



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 29th June 2025

Celebrating Joanna and Alex: A Weekend of Joy and Blessing

“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

- 2 Timothy 4:2

This weekend marks a truly joyful moment in the life of our churches as we celebrate the priesting of our two wonderful curates, Joanna and Alex.

Over the past year, both Joanna and Alex have been an enormous blessing to our church communities at St Michael's and St Mark's. Their gifts, their faith, their warmth, and their deep love for God's people have brought life and strength to our parishes. They've supported me personally in so many ways - encouraging, challenging, and complementing the ministry here with grace and good humour.

We've also had the privilege of getting to know them beyond the collar - as people of depth, kindness, and real joy. Watching them grow into their callings has been a gift to us all.

Paul's charge to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 - to preach the word with patience and courage - rings out clearly as we pray for Joanna and Alex. As they are ordained priest this Saturday, they step into a new phase of ministry: one that includes presiding at the Eucharist, blessing, and offering absolution. These are sacred, tender tasks, rooted in the Gospel and carried out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please join with me in celebrating them both this weekend. And do come to our joint service on Sunday morning, where Joanna will be presiding at Communion for the first time. It will be a truly special moment for our church family.

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After the service, we'll continue the celebration with a bring and share lunch - everyone is welcome, and it will be a lovely chance to gather as one church and give thanks.

Joanna and Alex, we are so proud of you. We love you, we thank God for you, and we stand with you as you step into this next chapter of ministry. May you know our prayers and full support in the year ahead.

Revd George

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 and Linda Wynne

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:

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

Services:

| | St Michael's | St Mark's |
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| Sunday June 29th | 10.00am Joint service. St Mark's | |
| 1st Sunday – July 6th | 9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service | 11.15am All Age Service in the Church Hall |
| 2nd Sunday – July 13th | 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 – July 15th | 10.15am Said Communion | |
| 3rd Sunday – July 20th | 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 | |
| | Joint Summer Services at 10am | |
| Sunday 27th July | St Mark's | |
| Sunday 3rd August | St Michael's | |
| Sunday 10th August | St Mark's | |
| Sunday 17th August | St Michael's | |
| Sunday 24th August | St Mark's | |
| Sunday 31st August | St Michael's | |

The joint summer services will now start on 27th July in St Mark's at 10am. These joint services will all be a traditional service with communion and we will be following the Lectionary for readings.

Taizé Services – 5pm

| St Mark's | St Michael's |
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| | 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 |
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| 20 th July | 21 st September |
| 19 th October | 16 th November |
| 21 st December (TBC) | |

5th Sunday services at 10am

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| Sunday 30 th November | St Michael's |
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Readings:

- 2 Timothy 4:2, NIV page 1197, NRSV page 211 in the New Testament
- Jeremiah 1:4–10, NIV page 756, NRSV page 708 in the Old Testament
- Luke 4:16–21, NIV page 1031, NRSV page 59 in the New Testament

Normandy:

Lorna's 100th Birthday Tea!

The day has arrived! Tomorrow, **Saturday, 28th June in St.**

Mark's Church Hall from 3 to 5 pm, we are celebrating Lorna's BIG birthday with a party!

There is still time to join Lorna, friends and family, for this unique occasion.

What a century, dear Lorna!!



St Mark's Churchyard

Our thanks, again, to Liz and Leslie and the community workers for all their hard work. The churchyard has been transformed!

Normandy Village School Fete – Saturday 5th July

Is anyone free to help run a stall for St Mark's at the Normandy Village School fete please, on Saturday 5th July, 12-2.30pm? The monthly Mini Market and Hearing Aid Clinic in the church hall are taking place at the same time, plus a Baptism in the church! Therefore, our regular volunteers are already very busy!

Jo Schaefer is planning the St Mark's stall with ice a biscuit, plus home-made cakes and biscuits, sweets etc, and a mystery quiz! Dear kind bakers, if you are generously baking for the mini market, could you bake a few more little cakes for the school fete, please?

It's a wonderful opportunity for St Mark's presence at our local school, as well as some fundraising. Also, we thank Normandy Village school for including us with their generous invitation.

Transport at St Mark's

Some of our Parishioners are no longer able to attend church and church events independently. With our united help and with their permission, we would like to set up a list of volunteer drivers and cars to provide regular lifts to anyone who is permanently or temporarily isolated, please. Do please contact Jo in the office or Simon or Judy, if you are able to help as a driver or if you would like to receive regular transport assistance. Thank you.



Job Opportunities (Voluntary!)

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

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.

Please contact the parish office, if you would like more information or would like to help. Thank you.

Pirbright:

Job Opportunity – Paid!

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 for further information on helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com. Full training will be given!

Both Churches

A happy weekend of celebrations at our two churches!



On Saturday morning (28th June), our beloved curates, Joanna and Alex, will be ordained at Guildford Cathedral at 10.30am. On Sunday, at 10am (29th June), we have their first, fully priested, very special celebratory joint Communion service at St Mark's. And afterwards, more celebrations – our bring and share lunch in St Mark's Church Hall. We are all invited and it's never too late to join in! Any food contribution is welcome, please! There is cake!

Wanted!

Can you help? We need a Crêche Leader to help out on Sundays. Please contact Rev. George or Jo Schaefer, our Children's Worker for more information!