



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 1st June 2025

This week's Sunday sermon series continues on the subject of scripture and focuses on 'the point of scripture'. Whilst I am reflecting on this matter and putting together my sermon, I am also reflecting on the significance of the Ascension of Jesus which is being celebrated today, Thursday 29th May 2025, and I realise the two are not mutually exclusive subject matters.

You see, whilst we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus during this Eastertide period, we repeat the phrase 'Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!' and we talk about how, up until His ascension, Christ is still walking amongst His flock and visiting His disciples, and is He still very much a present feature in their lives. However, as we know, this does not end once He has ascended into heaven, because Jesus sends down the Holy Spirit to take His place amongst us and to continue to live with us and guide us.

In addition to the Holy Spirit, God also gives us 'scripture'. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16 that "All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness". So we can look upon scripture as going hand in hand with the Holy Spirit in guiding us into the right way to live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ and people of God.

Or to put it simply, as one of the prisoners where I work as chaplain said to me, the Bible (scripture) is **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth **B**IBLE. Scripture is our guide book and the Holy Spirit our guide, leading us to Christ. So why not take time each day this week to sit with and to reflect on the words God gave us, the 'instruction manual' of life. Because, thanks to Ikea, we all know what happens when we ignore the instruction manual and try to go it alone.

Warmest blessings

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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 and John Sim.

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 – Wendy Ford, John Lockyer-Nibbs and 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:

Ascension Day – Thursday 29th May, which will be noted on Sunday 1st June

Pentecost (Whitsunday) – Sunday 8th June

Trinity Sunday – Sunday 15th June

Taizé Services – 5pm

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

Readings:

St Michael's:

- Proverbs 8 v 13-36 NIV page 641, page NRSV page 602 Old Testament
- John 1 NIV page 1063, page NRSV page 88 New Testament
- John 5. 37-40 NIV page 1069, page NRSV page 93 New Testament

St Mark's:

- 2 Timothy 3: 14-17

Normandy:

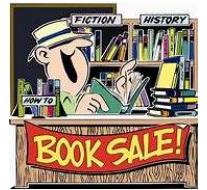
Funeral of Mavis Khalil (née Gaines)

Wednesday, 4th June at 11.30am in St Mark's church. Mavis held a great affection for St Mark's and Normandy, where she grew up and Becky, her daughter, and family welcome warmly those who remember Mavis to join them on Wednesday.

Mini Market on Saturday, 7th June from 10am to 12noon!

Please come and join us for delicious home-made cakes, freshly brewed coffee and refreshments.

Browse our bric-a-brac/vintage ware, produce and books (old and new) or simply chat with old and new friends!



Request from the Mini Market Team, donations for our Produce stall are needed please! We also welcome good bric-a-brac (no soft furnishings or clothes, please!), books or jewellery for our stalls, please. Thank You!

Hearing Aid Clinic

Saturday 7th June 10am-12noon in the Coussmaker room.



Community workers

St. Mark's churchyard tidy up! Huge thanks to Leslie and Ann C who gamely supervised, guided and provided endless refreshments to the community payback team last Saturday!

Tea and chat!

Message from Jackie Albury - While recovering at home from recent surgery, Jackie would love a call from friends and neighbours or do please arrange to pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. 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.



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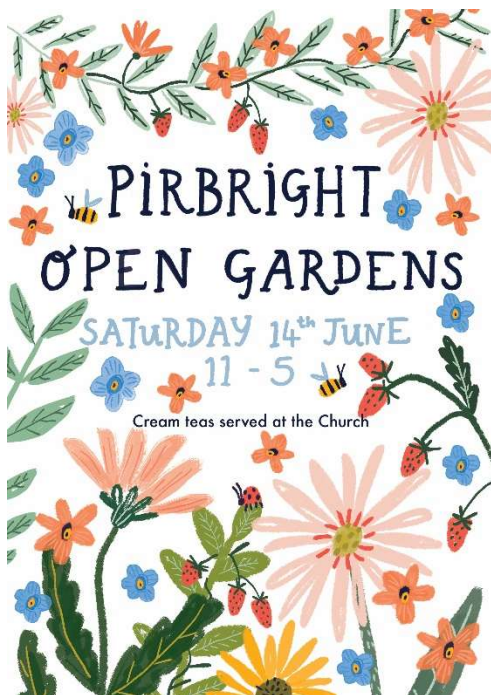
Job Opportunity

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)

It's back, by popular request, a highlight of the summer, and a chance to sneak a peek into the hidden gardens of Pirbright! Another red letter weekend for your diary, so make a note of it now. These are not show gardens, but labours of love, and visitors are not looking for perfection, just enjoying creativity, natural beauty and a different view of the village we live in. If you think you would like to share your little bit of Eden, contact Helen Whitworth (07777659138) to find out more. AND to add to this event there will be fun activities for all in the churchyard during the day, 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!



Job Opportunities (Voluntary!)

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

Both Churches

Crêche Leader. Please contact Rev. George or Jo Schaefer, our Children's Worker.

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.