



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 22nd February 2026

The Bishop of Dorking
The Right Reverend Paul Davies

Diocese of
Guildford 
Transforming Church
Transforming Lives

My dear Sisters and Brothers

16 February 2026

Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew

The sudden news of Bishop Andrew's inoperable cancer has shocked and saddened us all. Through the challenges of the past month, Bishop Andrew has continued to be inspirational in his faith and trust in the Lord whom he loves and serves with such devotion, and in his leadership and commitment to us as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Guildford.

In his letter to the Diocese last week, Bishop Andrew's request of us was for prayer. He asked us to pray for him and his family, and for the diocese at this challenging time. His words were 'those with great faith might wish to pray for my complete healing, and that, of course, would be wonderful; but 'cheerfully persisting' towards a good death also bears testimony to our living Lord, and St. Paul's testimony – that 'for me to live is Christ, to die is gain' (Philippians 1:21). I know that he is enormously grateful to all those who are praying for him, Beverly and the family – and particularly appreciative of those who have assured him of this in the many messages that he has received.

As a Bishop's Leadership Team, we have organised a Day of Prayer for Bishop Andrew in Guildford Cathedral on Monday 23 February from 12 noon to 10.00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join us at any stage during the day for as long as you are able to stay. There will be opportunity for silent prayer, to pray with others, or to light a candle. Teams from each deanery will be present throughout the day to welcome people and to pray with them. At 5.30pm, there will be the usual Choral Evensong, at which we will pray in particular for Bishop Andrew. We hope that as many as possible will join us for this act of worship so that we can pray together as a diocesan family.

Meanwhile, please do continue to keep Bishop Andrew and his family in your daily prayers.

*God of our hope and salvation,
we thank you for Andrew, our brother in Christ and father in God:
for his discipleship and leadership, and for his love and care of our diocese.
At this time of his illness, we pray that you would visit him with your healing love,
comfort and strengthen him with your Holy Spirit,
and protect him and his family with your holy angels.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

Please know that, during this time of Bishop Andrew's illness, I will do all I can, together with our Bishop's Leadership Team, to care and support him and his family, and you - as the precious family of CofEGuildford.

With love in Christ and prayers

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In your Prayers this week, please pray for:

For the sick and their families at:

Guildford Diocese – Bishop Andrew and his family

St Michael's – Gaynor Davenport, Barbara Douglas, Damian Jon Major, Theo & family, Mac Smith, Peter West, John Sim, Imogen and her family, George and Eileen Munro, Jackie, James Clay, Nic Flemming, Tim Straker, 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, Tara Sherriff (Robert's niece), 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:

St Michael's – Richard Morton, Pauline Layton

St Mark's - Luis (Gabriel) Guembes, Robin Chalk

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

Readings for 22nd February:

- Old Testament – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
- New Testament – Romans 5:12-19
- Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

	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	Joint service at 10am.	

**** Said Communion has been moved to Tuesday 24th February.**

Taizé Services – 5pm

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

Joint PCC Meeting, Prayers and Discussion at St Mark's Church Hall on Saturday, 28th February at 9.30am.

Please pray for all the members of St Mark's and St Michael's PCCs who will be meeting next Saturday morning. As Rev George has explained, we will be coming together in a spirit of unity to continue the gentle process of discernment about our future, with prayers, listening, encouragement, sharing and looking for guidance of the Holy Spirit, whatever decisions lie ahead.

Alpha

Starting again on Tuesday 24th February!

Although we have started you are most welcome to still join us!

Cheese and wine and soft drinks are provided.

Everyone is welcome!

Wyke

Book group

Gill's book group is reading 'Dancing to the heartbeat of God' - The Archbishop's Lent Book.

If you would like to join a discussion about it, we will meet on:

- Wednesday 11th March at 2pm
- Wednesday 8th April at 2pm

At Oakcroft, Guildford Road, Normandy.

Thanks

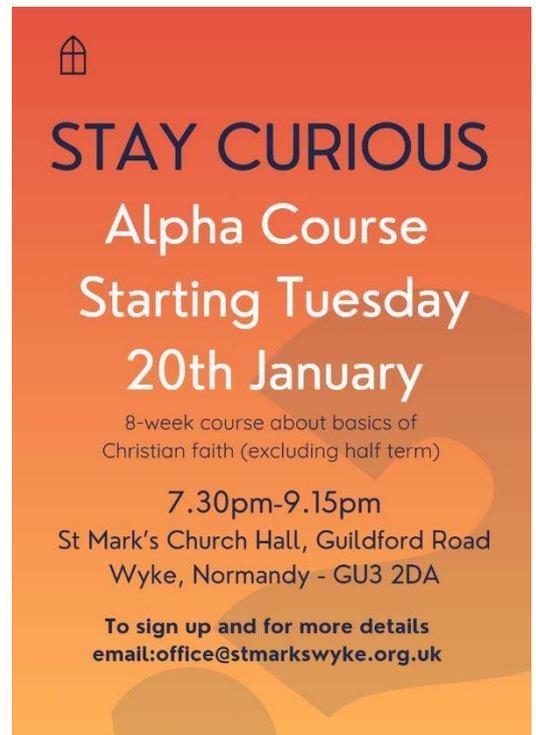
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Quiz Night

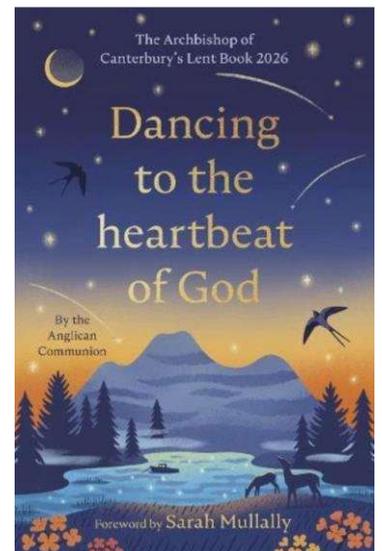
A special date for your diaries! A QUIZ NIGHT at St. Mark's church hall on Saturday, 18th April at 7.30 pm. Please come and join us for an evening of entertainment, challenge and fun! Exciting raffle prizes!

