ranges from gospel and folk to Christmas carols and gentle rock. Rehearsals include a social break with tea, coffee, and homemade cake, and we perform at various events throughout the year, from church services and funerals to private concerts and the village fete.

New members are always welcome, no auditions required!

We meet every Wednesdays during term time, 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Pirbright School in the Stefanetti Music Suite. October dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Come along, join the fun, and experience the joy of singing with others!

## Community Groups

### Rawlins Club

We are having our next meeting on Friday 10th October between 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

The Talk will be "Mane Chance Sanctuary" to hear about the charity work they do with rescue and rehabilitate neglected and abused horses.

For further details, please contact Denise Granger on **01483 472070**.

### Pirbright WI

Our meeting this month will be a talk by David Chave on Dirty Money: a History of Money Laundering on Tuesday 21st October at 7.00pm at the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI serve refreshments every Thursday morning from 10.00am to 11.15am in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

If you're visiting the Country Market, why not join us for a warm drink and a chat?

For more information, contact Irene Dredge on **01483 233279** or email [iredredge@outlook.com](mailto:iredredge@outlook.com). We'd love to see you there!

### Pirbright Country Market

The Country Market is open every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.15am in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Come along and enjoy a variety of local produce and goods!

### Royal British Legion

In August, members of the Pirbright Branch travelled to France to visit the final resting places of those from our village who lost their lives in The Great War, the same names we honour each year on Remembrance Day in Pirbright.

We were deeply honoured to be invited to lay a wreath at the Last Post service at the Menin Gate, a truly moving and memorable experience.

If you'd like to hear more about our visit and see photos of the graves and cemeteries we explored, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, 13th October at 8.00 pm at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner. For more information, contact Anne Hawkins on **01252 404276**

### Pirbright Art Group

There is a small art group now running in the committee room at LPH at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

Perhaps you have started art classes and want an encouraging group to practise with; or maybe you used to paint or draw and want to get back to it.

We do not have a tutor but are experienced artists willing to help.

There is a modest charge to cover room hire. For further details, please contact Lucy Baker **07815 847 941**.

### Pirbright Horticultural Society

Join us on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.30 pm in the Club Room at Lord Pirbright's Hall for an inspiring foraging presentation by Elspeth Fimpel of Joyful Outdoors. Discover how to get started, learn essential tips, and understand the key dos and don'ts of foraging, no prior experience needed!

To make the evening even more enjoyable, she'll bring along a selection of wild syrups, vinegars, and spices for you to taste.

We look forward to seeing you there! A special thank you to everyone who joined us for the September meeting.

For more information, please contact:  
Email: [Secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk](mailto:Secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk)  
Phone: **07815 847941**



## Community Groups

### Pirbright Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub>

[www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub](https://www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub)

It's been a great year for Pirbright Tennis so far, with the Ladies' Winter, Jean Seager (Over 45s), and Summer Tournaments, lively Tuesday Club and BBQ Nights, and Paul Hampson's 35-hour Tennis-A-Thon, which raised over £3,000 for Young Lives vs Cancer.

Tennis continues through autumn and winter on our beautiful courts. Join our Tuesday Club Nights, open to all standards. Free floodlights are available via the back wall of the Club House.

All enquiries (including all tournament entries and WhatsApp Group, please contact [info@pirbrighttennisclub.com](mailto:info@pirbrighttennisclub.com) or Fiona Robotham at this address for new membership enquiries.

Coach: Michael Jefferies – [jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com](mailto:jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com) **07748 767339**

Donate to Young Lives vs Cancer for Paul Hampson's 35 hour Tennis-A-Thon: <https://fundraise.younglivesvscancer.org.uk/fundraisers/paulhampson/tennis-a-thon>



### October Eco Tip

Now that the outside temperature is beginning to become chilly, start to think about how you can prepare indoors for the cold weather.

Clear obstructions from your radiators allowing good circulation of heat within the room which will make the radiator more efficient, heat the room quicker & stop you feeling cold as well as saving money by not turning the heating on too quickly.

Put a jumper on! Sounds simple but just by wearing the correct clothing saves you money & the environment. Also good warm socks help a lot too.

Let the light in during the day - take advantage of the free heat provided by the sun by removing any shading of south facing windows during daylight hours

Insulate any poorly insulated doors & windows, do it now before it gets really cold.

### October Gardening Tips

All the overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials that you have been saying this summer need to be split, now is the time to do it, as the plants are dying down for the winter. Don't worry if you aren't able to do them all, some can wait until the spring. Why not think about adding some pots of winter colour, such as heathers, pansies, violas and cyclamen. Cut back asparagus foliage as it yellows and dies. Harvest pumpkins and squashes before the first frosts. Plant autumn onion sets and garlic. Apply grease bands to fruit trees to protect them from winter moth. Sow batches of broad beans and peas for early cropping next year. Cut fruited stems of blackberries and autumn raspberries down to the ground. Net ponds to prevent autumn leaves falling in. Regularly rake and clear fallen leaves off lawns. Complete scarifying, aeration and topdressing. This month is a good month for laying turf if it hasn't turned too cold.

# Pirbright Community Calendar October 2025

Date	Time	Event
<b>Sun 5th</b>	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright All Age Service at St Marks Church Hall GU3 2DA
<b>Tue 7th</b>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Wed 8th</b>	7.30pm	Alpha Course at Pirbright Church Hall GU24 0JJ
<b>Fri 10th</b>	2.00pm	Rawlins Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Sat 11th</b>	10.00am - 12.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright
<b>Sun 12th</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am	Said Communion at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Worship Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Holy Communion Service at St Marks Church GU3 2DA
<b>Mon 13th</b>	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox at Fox Corner
<b>Tue 14th</b>	7.30pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Sun 19th</b>	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St Marks Church Hall GU3 2DA
<b>Tue 21st</b>	10.15am  7.00pm	Midweek Communion at St. Michael's for baby loss awareness week Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Sat 25th</b>	10.00am - 2.00pm 11.00am - 1.00pm	Community Clean up of Lord Pirbright's Hall Hallow-Clean Litter pick meeting at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Sun 26th</b>	9.00am 10.00am 11.15am	Parish Dash meeting at Lord Pirbright's Hall Church On The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall Holy Communion Service at St Marks Church GU3 2DA
<b>Tue 28th</b>	10.00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat at St. Michael's Pirbright Church Room
<b>Every Mon</b>	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group at St. Michael's Pirbright Church Room (term time only)
<b>Every Wed</b>	7.30pm - 9.00pm  7.30pm	Pirbright Gospel Choir at the Pirbright School in the Stefanetti Music Suite (term time only) Pirbright Art Group at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Every Thur</b>	10.00am - 11.15am 10.00am - 11.15am 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Refreshments with WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall Pirbright Country Market at Lord Pirbright's Hall Bellringing Practice in the Church Tower

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