

Looking ahead to Worship

Wednesday 9 January	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 13 January	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
Wednesday 16 January	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 20 January	8.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	9.00am	Breakfast@9	St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Mary's
Wednesday 23 January	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 27 January	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
Wednesday 3 February	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's

AAS* - All age service, **CW** - Common Worship, **BCP** - Book Common Prayer
Editor's Notes

I look forward to all your contributions and will endeavour to get them all in to help promote your events. Please note that latest date for inclusion each week is Wednesday 6.00pm.

The Newsletter is published on the web on Fridays, why not get an advance read by going to <http://www.martleshamcofe.org.uk/church-newsletter>
 If you have a prayer you think others would like to share, please send me a copy to newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk or 01473 624160 **Richard Boother**.

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Epiphany

Thoughts on Psalm 72 – Revd Toby Tate

On this Epiphany Sunday when we remember the Magi visiting the baby Jesus, our psalm appropriately talks of kings bringing gifts as tribute. Christina Rossetti wrote the poem, now used as a carol, 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and asked what could be given to Jesus. She suggested her heart. What about you? As you start a new year, what can you offer to God? What are your hopes and dreams that you wish to share with him this year? May God bless you in the coming year.

Today's Readings
Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Common Worship – CW - Margaret	St John's
9.45am	All Age Worship (No groups) Toby & Christine	St Michael's
11.00am	Holy Communion – BCP - Margaret	St Mary's

Happy New Year!

Works on St Mary's Organ has commenced



Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00 -12.00
 Saturday 9.30 – 12.00
 Free WiFi available

Prayers for the week

Pray for all those who live or work in our community

Three Stiles Lane, Top Street, Turino Avenue, Turner Gardens, Valiant Road. For people who struggle with mobility. For Bright stars, the children, carers and leaders as they learn more about God's love for them.

Pray for those who are bereaved. Especially the family and friends of Mary Barnes, whose funeral is on Thursday 10 January, 10 am at St Mary's.

Pray for those who are lonely who couldn't see their family and friends over the holiday period.

Up Coming Diary Events

- **Monday 7 January** – Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Tuesday 8 January** – “The Tuesday Evening Housegroup”, 7.45pm @ 9 Angela Close.
- **Thursday 10 January**
 - Mary Barnes Funeral, 10.00am St Mary's
 - Youth Club 7.00 – 8.30pm St Michael's
- **Friday 11 January - Friends on Friday** 10 till 12 am at St Michael's.
- **Monday 14 January**
 - Bright Stars – 10.30am at St Michael's
 - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Thursday 17 January** - Youth Club 7.00 – 8.30pm St Michael's
- **Friday 18 January - Friends on Friday** 10 till 12 am at St Michael's.
- **Saturday 19 January** – St Michael's gardening and Maintenance – 10.00am
- **Monday 21 January** – Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Tuesday 22 January** – “The Tuesday Evening Housegroup”, 7.45pm @ 9 Angela Close
- **Monday 28 January** –
 - Bright Stars – 10.30am at St Michael's
 - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michael's
 - Women together – 7.30pm St Michael's

What's happening around the Parishes

FIND – Families in Need foodbank: Now that Christmas has passed the need for the “Families in Need Foodbank” has not, please continue to support this valuable community activity. The donation box is in the main area at St Michael's and is collected each week.

Did you #followthestar? If you would like to continue with some daily bible reading notes, please speak to me as I have a large selection available for anyone who is interested. Why not make 2019 a year of more time with God? **Toby.**

The Monday afternoon Bible Study Group will meet again on **Monday 7th January** when they will continue with their study series called “Forgiveness”. Their meetings are open to all and you don't have to have a terrific knowledge of the Bible, they are all leaning things all the time

St Michael's chairs, - You may have noticed that the chairs in St Michaels are showing their age. The PCC have started to consider their replacement, this will not be cheap and will take some time but we need to get an idea of the cost by choosing a style now. Martin has kindly arranged for a one-month loan of four samples and we would welcome your feedback on them to **Martin Cotterill and Paul Jordan.**

St Michael's Gardening & Other Maintenance, - We will be holding a work party at St Michaels on **Jan 19th from 10:00-1.00pm** to tackle some gardening tasks and do some other maintenance. If you can help, please can you contact **Paul Jordan** or just turn up on the day, suitably dressed with any tools you think might be useful. We especially need a trailer, a shredder and sacks.

Holiday at Home 2019 – Planning for this year's events are well underway, the provisional dates have been set for June 10th to 17th. If you would like to help with some events please contact Hazel Brierley 01473 610663, Debbie Boothe 01473 624160 or Phil Smith 01473 625630.

Women Together, - Monday 28 January – 7.30-9.30pm @ St Michael's, **BINGO** – bring an unwanted Christmas present for “recycling” as a prize!

Women Together is a group for all women in the Benefice, to build us up in fellowship and strengthen diverse friendships and support networks. Please feel free to bring a friend if you think it would be appropriate. There will be an informal talk from a Christian lady at most events. **Tamsin, Jo, Tim, Janet or Marga.**

‘The Tuesday Evening Housegroup’ continues to meet fortnightly. After the Christmas and New Year festivities our next get together will be on **Tuesday 8 January at 07.45pm** and we will be meeting at **9 Angela Close.** We would love to welcome new people to join us. Along with bible study we offer each other support and encouragement and it is an opportunity to get to know one another and explore our faith together. There is often cake! If you would be interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to contact me or just come along one evening. Dates and venues will be in the newsletter. **Pauline Jordan** Tel 01473 625061.

The Youth Club begins again on Thursday 10th January at 7.00 until 8.30pm in St Michaels. There will be lots of fun activities and games, a tuck shop, free tea and toast and of course the famous God slot. Everyone of High School age is welcome, so come and bring a friend or meet some new ones. **Christine.**

Bright Stars are free fun activity sessions for children aged 0 to 5 years old and their parents, grandparents, friends or carers. We meet at 10.30 am on the second and fourth Mondays of each month during term time at St Michael's. Sessions are based around stories and themes from the Bible and usually include singing, crafts and games. They are approximately half an hour then followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play until around 12 noon.

All welcome and feel free to let others with young children know, just turn up or for further information please contact **Sonya and Maureen Burrows,** tel. 01473 625196.