



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 17th May 2026

Our Big Vision continues

All those who have attended services in May have heard this message, but we want to share the exciting news about our plans to appoint an Associate Minister to help in both parishes. Many of you will also have received a letter from George and the Churchwardens.

We are so grateful to God for the growth we have seen in the last three years, for the depth of love and fellowship in our church family and for our beautiful churches and churchyards.

Through the grace of God and with your generous help, we have made real progress in fulfilling our mission: **To Know Christ and Make Him Known**. We have significantly strengthened the staff team, introduced the new service plan and seen wonderful growth in our services – both traditional and contemporary, which are attracting many new people. We are running Alpha every term, seeing guests move on into Connect Groups and visiting three schools regularly to hold assemblies. George is also delivering RE lessons in Normandy.

Recently we learnt that the vicarage in Normandy is vacant and, if we can increase our giving, we can rent it at a 30% discount and appoint an Associate Minister on a 'House-for-Duty' basis.

The Associate Minister will work across our two parishes two days a week and Sundays in return for accommodation, enabling us to extend our regular service pattern on Sundays and provide more effective pastoral care. The cost will be £30,000 a year so we need to increase total giving by 40% to cover our existing costs and invest in this additional minister.

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We also need to be sure of how much money is coming in each month if we are to rent the vicarage, so we are asking for your support in giving regularly from your bank account by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. To join the scheme:

- call 0333 002 1271. You will get through quickly and it is very friendly and easy.
- go online to www.parishgiving.org.uk or use one of these links:
 - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wyke-st-mark-guildford>
 - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/pirbright-woking>



You can also make one-off gifts through the Parish Giving Scheme.

We appreciate that substantially increasing giving may feel like a big step of faith but, as the Revd David Senior said in his talks, our confidence in giving grows as we experience God's faithfulness. The Bible promises that those who give cheerfully and sacrificially will be 'enriched in every way so that (we) can be generous on every occasion' (2 Corinthians 9:11). It has also been the experience of Christian communities down the ages that 'we cannot outgive God'.

We are most grateful for your support.

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, Imogen and her family, Jackie, Nic Flemming, Joy Underwood, Kate & Ian Bailes.

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

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:

St Michael's - Mac Smith, James Clay

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

Readings for 17th May

- Old Testament – Ezekiel 36:24-28
- New Testament – Acts 1:6-14
- Gospel - John 17:1-11

| | St Michael's | St Mark's |
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| 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. | |

Please note that the 5th Sunday service on 31st May, will be a joint Traditional Holy Communion Service at St Mark's at 10am.

Taizé Services – 5pm

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

Wyke

Plant Sale

It's this Saturday! Please come along and buy some beautiful plants!



St Mark's stall at Pirbright Fair 6th June

One of our ideas for the Fair is called 'water into wine'. If you have a favourite, good bottle of wine, or two, to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you!



Pirbright

Plant sale – thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Pirbright Plant Sale last weekend. We were really blessed with the weather, and so many people turned up to support the 25th Anniversary of the event. Jay was personally thanked by Rev Alex, climbing a rickety ladder, for starting the plant sale 25 years ago. It was lovely to see families relaxing in the churchyard, enjoying the sun and a slice of cake. The event raised a whopping £3096.54. Well done EVERYONE!

Cake Stalls on 6th June

A message from Sara Dennis:

I am looking after the cake stalls at the Village Fair, Sat June 6th. I would be eternally grateful for any contributions you could make.

They can be single cakes, individual cakes, scones, buns, loaf cakes, biscuits - absolutely all donations very gratefully received. (If you think they may contain any allergens, please mark as such)

If you are feeling adventurous, the theme of the Fair is All Creatures Great & Small – feel free to express yourself in butter icing!

Contributions can be dropped off any time on the Fridays before each event, or on the Saturday morning. (if this is a problem, I will happily collect)

Thank you! Sara Dennis sara_dennis@talktalk.net Tel: 01483 473108 or 07745 417137



Pirbright Open Gardens Weekend: 30th and 31st May

'Heaven is a garden that you can enjoy, but someone else maintains.' Not sure who said that, but whoever it was would love the Pirbright open gardens weekend, when you can enjoy privately owned gardens without having to so much as deadhead a daisy. By popular request, the event is spread over two days, and includes several new gardens for you to explore. Chat to garden owners, find out what does well in our conditions and pick up inspiration for your own plot. Maybe stop for a delicious cream tea in the churchyard on both days!

With some gardens open on the Saturday, some on the Sunday and some on both, tickets are valid for both days so you can take your time and enjoy a leisurely stroll in beautiful surroundings, maybe rest a while and see Pirbright from a completely different viewpoint.

Buy tickets in the churchyard from 11am on Saturday, 12 noon on Sunday. Cost £7.50 per adult, free for children under 16 (not transferable). The ticket includes a map and details of all the gardens. Gardens are open from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and 12noon to 5pm on Sunday.

The garden open weekend is brought to you by St Michael's Church and Pirbright Horticultural Society.



Both Churches



SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
11AM - 4PM

Vintage Cars & Tractors, Fun Dog Show, Dog Agility,
Children's Races & Rides, Craft Stalls, Crazy Golf,
Petting Zoo, Local Community Displays and more!

———— LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON! ————

DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINK STALLS

In support of St Michael and All Angels Church and community groups.

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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Dear all

We are looking for volunteers to enter our floral display as part of Pirbright Village Fair on

Saturday 6th June



All abilities welcome

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE BEST

WE WOULD LOVE AS MANY PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS FUN DISPLAY. THE THEME IS ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SO ANY FLORAL DISPLAY

UNDER THAT HEADING WILL BE WELCOME

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Ladies Breakfast

St Michael's Church Hall
GU24 0JJ

9-10.30am
Continental breakfast
Short talk & discussion

Last Saturday in:

- March
- May
- July
- September
- November

Welcome!

Please let Ruth 07939 129170 know if you are planning to come

Next Ladies Breakfast is on Saturday 30th May 9-10.30am.

Flyers are in both churches with details.

Short video & talk " Godly Women in the Home"

Meet others, eat a Continental breakfast & get "Time Out" !!

Love to see you

Contact Ruth Timms 07939 129170 if coming for catering numbers