



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 12th July 2026

Mission to Seafarers' Sunday



Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers

Sea Sunday is a moment each year when churches around the world come together to pray for seafarers, give thanks for their vital work, and support The Mission to Seafarers' life-changing frontline ministry.

Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers churches the opportunity to pause, reflect, and respond - standing alongside the men and women who keep our world moving.

Thanks to the prayer, generosity, and involvement of churches worldwide, The Mission to Seafarers is able to offer care, connection, and hope in ports across the globe. In 2025 alone, support through Sea Sunday and beyond helped them to:

- Make over **48,000 ship visits**
- Provide **shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers**
- Grow vital programmes such as the **Family Support Network** and **SafeTALK suicide prevention training**

These moments of care - a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen - can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, the theme is **“Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers”**, inspired by *Matthew 25:31-46*. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope - a community offering both spiritual and practical

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safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

Lord God, we depend on you for life itself. We depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs. Watch over them, keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness and bring them safely home to those they love.

We pray, O God for all seafarers as they fulfil the duties and face the dangers of their calling: the officers, men and women of the Royal Navy; the Coast Guard; the fishing fleet; the pilots; and all who carry out the services of docks and harbours. Grant them your strength and protection and keep them in the hours of special need. for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

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.

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

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 12th July

St Mark's:

- Old Testament – Genesis 25:19-end
- New Testament – Romans 8:1-11
- Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

St Michael's:

- Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Please note the 8am BCP said communion service is cancelled this week at Pirbright.

	St Michael's	St Mark's
1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	11.15am All Age Service 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	
3rd Tuesday	10.15am Said Communion	
3rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 11.15am Contemporary Service in Church hall
4th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
5th Sunday	Alternate churches.	

Summer services location - all services will be at 10am.

Sunday 26 th July	St Michael's
Sunday 2 nd August	St Mark's
Sunday 9 th August	St Michael's
Sunday 16 th August	St Mark's
Sunday 23 rd August	St Michael's
Sunday 30 th August	St Mark's

Taizé Services – 5pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
	12 th July 2026
13 th September 2026	8 th November 2026

Taizé

The next bi-monthly Taizé service takes place on Sunday 12th July in St Michael's at 5pm. All welcome as always. A chance to pause for some quiet reflection, prayer and music. Jill



Both Churches

Church Away Day – 18th July!

Saturday 18th July – Church Away Day in Pirbright, 10am-3pm. Talk from Simon Kirby followed by a buffet lunch. Sign up sheets are now in church, or contact the office:

office@stmarkswyke.org.uk

by 12th July please.

Important Notice – Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, Diocese of Guildford, Benefices of Pirbright and Wyke

Please see the newsletter from 28th June for more information. If you have not received this please contact the office office@stmarkswyke.org.uk

New Bishop of Guildford Consultation

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Wyke

Tuesday 14th July 10-12noon



St Mark's Social

Tuesday 14th July 10am-12
St Mark's Church Hall
Coffee, Cake & Chat

Please join us for a talk by Mark Hodson about the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Service



Flowers at St Mark's

We are looking for anyone who would like to have a go' at arranging flowers in St. Mark's church - please! Sadly, over time, we have lost our original rota of volunteer arrangers, and it would be a pleasure to recreate an enthusiastic team. Thanks to Pat's dedicated talent, it is forever a joy to behold her beautiful flower pedestal, beside the altar, changing seasonally. We are truly blessed, thank you, Pat. But, help is always appreciated and if you would like to create additional flower displays; simple window garden posies or bigger arrangements, we would love to hear from you, please! Please give Pat or the parish office a call. Many thanks.



Lorna's 101st Birthday!

Dear Lorna, our VERY best wishes for your century plus one birthday! You look younger by the day and bring daily joy to everyone around you, especially, your friends at St Mark's and we are privileged to have you among us. Please carry on celebrating and we look forward to sharing your generous birthday cake on Sunday!



A date for our diaries to celebrate St Mark's 180th birthday! Saturday, 26th September, from 1pm to 4pm.

St Mark's is 180 years old this year! 1846 - 2026.

An invitation will be sent to local organisations and everyone in Normandy village to visit our beautiful, historic church, church yard, and church hall, to enjoy an exciting afternoon of St Mark's traditional hospitality, local flower displays, sizzling sausages, entertainment, as well as children's fun and games and our bouncy castle!

The grand "180" raffle, with unbeatable prizes, will be drawn on the day!



Pirbright

Mid-week Said Communion

Please note that this will be on Tuesday 21st July and **not** the 14th July as advertised in July's Pirbright news.





PIRBRIGHT *Singers*

In the Summer Mood

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026, 7.30PM

St Michael and All Angels Church,
Pirbright

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Featuring music by

- George Shearing
- Harold Arlen
- Richard Rogers
- Jo Garland

With guest instrumentalists

- Seth White – Violin
- Toby Carrington – Cello

TICKETS £15 (including a drink)

Cash or card on the door. Under 18s free.

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM