



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 14th September 2025

A New Step for Our Third Sunday Services

This coming Sunday we are taking an exciting step forward as we trial holding our Third Sunday Contemporary Service at St Mark's in the Church Hall rather than in the church building.

Over the past months we've given it a really good go in church, and we are especially thankful to the wonderful team who, despite the challenges of moving equipment back and forth, put on a brave face and made it work. Your faithfulness and hard work have been such a blessing.

As we look ahead, it makes much more sense for us to gather in the church hall. It is a warm and welcoming space, with toilets on hand, and it is a place we are already used to meeting in (our First Sunday services are held there too). The band will especially benefit from being able to use the sound system we have from Pirbright, and we already know how to set everything up smoothly.

A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part and helped shape our vision for making Christ known in our village. Please do be praying for this coming Sunday—that people will come, that they will hear the good news of Jesus, and that our community will be blessed through this service.

We've also had a really successful couple of weeks going into our wonderful school in Normandy Village. Just this past week we held an assembly there, and the children were really engaged and excited. We're also exploring the opportunity to go into the nursery in our own church hall once a month to read Bible stories and share a short assembly-style theme with them. This is really exciting, and we would love you to be praying for this ministry too, and especially for Jo, our children's worker, as she seeks to do the things that God has called her—and us as a church—to do.

With many thanks and every blessing,
Revd George

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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, John Sim, Imogen and her family, Jean Scoates.

St Mark's - Robyn Horsburgh, Jack Short, Joshua (Alex's grandson), Joshua's parents, Muriel Brock, John and Clare Sherwood, Diana Marchant, Alan Pyzer, Amelia Tilbury.

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 - Linda Wynne, please prayer for her children Alice, Daniel and David at this very sad time, Katie Loveday and David Thomas.

St Mark's - Liz Williams.

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

	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	

Readings

Ecclesiastes 5, 1-2

1 Corinthians 11, 23-29

Matthew 5, 23-24

Taizé Services – 5pm 2025

St Mark's	St Michael's
	9th November

For various reasons we have decided to hold Taizé services every other month going forward. So the only other one in 2025 will be at Pirbright on November 9th.

The 2026 ones will be in January, March, May, July, September and November. As before the services will be held at 5pm on the second Sunday of the month, alternating between the churches. All are welcome to join us.

Prayer Meetings – 7.30pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
	21 st September
19 th October	16 th November

Wyke

Community Workers at St. Mark's on Saturday, 20th September.

Do please visit and give a cheery greeting and thanks to Liz, Leslie, Robert and the community workers, tomorrow, in the churchyard between 9 am and 2 pm. We are blessed with their hard work and talents and they always appreciate our kind encouragement.

Liz Williams -Funeral Details:

In accordance with Liz's wishes there will be two services on Tuesday 30th September. The first one will be a Cremation Service at 12.30pm in the Willow Chapel at Cheltenham Crematorium in Bouncer's Lane. There is plenty of parking. This will be a short, quiet service for family and friends.

The second one will be a Thanksgiving Service for Liz's life at 1.45pm in Trinity Church, Portland Street, Cheltenham GL52 2NX. There is a large NCP car park opposite. Several bus routes run nearby. Light refreshments afterwards at the back of the church. This service will be livestreamed and recorded. Details to follow. Both services will be led by Rev. Graham Leighton from Trinity Church.

What to wear – please wear whatever you feel comfortable in. Blue was Liz’s favourite colour. If you would like to, please wear something blue (any shade) in tribute to her.

Donations in Liz’s memory – Liz requested donations for Wycliffe Bible Translators UK. You can leave a tribute and make a donation <https://elizabeth-williams4.muchloved.com/> or bring cash or a cheque to either of the services.

Harvest Festival Weekend at St. Mark's, Saturday 4th and Sunday, 5th October.

Our harvest mini market will be on Saturday 4th October from 10 am to 12 noon. We welcome any home-grown harvest produce plus jam, chutney, pumpkin pies and apple cakes. etc. please. or dear talented bakers; a harvest loaf! Thank you. If you have any vintage, good-as-new items for our bric-a-brac, we would love them, as well as books and puzzles please! Thank you.

Harvest Festival All-Age Service at 11.15am will be in the church hall, followed by a bring and share lunch with St. Michael's, on Sunday 5th October.

Our harvest donations will be given to Guildford food bank this year and a detailed list of suitable items will be sent out nearer the date.

Operation Churchyard at St. Mark's.

A change of date! Thank you!

Please join Leslie and Liz on **SATURDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON** for autumn churchyard maintenance and tidying! All abilities and ages are welcome; there will be a job for everyone! Please bring your own favourite garden implements! Refreshments will be served **INCLUDING HOT SAUSAGE BAPS**, BBQ'd by Rev. George!

St Mark's very own centenarian, Lorna, hits the headlines again!



Bat Boxes are now installed in the Churchyard Trees at St Mark's! - Thank you, Robert and Liz!

Pirbright

Craft, Coffee and Chat

The Craft, Coffee and Chat group will meet on Tuesday 23 September 10 am- noon in the Church Room at St Michael's. We especially welcome new members and look forward to seeing you there.

Apples!

Andrew McLellon of Mazamboni Farm, Stanley Hill, Pirbright, has an abundance of apples, both eating and cooking. If anyone would like to have some, please call Andrew on 07793 560449.

A Taste of Mozart – Workshop, Tea & Coffee 🎵

Pirbright Church Concert Series. Sunday 19th of October at 4pm

Free Entrance/Donations Welcome

We're delighted to invite you to our next concert in the beautiful setting of Pirbright Church. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music, refreshments, and community spirit.

Featuring:

🎻 Linda Andersson – violin

🎻 Susie Dalrymple – violin

🎻 Holly Hitchen – viola

🎻 Megan Beynon – cello

🎹 **Eralys Fernandez** - piano/harpsichord

Programme:

Violin and piano Sonata in E minor

Piano concerto in A major with string quartet

