



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 4th October 2026

At a baptism the other day I mentioned that I always like to quote the poet Keats in church at least once a year and despite the warm temperatures we are now truly in the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.”

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the provision of God in our lives. We know that because of the heatwaves this summer many crops have been negatively affected but the truth remains that nature wants to produce. Crops, plants, trees were created by God to bring forth their fruit, to produce seeds and food. Nature wants to multiply.

Our response is to be thankful to God for all he provides in our lives. We should be thankful for our families, for the ability to work, the ability to earn a living, for the communities we live in, for our church family, for the opportunity to be generous to others less fortunate than ourselves.

In the same way that nature is designed to grow and bear fruit, as Christians so are we. We are not supposed to live in isolation, God’s intention is that we live in fellowship with one another, growing in spiritual maturity together, and giving of our time and talents to further God’s kingdom. Acting selflessly and generously to share the love of God with those around us.

Our Harvest Sunday services this week are an opportunity to come together, to raise our voices in thankful worship and to donate to those in need.

At Pirbright at 9:30am we have a *family-friendly* Traditional Communion service, and at Wyke at 11:15am we have an All Age service. **BOTH services will have fun interactive elements** so we look forward to seeing you there.

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Please bring non-perishable goods to be brought forward during the services. All harvest donations will be given to Pound House Woking and Guildford Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We are blessed so that we can in turn bless others (Genesis 12:2-3).

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, Peter Glanfield.

St Mark's - Robyn Horsburgh, Jack Short, Clare Sherwood, Diana Marchant, Amelia Tilbury, George and Val Chant, Mavis, Simon T, Casper Gorniok, Michael Stonehill, Dianne.

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 4th October:

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-end



	St Michael's	St Mark's
1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	11.15am All Age Service in Church hall 6pm Worship & Prayer in Church hall
2 nd 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	
3 rd Tuesday	10.15am Said Communion	
3 rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 11.15am Contemporary Service in Church hall
4 th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
5 th Sunday	Alternate churches.	

Taizé Services – 5pm

St Michael's
8 th November 2026

Harvest Services on 4th October 2026

This year's harvest donations from our services on 4th October will be going to the following good causes:

Wyke – Guildford Food Bank

Pirbright – Pound House Woking

Please bring generously any non-perishable goods to either St Mark's or St Michael's Sunday 4th October service or at the 11th October service at St Mark's.



Vision

At our recent Vision Sunday services we gave out a Vision booklet and card. Please see attached electronic versions for those who have not seen it.

Alpha

If you could not make last Tuesday you can still come along this week, it's not too late!

Tuesday 6th October at 7:15pm at St Michael's Church. We're really looking forward to welcoming you!

We'll meet for eight Tuesday sessions, with a one-week break for half term. Each evening will include cheese and wine, cake, tea and coffee, a short video and time for discussion. Come as you are, and bring any questions you have.

If you have any questions before we start, please let me know. We're excited that you'll be joining us and look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks, Rev George



YOU'RE INVITED

Alpha course

A 
different
kind of
hope.

Tuesday 29th September 7.15pm
St. Michael's Church Room
Church Ln GU24 0JJ

TO SIGN UP and for more information
CONTACT OUR OFFICE
office@stmarkswyke.org.uk

Running every Tuesday for 8 weeks except 27th October

Wyke

180th Birthday celebrations:



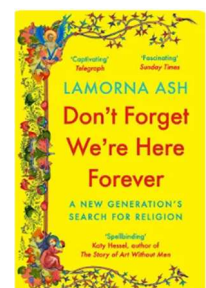
Without your kind and generous support on Saturday, St Mark's 180th birthday celebration party would not have been the amazing, happy and joyful event it was! Thank you for everything you have contributed to its enjoyable success, especially your generosity and hard work. Each and every one of you is a treasure ! Thank you!

Bless you, and here's to our 190th birthday party !!

With love and thanks from
St. Mark's events team

Gill's book group

Will be meeting on Wednesday 14th October 2-4pm at her house to discuss 'Don't forget we're here forever'. All are welcome.



Hearing Aid Clinic

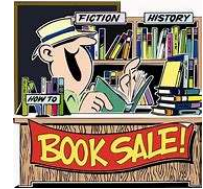
On Saturday, 3rd October 10am-12noon in the Coussmaker room.



Mini Market on Saturday, 3rd October 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! Home-made cakes, biscuits etc., flowers, plants, edible items and garden produce would be most gratefully accepted, either on Friday afternoon or on the Saturday morning of the mini market. Thank You!