Do please book early to avoid disappointment!

There will be a list for signing up in church, or please email/call the office. Thank you.



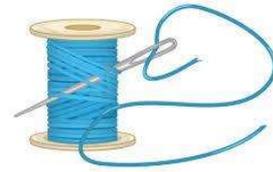
Alpha Course poster with a church icon at the top. The text reads: **STAY CURIOUS** Alpha Course Starting Tuesday 20th January. Below this, it says '8-week course about basics of Christian faith (excluding half term)'. The time is '7.30pm-9.15pm' and the location is 'St Mark's Church Hall, Guildford Road Wyke, Normandy - GU3 2DA'. At the bottom, it says 'To sign up and for more details email: office@stmarkswyke.org.uk'.



Quiz Night poster with a brick wall background. The text reads: **ST MARK'S WYKE** Quiz Night. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL 7PM' and 'St Mark's Church Hall'. A red box says 'COST £5 PER PERSON'. At the bottom, it says 'Tables of six, come and join a team!', 'Bring your own drinks & nibbles', 'Coffee and tea available to buy', and 'Exciting Raffle!'.

Pirbright

Craft Group



We meet on the last Tuesday of the month in St Michael's church room from 10am to 12noon. The next one is on Tuesday 24th February. Thanks, Jay

Ladies Social in The Fox

The ladies social which is due to take place on Tuesday 24th February is unfortunately cancelled. It will re-convene on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm. Thanks, Jay

Church Plant Sale Saturday 9th May 11-2pm 25th Anniversary



Can you believe it! The church plant sale celebrates 25 years this year. Jay Kleinberg and Julia Douetil started growing and selling plants to raise the money to pay for the church insurance, all those years ago, and the event has grown into what it is now. Please put the date in your diary and come down to Pirbright Church and celebrate with us. As we gear up for the event, can you help by donating any good quality plants by dividing your perennials, or taking some cuttings. We also need any small pots or multi pack growing boxes to grow on our seedlings. If anyone has any unwanted gifts, bottles, tombola prizes, could we have them for our plant sale. Please contact Helen 07777659138 or helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com if you can supply any of the above. Thank you!

Date for your diary!



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A FLORAL CELEBRATION

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CREATURE**



Open to all in Pirbright and Wyke

All abilities encouraged

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**THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN PIRBRIGHT
CHURCH ON SATURDAY 6TH JUNE AS PART OF**

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR.

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Both Churches

Lent Course

Emmanuel Church in Normandy is running a Lent course which we have been invited to. Please see the adverts below for more information.

The Desert Mothers and Fathers

A Lectio 365 series | 2026

A 7-week series starting 20th February. Join us weekly at 11:30am as we walk together toward Easter through teaching, reflection, and prayer.

- 20th Feb: Reigniting my Passion for Jesus
- 27th Feb: Intensifying my Hunger for Holiness
- 6th March: Loving Silence and Solitude
- 13th March: The Freedom of Renunciation & The Foolish Way of Wisdom
- 20th March: Choosing the Way of Humility
- 27th March: Entering Holy Week

Come journey with us this Lent here at Emmanuel Church, Normandy. For more information please look at our website www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk



Lets journey through Lent together

This Lent, don't walk the road alone. Join us for a shared journey of reflection, prayer, and community as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Come as you are—let's pause, grow, and travel this season together.

Lent

Pause. Breathe.

Make s p a c e for God

Please contact the office if you need transport – 01483 811777.

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Waverley Singers

Saturday 21 March 2026, 7pm
Guildford Cathedral

Exaltation!

Vaughan Williams *Mass in G Minor*,
The Lark Ascending, and *Te Deum*
Programme includes Bach *Violin Sonata* and Mazzoli: *Vespers for Violin & Electronics*

Violin - Elizabeth Cooney
Organ - Philip Scriven
Conductor - Richard Pearce

Tickets: in advance/on the door
Premium £20/£22 General £18/£20
£5 Students U16 free subject to conditions



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NAVIGATING RETIREMENT: THE NEXT PHASE OF LIFE



Led by Peter Shaw

Saturday 14th March 2026

10 am – 12.30 pm

(Coffee available from 9.30 am)

at Godalming Baptist Church,

Queen Street, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1BA

Are you at a decision point approaching retirement or thinking through how best to use your time and energy now you are retired?

This morning will be an opportunity to explore the choices and frustrations that come to the fore at this stage of life.

How best might you deploy your experience, time and energy in ways that are creative and fulfilling?

How can we experience retirement as an exciting entry into the next phase of life?

The morning will be led by Peter Shaw who spent 32 years in the senior civil service, and has subsequently been coaching leaders and teams over the last 20 years. He is a Licensed Lay Minister at Godalming Minster.

Participants in similar sessions led by Peter at Godalming Minster and St Saviour's Church in Guildford have found them very valuable, and **this session is suitable for those with any or no faith.**

The session will be free of charge, but voluntary donations are invited towards the vital work of Tear Fund

**To help with managing numbers, please reserve a place by contacting Sally Pollard
email: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01483 428646
by **Friday 6th March****