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# ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

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KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## **Easter Sunday is here!**

We are stepping into the end of Holy Week, the most important and hope-filled week of the year.

It is the week where we have walked with Jesus through the cheers of Palm Sunday, the quiet weight of the cross on Good Friday, and then into the joy and surprise of Easter morning. We have had moments to pause, to reflect, and to celebrate.

And at the heart of it all are words many of us will have seen on the front of our Easter cards:

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” (Matthew 28:6)

Simple words. But they change everything.

Because if Jesus is alive, then hope is alive.

If Jesus is alive, then forgiveness is real.

If Jesus is alive, then there is more to this life than we often dare to believe.

## **Come and join us this Sunday**

There is something very special about gathering together on Easter Sunday.

We would love you to come along. Whether you are a regular, come occasionally, or have never been before, you are so welcome.

Easter Sunday services are in both churches at 10am, followed by Easter egg hunts.

We really do look forward to welcoming you

Revd George

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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### By the Grace of God...

There are surely times in all of our lives when we find that something we have longed for – or dreaded – in our dreams or maybe even in and through prayer – actually becomes reality. It may be really big or very small, but it is always personal.

One of the most stressful times my wife and I have been through recently was selling our home of many years while clinging on desperately to the hope of being able to complete the purchase of the house where we now live. There were inevitably times when we almost gave up hope; but we prayed that God would see us through our ‘time of trial’. God was indeed listening, and now here we are, in the heart of the community we love.

Yes, that may seem trite or trivial, but then so many of our prayers do, don’t they? And then there are times when we experience a loss, or illness, or an upset that we can’t understand and find it difficult to accept. When God’s Grace seems to pass us by. The recent death of our dear Bishop Andrew was to many of us one such occasion one that has affected us within and without the Church in many different ways. But the open, uncomplaining, serene way in which he accepted and faced his death must surely be a guiding light for all of us, pointing to the overriding power of faith and unswerving trust in God’s Grace. Having received that Grace and passed it on to us in his life and ministry, Bishop Andrew calmly accepted the Will of God in bringing his earthly life to a premature end.

*‘for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord’ (Isaiah 55:8-9). God does, indeed, move in mysterious ways.’*

We all have the capacity to receive God’s Grace , and to accept His Will. As the Bishop of Sheffield said in his eulogy at Andrew’s funeral, we should heed the words of Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians:

*‘All this is for your benefit, so that the grace, that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God’ (2 Corinthians 4:15, NIV).*

Can you feel it?

**Revd Gary Williamson**

## **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, Mac Smith, Peter West, John Sim, Imogen and her family, Jackie, James Clay, Nic Flemming, 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, Tom Kerchey, Gill Nevin.

**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:**

**Guildford Diocese** – Bishop Andrew and his family

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

## **Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> April**

- Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:1-6
- New Testament – Acts 10:34-43
- Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10

## **Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> April**

- New Testament - Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Old Testament - Psalm 16
- Gospel - John 20:19-end

**Please note a change in church service times for 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April below:**

	St Michael's	St Mark's
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am Traditional Holy Communion Service for Easter in church with Easter egg hunt!</b>	<b>10.00 am Traditional Holy Communion Service for Easter in church with Easter egg hunt! Normandy Village school choir in attendance.</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am Joint service for both churches in St Mark's church</b>	
	5pm Taizé service in alternative churches. See below for timetable	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b>	10.15am Said Communion	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 11.15am Contemporary Service in Church hall
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	10.00am Church on the Green	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Alternative church. Please see website for more details	

## Taizé Services – 5pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026

## Office closure and clergy leave

Please note the office will close at 4pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and will re-open on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. Clergy are on leave from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April.



If you have any **urgent** issues, please contact your Church Warden in the first instance:

St Mark's – Judy on 07765 953350 or email: [judithkenn@hotmail.com](mailto:judithkenn@hotmail.com)

St Michael's – Helen on 07777 659138 or email: [helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com)

All other messages will be dealt with on my return to the office on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Many thanks

Jo

Parish Administrator

## Easter Services

Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross and Maundy are all joint services.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday services are happening in each church.

EASTER SERVICES	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	*Palm Sunday Service 9.45am Gather at Church War Memorial 10am St Michael's, Pirbright
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Stations of the Cross 7pm St Michael's, Pirbright
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	*Maundy Thursday Bring & Share Meal 5pm St Mark's Church Hall, Wyke
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday Walk of Witness  Wyke 10am Manor Fruit Farm 11am Service at St Mark's, Wyke  Pirbright 2.30pm Lord Pirbright's Hall 3.00pm Service St Michael's, Pirbright
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	*Easter Sunday Service with Easter egg hunt  10am St Michael's, Pirbright 10am St Mark's, Wyke

\*family friendly



## Walk of Witness – Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Wyke/Normandy

St Mark's wooden cross will be erected this weekend on Manor Fruit Farm (with kind permission of Normandy Parish Council). On Good Friday, at 10am please join our vicar, George, and our curate, Alex, for a short reflective service. We will then process with the Cross slowly to St Mark's church followed by a special Good Friday service. Hot cross buns and refreshments will be served in St Mark's church hall. Everyone welcome!



## Walk of Witness – Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Pirbright

St Michael's wooden cross will be erected this weekend on the village green (with kind permission of Pirbright Parish Council). On Good Friday, at 2.30pm please join our vicar, George, and our curate, Alex, for a short reflective service. We will then process with the Cross slowly to St Michael's church followed by a special Good Friday service led by Rev Gary. Hot cross buns and refreshments will be served in St Michael's church hall. Everyone welcome!

## Maundy Thursday (2nd April) Supper at St Mark's Church Hall, 5pm



This special supper is a simple bring and share event for all ages from St Mark's and St Michael's. Everyone is welcome.

## Wyke

### Quiz Night

A special date for your diaries! A QUIZ NIGHT at St. Mark's church hall on Saturday, 18th April at 7.00 pm. Please come and join us for an evening of entertainment, challenge and fun! Exciting raffle prizes!

Only a couple of tables left! Please email the office: [office@stmarkswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswyke.org.uk) to book!

ST MARK'S WYKE

# Quiz Night

**SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL**  
**7PM**

**EXCITING RAFFLE!** **COST £5 PER PERSON**

St Mark's Church Hall  
Tables of six, come and join a team!  
Bring your own drinks & nibbles  
Coffee and tea available to buy

Please book via the Parish Office: 01483 811777  
or email [office@stmarkswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswyke.org.uk)

## Pirbright

### Thanks!

A Letter of Thanks from Jadzia Grimshaw

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all the beautiful cards and lovely flowers I received, also a special thank you to Alex who brought communion to me in hospital just after my operation. That made me feel much better. Thank you also to Caroline, Jackie, Helen, Mary and all the other visitors. I am feeling much better now, so thanks again and lots of love to everyone, Jadzia.

### Plant Sale

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](mailto:helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com) if you can supply any of the above. Thank you!



## Both Churches

### Joint PCC meeting

Joint PCC meeting (St Mark's and St Michael's). Following our two respective and successful APCMs in March, our two PCCs will be meeting for our first joint meeting, on Wednesday, 15th April at St Mark's church hall, when we will be addressed by David Senior.