Coffee and Chat – Tuesday 13th October 10am-12noon

John Sherwood is giving a talk on farming in Normandy. Come along and enjoy the morning with a cuppa and cake!

Pirbright

Operation churchyard – Saturday 10th October 10am-12noon



Remembrance Poppies

Thank you everyone who has kindly donated bottles for the Remembrance poppy display. We now have enough!

If anyone has a hot glue gun that we could borrow to attach the stems to the poppies, could you let Helen Whitworth know on helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com or 07777659138.

If you would like to help attaching the stems on Saturday 17th October 2pm in Pirbright church room, could you contact Helen please.

Both Churches

The Transformation Power of Art

Guildford Cathedral is inviting the community to discover **Transformations**, a thought-provoking exhibition of artwork created by men in HMP Coldingley, exploring the transformative power of art and its ability to inspire hope, reflection, wellbeing and personal change.

Exhibition details | Transformations

Dates: Tuesday 8 September to Monday 19 October 2026

Venue: Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP

Opening hours: Daily from 8.00am to 6.00pm, with extended opening until 7.30pm on Thursdays

Admission: Free. All are welcome.

Alongside the exhibition, Guildford Cathedral will host events offering opportunities to explore its themes more deeply, including a special evening panel discussion during Prisons Week.

On Monday 12 October (during Prisons Week), from 6-8pm, the Cathedral is hosting an evening conversation with three people who've witnessed transformation first-hand: Revd Alex Day (Diocese of Guildford Chaplain at HMP Coldingley), an art educator, a rehabilitation expert **and our very own Curate at St Mark's and St Michael's**.

Further details can be found at the Guildford Cathedral website – www.guildford-cathedral.org

Fundraiser – Please support!

Rev Alex is raising money for a friend's 8 year old daughter, Isabella, who has been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and is currently undergoing a two year treatment plan. The money will help support the family and Isabella during this time as well as helping Isabella to raise money for her chosen charities who are supporting her on her journey.

Rev Alex will be shaving his head and beard on Sunday 25th October 2026 at St Mark's hall after the 11:15am service in the hope to raise £1000 for Isabella.

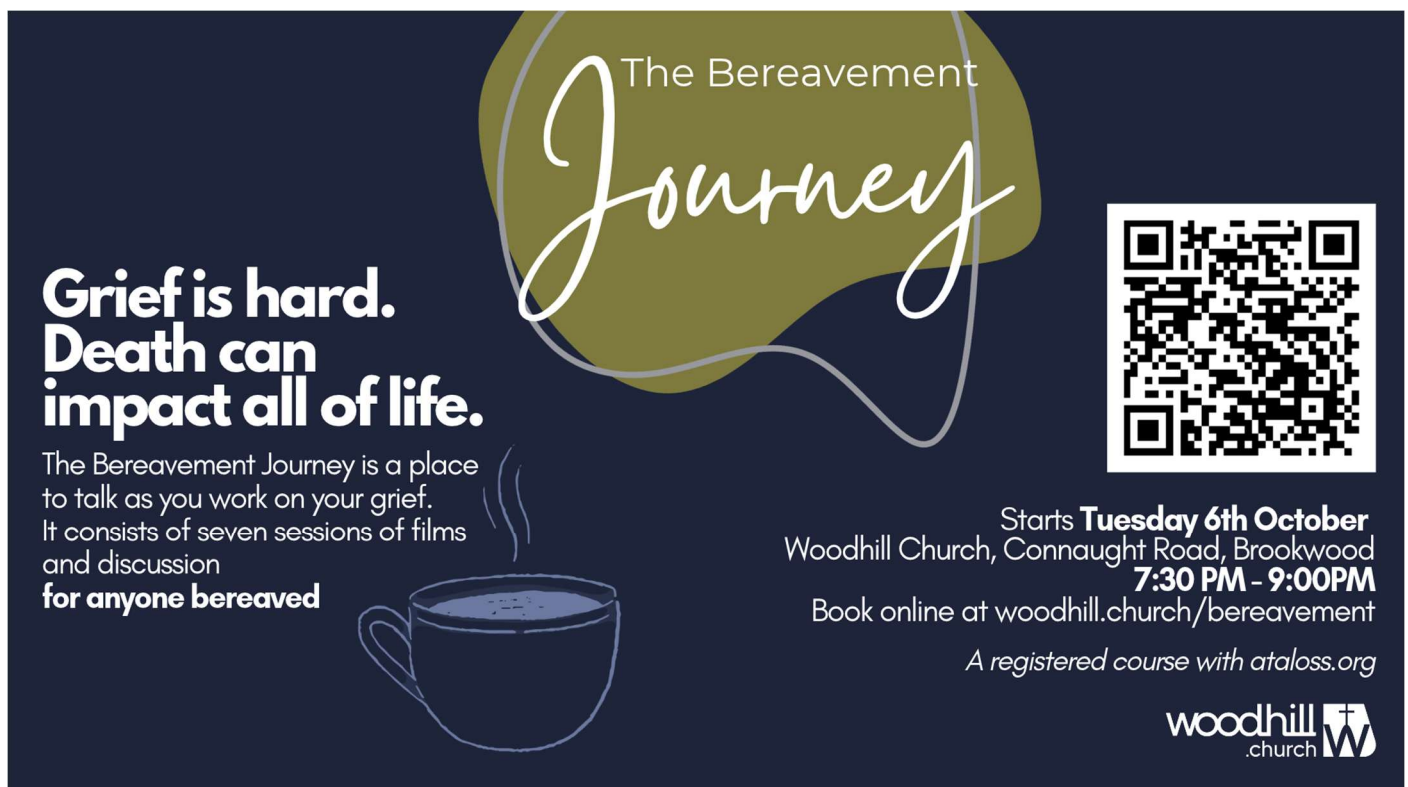
If you are able to donate please contact Caroline Bews at St Michael's, Pirbright or Judy Kennedy at St Mark's Wyke – caroline_bews@hotmail.com 07961 186008 or judithkenn@hotmail.com 07765 953350.

