



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 15th June 2025

Father's Day is fast approaching. It's a holiday which became popularised and recognised officially in the early 1970's when President Richard Nixon declared it a national holiday in the USA, although its origins can be found much earlier in the 20th century as a response to the already popular, existing Mother's Day celebrations. But what does it mean for families today? Is it just an outdated concept which has the potential to cause more upset in people that it does to encourage and celebrate the role of Fatherhood? Or is it still something to be marked in the calendar year as a way of recognising the efforts of a father in their role in the lives of their children?

I think, if we evaluate it against modern family life and culture, then the jury might still be out on that question. However, when seen through a Christian lens, the value of such a day can and should be clearly appreciated.

Jesus refers to the creator God as Father and gives us a prayer we can use to speak with God, it begins 'Our Father'. Throughout the Bible we read how God is the perfect Father figure for his creation. His models of love and discipline are an example for us all to look toward, embrace and emulate in our lives in our roles as fathers within our families.

Through God the Father we are taught the values of fatherhood and the responsibilities that come with it. Whilst modern thinking may go against such traditional roles and models of parenting, I think it is important to keep tradition and traditional values in mind when making choices about the responsibilities we take on. Fatherhood is no exception.


So, this weekend let's remember and appreciate those fathers who have demonstrated those traditional Christian family values in their roles as Fathers. Let's pray for grace and wisdom for all fathers who may be struggling at this time and in their roles and responsibilities. Let's offer support to one another as Fathers coping in an ever-changing world where traditional values are scrutinised and challenged and let's turn to

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the ultimate Father figure which we have in God, for guidance and inspiration on how to embrace and inhabit this responsibility.

And finally, let us be careful out there, BBQ's are responsible for 1800 visits to A&E each year, grill safely this Father's Day weekend.

Warmest blessings



Rev. Alex Day

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, Pauline Layton, Emilie Pearce, Tom Minks, Gray & Ann Birch, Theo & family, Mac Smith, Peter West, John Sim and Linda Wynne

St Mark's - Robyn Horsburgh, Jack Short, Joshua (Alex's grandson), Joshua's parents, Liz Williams, Muriel Brock and Jackie Albury.

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:

Pirbright -

Wyke –Mavis (née Gaines) Khalil and Jeremy, June Kimberling's young nephew.

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

New Service format

	St Michael's	St Mark's
1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	11.15am All Age Service
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
	7.30pm Prayer meeting in alternative churches. See below for timetable	
4th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
5th Sunday	Joint service at alternative churches. See below for timetable	

Christian festivals coming up:

Trinity Sunday – Sunday 15th June

Taizé Services – 5pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
	13 th July
14 th September	12 th October
9 th November	14 th December

Prayer Meetings – 7.30pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
	15 th June
20 th July	21 st September
19 th October	16 th November
21 st December (TBC)	

5th Sunday services at 10am

Sunday 29 th June	St Mark's
Sunday 31 st August	Falls under summer holiday services, see below
Sunday 30 th November	St Michael's

Joint services in the summer holidays starting at 10am

St Mark's	St Michael's
27 th July	3 rd August
10 th August	17 th August
24 th August	31 st August

Please note a change in the joint services timetable. The 20th July will now have services as normal. The joint summer services will now start on 27th July in St Mark's at 10am. These joint services will all be a traditional service with communion and we will be following the Lectionary for readings.

Readings:

St Mark's:

- Luke 15:11-32 NIV page 1049, NRSV page 75 in the New Testament

St Michael's:

- Psalm 103:8-13 NIV page 606, NRSV page 565 in the Old Testament
- 1 John 3:1-3 NIV page 1226, NRSV page 237 in the New Testament
- Luke 15:11-32 NIV page 1049, NRSV page 75 in the New Testament

Normandy:

Thanks!

Many thanks to those who contributed to my garden gift voucher. I am looking forward to replacing some of my pots which were not frost proof (!), filling them with plants and also replacing my garden chimes which the rain seems to have got the better of. Serving as your church warden has been a great privilege and I look forward to having a bit more spare time and even having a Sunday off 😊.

