



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 21st June 2026

This Sunday marks Father's Day in the UK. As you may know the Church doesn't officially celebrate Father's Day but this isn't because of discrimination of any kind. The Church does celebrate Mothering Sunday but Mothering Sunday was not originally about mothers, it was a Lenten holiday from the Middle Ages when Christians would return to their 'mother' or home church where they were baptised or raised. At the time, it wasn't uncommon for children to leave home to work when they were very young, so this was also an opportunity for families to meet up again. Over time this has morphed into a day known as Mothering Sunday. It is a day to honour mothers, maternal figures and motherhood.

In the same way, Father's Day honours fathers, paternal figures, and fatherhood. Greeting cards for Father's Day tend to stick to well-worn themes of cricket, beer, football, golf, gardening etc. But very obviously being a father is far more than this.

Like Mothering Sunday Father's Day can elicit a range of emotions. Father's Day can look and feel different for everyone. Some are celebrating and some are grieving. To every father, every son or daughter missing their dad, every family holding an empty chair: you are seen by God, and we are praying for you.

This Father's Day we remember, celebrate and pray for:

All fathers and father figures

Fathers who have lost children

Those who have lost their fathers

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Those who yearn to be a father

Those who feel they have failed as a father

Those who can't be with their father or children

Fathers whose child is sick, dying or unwell

Those whose father is sick, dying or unwell

A prayer for Father's Day

Thank you, God,
for all who show a father's love in our world.
Thank you for those who are special to us.
Be close to those who are sad today.
Help us know that you, our Father, are always close.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Every blessing,
Rev Joanna

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.

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 21st June

- Old Testament – Genesis 21:8-21
- New Testament – Romans 6:1b-11
- Gospel – Matthew 10:24-39

	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.	

Prayer and Worship

Our first prayer and worship event will be on Sunday 5th July from 6-7pm in St Mark's church hall. Everyone welcome!



Taizé Services – 5pm

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

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

Wyke

June's 90th Birthday!

Our very special friend, June, celebrated this amazing milestone on Wednesday! June would like to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful wishes and gifts.

Cleaning St Mark's church hall

Our cleaner is on holiday on Sunday 28th June. If anyone (together with their marigolds!) has some spare time on Sunday 28th June after church refreshments, we would love your help please! Please contact Gill, Judy or the office.

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!



Both Churches

Date for your diary

Saturday 18th July – Church Away Day in Pirbright, 10am-3pm. Talk from Simon Kirby followed by a BBQ. Sign up sheets will be in church very soon, or contact the office:

office@stmarkswyke.org.uk

Army Benevolent Fund

Surrey Police Band presents:

A LAND FIT FOR HEROES

7pm
Sunday 21st June

- Tickets: £12.00
- Under 16 £5.00
- Under 5s Free
- Free Parking & Licensed Bar

GODALMING BOROUGH HALL
Bridge Street
Godalming
GU7 1HR

Tickets available online or on the door
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www.surreypoliceband.org.uk

Community Hubs 2026



Join us for our
informal meet ups
from 10am - 12pm

- 1st Thursday of the month**
Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Crown Court, High Street, Godalming, GU7 1DY
- 2nd Wednesday of the month**
Oxted Library, 12 Gresham Road, Oxted RH8 0BQ
- 3rd Tuesday of the month**
Epsom Library, 6 Epsom Square, Epsom, KT19 8AG
- 3rd Wednesday of the month**
New Haw Library, 28A The Broadway, New Haw, Addlestone, KT15 3HA
- Last Friday of the month**
St. Mary's Church Hall, 10A The Ridgeway, Fetcham, KT22 9AZ
- Thursday's (weekly) during term time only**
Merstham Village Hall, Station Road North, Merstham, RH1 3ED

Join us at one of our Community Hubs - the perfect place to grab a cuppa, biscuit and enjoy a chat with others who are experiencing sight and or hearing loss.

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