Blessings on you for your support for Isabella.

Kind regards

Alex Day

The Bereavement Journey



**Grief is hard.
Death can
impact all of life.**

The Bereavement Journey is a place to talk as you work on your grief. It consists of seven sessions of films and discussion **for anyone bereaved**

The Bereavement Journey

Starts **Tuesday 6th October**
Woodhill Church, Connaught Road, Brookwood
7:30 PM - 9:00PM
Book online at woodhill.church/bereavement
A registered course with ataloss.org

woodhill.church

Still needed please!

We need to apply for grants for various projects in both churches. Could you help us apply for these grants? Please could you let the office know if you are interested in helping us – office@stmarkswyke.org.uk

Church Growth Conference – 8 October

We are all warmly invited to this year's Diocese of Guildford Church Growth Conference which will be held on Thursday 8 October (10am-3.30pm) at Welcome Church Woking. We will be welcoming two inspirational keynote speakers, ideally placed to help us make the most of this time of spiritual openness to grow our church: the Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham and a sought-after platform speaker, and Gavin Calver, evangelist, author, broadcaster and Chief Executive of the Evangelical Alliance.

Everyone is welcome and the conference is particularly designed to enable those who share in the leadership and ministry of each parish to come as a team. So whilst the conference is primarily designed for clergy, LLMs, PCCs and parish staff coming as a team, we have found in previous years that it can also do much to inspire congregation members to deepen their involvement in the ministry and mission of each parish, helping us to share our faith and make the most of this season of spiritual openness and opportunity

There will also be an exhibition, opportunity to hear Bishop Paul and the diocesan team and a wide range of support available. A number of us are attending and, if you would like to join us, please book your place (£12 including lunch) at

A poster for the Church Growth Conference 2026. The background is a photograph of a church interior with people seated in pews. Overlaid on the image is the text 'Church Growth Conference 2026' in large white letters. Below this, in yellow, is 'Thursday 8 October' and 'Welcome Church, Woking'. Further down, in white, is 'Keynote speakers: Ruth Bushyager Gavin Calver'. To the right of the names are two small portrait photos of the speakers. At the bottom, in yellow, is the website 'ChurchGrowth2026.Eventbrite.co.uk'. In the bottom right corner, the 'Diocese of Guildford' logo is visible, featuring a cross inside a circle.

Church Growth Conference 2026
Thursday 8 October
Welcome Church, Woking
Keynote speakers:
Ruth Bushyager
Gavin Calver
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Diocese of Guildford

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**Come & Sing Evensong
@ St Nicolas' Guildford**

Saturday 10th October

**2pm Rehearsal * 4pm Evensong
followed by tea**

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