Pat's lovely joyful flower arrangement is still brightening up my lounge and I am very grateful to all those who give of their time and gifts so willingly and freely to help with the smooth running of our church.

With heartfelt thanks

Gill

Coffee and cake!

Carole Gasson, a great friend of St Mark's, will be sharing and talking about her journey to spiritual direction ministry. Please join Carole and friends and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat on Tuesday, 17th June, 10 for 10.30 am, in St. Mark's church hall.

If anyone would like transport please contact Leslie or the office.

Leslie and Ann

Mini Market last Saturday

Well done, events team and supporters of St Mark's – another great fundraiser of £200.

Thank You

Lorna's 100th Birthday Tea!

Friends of St. Mark's and Lorna are invited to celebrate her **'Very Special Birthday Tea' on Saturday, 28th June in St. Mark's Church Hall** from 3 to 5 pm. Copies of Lorna's party invitation, as well as the RSVP sign-up book are either in the parish office or in church during Services. Thank you.

Lorna has requested one large card from the congregation rather than lots of individual ones. The card will be available at the back of church and at coffee for the next three weeks for you to sign. Please write your names large so Lorna can read them. Thanks



Job Opportunities (Voluntary!)

Do you have the talent, skills or just loving, generous time to spare, please?!

St. Mark's: Safeguarding Officer

The role of Safeguarding Officer in the Church of England requires diplomacy, confidentiality, empathy, administrative ability and time for training.

St. Mark's: Clock Winding.

Do you have some spare time once a week to help with winding our church clock, please? Brief training will be given! Local villagers would be very grateful as the church clock needs regular winding and is often striking the wrong hour!

Please contact the parish office, if you would like more information or would like to help. Thank you.

Pirbright:

Job Opportunity – Paid!

St Michael's are looking for people to act as Vergers at weddings and funerals. This is a paid position and you only commit to the dates you can do! So if you fancy earning a bit of extra cash please contact Helen our Church warden on helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com for further information. Full training will be given!

Pirbright Open Gardens 14th June 11-5pm

(including a Family Nature Day in the churchyard)

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 14th June for our Open Gardens event. We have nine lovely gardens for you to walk around, and there will be cream teas served from 11.45am back in the churchyard. To purchase your tickets and program (£7 per person, with accompanied under 16's going free) come to Pirbright churchyard from 10.45am, or contact Helen on [07777659138](tel:07777659138)/helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com

AND to add to this event there will be fun activities for all in the churchyard from 12-4pm, including insect and flower idents, scavenger hunt, hedgehog house building, as well as learning more about how Pirbright church is striving to be greener. This will be led by our Eco team. Do come and join us. And did I mention there will be cream teas on sale during the day!



Both Churches

Ordination

Alex and I are getting ordained as priests on Saturday 28th June at 10:30am in Guildford Cathedral. If anyone would like to attend the service to celebrate with us please could you let the office know this week so that we can reserve the correct amount of tickets. Many thanks! Rev Joanna

Bring and Share Lunch at St. Mark's on Sunday, 29th June.

Following our 10 am joint Service at St. Mark's on 29th June, we shall be celebrating the Priesting of our wonderful Curates, Joanna and Alex, with a bring and share lunch at St. Mark's church hall. Everyone is welcome and do please let Judy or Helen know if you will be attending and which lunch contribution you would like to bring! Thank you.

Wanted!

Can you help? We need a Crèche Leader to help out on Sunday's. Please contact Rev. George or Jo Schaefer, our Children's Worker for more information!

Dementia Clinics



Dementia clinics

In partnership with Nationwide Fairer Futures

Dementia UK is offering free, confidential clinic appointments with a specialist dementia nurse, known as an Admiral Nurse – coming to your local branch soon. You don't need to be a Nationwide customer. Everyone is welcome.

Your nearest branch clinic is

Farnborough 17th to 19th June 2025
Fleet 15th to 17th July 2025



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