



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 11th October 2026

Sign Up Sunday and Harvest Part Two

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

God gives each of us gifts to share. Whether we offer a warm welcome, a listening ear, practical help or musical talent, we can use what we have received to serve others and honour him.

This Sunday is Sign Up Sunday and Harvest Part Two, and I would love you to join us. At Harvest we thank God for his generosity. This week, we will also consider how we can respond by offering our own time and gifts back to him.

We will be talking about our new vision and service plan, and the teams we need to help it thrive. Our desire is to know Christ and to make him known: to be a church where people of every generation are welcomed, grow as disciples and encounter the love of Jesus.

That vision needs all of us. Welcoming someone at the door, making coffee, helping with children, reading the Bible, leading prayers, supporting worship, operating sound or caring for someone through a difficult season can all play a part in God’s work.

Please take some time before Sunday to pray: “Lord, what have you given me, and where could I use it to serve?” You may already know where you would like to help, or you may want to explore something new. You do not need to arrive with all the answers.

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There will be opportunities on Sunday to find out about the teams and sign up. Please consider one team you could join, or a role you would like to learn more about. If your circumstances limit what you can offer, your prayers and encouragement are deeply valued too.

Come along ready to give thanks, pray and take a next step together. I am looking forward to seeing how God will use the gifts he has placed among us.

With love,
Revd George

In your Prayers this week, please pray for:

For the sick and their families at:

St Michael's – Gaynor Davenport, Barbara Douglas, Damian Jon Major, Theo & family, Peter West, John Sim, Jackie, Nic Flemming, Joy Underwood, Kate & Ian Bailes, Peter Glanfield.

St Mark's - Robyn Horsburgh, Jack Short, Clare Sherwood, Diana Marchant, Amelia Tilbury, George and Val Chant, Mavis, Simon T, Casper Gorniok, Michael Stonehill, Dianne.

And all others who need God's healing touch including those known to us and not named, but in our prayers.

For the friends and family of those recently deceased:

We pray for peace for their families and friends during this time of mourning.

Readings for 11th October:

- Isaiah 25:1-9
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

	St Michael's	St Mark's
1 st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	11.15am All Age Service in Church hall 6pm Worship & Prayer in Church hall
2nd Sunday	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 9.30am Contemporary Service	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
	5pm Taizé service in alternative churches. See below for timetable	
3 rd Tuesday	10.15am Said Communion	
3 rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 11.15am Contemporary Service in Church hall
4 th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
5 th Sunday	Alternate churches.	

Taizé Services – 5pm

St Michael's
8 th November 2026

Vision

At our recent Vision Sunday services we gave out a Vision booklet and card. Please see attached electronic versions for those who have not seen it.

Happy Birthday George!

Centenarian Lorna presenting our 'youthful' vicar George with home-made birthday cake!!



Wyke

Sir James Nursaw – Interment of ashes, Sunday 18th October

From James' daughters, Catherine and Margaret:

James's faith was very important to him and he attended a church throughout his life. When James and Eira moved to Normandy they attended St Mark's where they became well known. They were very involved with the life of the church for many years helping in a variety of ways, reading the lessons, cleaning the church, helping at the church fete and mini markets etc After they moved to Godalming they continued to attend. Eira died in 2018 but James continued to attend St Mark's until he became too frail to do so. He died on October 21st 2025 and we will remember him at St Mark's on Sunday 18th October which was his birthday. After the church service his family will bury his ashes next to Eira's in the Garden of Remembrance.

180th birthday

Normandy school had a competition and decorated the church:



A very special thank you to all our flower arrangers from St Mark's and St Michael's. The party might be over but your wonderful flowers are as lovely as ever! Both the church and church hall floral displays were a picture to behold and continue to bring joy to us all, thank you.



Gill's book group

Will be meeting on Wednesday 14th October 2-4pm at her house to discuss 'Don't forget we're here forever'. All are welcome.

Coffee and Chat – Tuesday 13th October 10am-12noon

John Sherwood is giving a talk on farming in Normandy. Come along and enjoy the morning cuppa and cake!



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Operation churchyard – Saturday 10th October 10am-12noon



Remembrance Poppies

Thank you everyone who has kindly donated bottles for the Remembrance poppy display. We now have enough!

If anyone has a hot glue gun that we could borrow to attach the stems to the poppies, could you let Helen Whitworth know on helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com or 07777659138.

If you would like to help attaching the stems on Saturday 17th October 2pm in Pirbright church room, could you contact Helen please.

Both Churches

The Transformation Power of Art

Guildford Cathedral is inviting the community to discover **Transformations**, a thought-provoking exhibition of artwork created by men in HMP Coldingley, exploring the transformative power of art and its ability to inspire hope, reflection, wellbeing and personal change.

Exhibition details | Transformations

Dates: Tuesday 8 September to Monday 19 October 2026

Venue: Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP

Opening hours: Daily from 8.00am to 6.00pm, with extended opening until 7.30pm on Thursdays

Admission: Free. All are welcome.

Alongside the exhibition, Guildford Cathedral will host events offering opportunities to explore its themes more deeply, including a special evening panel discussion during Prisons Week.

On Monday 12 October (during Prisons Week), from 6-8pm, the Cathedral is hosting an evening conversation with three people who've witnessed transformation first-hand: Revd Alex Day (Diocese of Guildford Chaplain at HMP Coldingley), an art educator, a rehabilitation expert **and our very own Curate at St Mark's and St Michael's**.

Further details can be found at the Guildford Cathedral website – www.guildford-cathedral.org

Fundraiser – Please support!

Rev Alex is raising money for a friend's 8 year old daughter, Isabella, who has been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and is currently undergoing a two year treatment plan. The money will help support the family and Isabella during this time as well as helping Isabella to raise money for her chosen charities who are supporting her on her journey.

Rev Alex will be shaving his head and beard on Sunday 25th October 2026 at St Mark's hall after the 11:15am service in the hope to raise £1000 for Isabella.

If you are able to donate please contact Caroline Bews at St Michael's, Pirbright or Judy Kennedy at St Mark's Wyke – caroline_bews@hotmail.com 07961 186008 or judithkenn@hotmail.com 07765 953350.


Isabella's journey



Organized by
Rev. Alexander Day

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\[gofund.me\]\(https://gofund.me\)](#)

Blessings on you for your support for Isabella.

Kind regards

Alex Day

Still needed please!

We need to apply for grants for various projects in both churches. Could you help us apply for these grants? Please could you let the office know if you are interested in helping us – office@stmarkswyke.org.uk



**Come & Sing Evensong
@ St Nicolas' Guildford**

Saturday 10th October

**2pm Rehearsal * 4pm Evensong
followed by tea**

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