

Looking ahead to Worship

Wednesday 30 January	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 3 February	8.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	9.45am	All Age Service	St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Mary's
	5.00pm	After Hours service	St Michael's
Wednesday 6 February	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 10 February	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
Wednesday 13 Feb	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 17 February	8.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	9.00am	Breakfast@9	St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Mary's
Wednesday 20 Feb	10.00	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 Booter**.

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"The Newsletter" For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

Sunday 27 January 2019

4rd Sunday of Epiphany

Thoughts on Psalm 19 – Revd Toby Tate

Following God can be a challenge and it can be easy to get disheartened, especially when we look around at others who seem to be having a great life without God. This is a common theme in the psalms and today we get some reasons to keep going. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul (v7). If things are a challenge for you, be encouraged today by this psalm, by the beauty of God's creation and his perfect ways and join in the eternal praise of God.

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Luke 4: 14-21

SERVICES TODAY

9.30am	Holy Communion – CW Christine & Margaret (With groups)	St Michael's
11.00am	Morning Prayers - Toby	St Mary's
6.30pm	Evensong - Toby	St John's

Martlesham and Brightwell Away Day 23 March 2019



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

Acorn Way, Alban Square, Angela Close, Avocet Lane. Staff, parents and pupils at Birchwood Primary School. For our flower arrangers, thank God for the gift he has given to add beauty to our churches.

Pray for those who are bereaved. Especially the family and friends of **George Clarke**

Pray for those who are lonely who don't often see their family and friends.

Up Coming Diary Events

- **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
- **Thursday 31 January** - Youth Club 7.00 – 8.30pm St Michael's
- **Monday 4 February –**
 - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Tuesday 5 February**
 - "The Tuesday Evening Housegroup", 7.45pm @ 9 Angela Close
- **Wednesday 6 February –** Mothers Union, 2.30pm St Michael's
- **Thursday 7 February** - Youth Club 7.00 – 8.30pm St Michael's
- **Monday 11 February –**
 - Bright Stars – 10.30am at St Michael's
 - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Tuesday 19 February**
 - "The Tuesday Evening Housegroup", 7.45pm @ 9 Angela Close
- **Monday 25 February**
 - Bright Stars – 10.30am at St Michael's
 - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
 - Women Together – 7.30pm St Michael's
- **Saturday 23 March –** Martlesham and Brightwell Away Day 10.00-4.00pm

What's happening around the Parishes

Mothers Union: Wednesday February 6th 2:30pm at St Michael's Church Centre. Speaker, Pauline Moore talking about Sutton Hoo. Everyone is most welcome. Contact 01473 623752 **ANN BERG**

Martlesham and Brightwell Church Away Day – 23rd March. Are you ever frustrated that coffee conversations don't give you enough time to get to know others at church? Would you like some pointers on living for God in today's world? Join us at Christchurch, Felixstowe on Saturday 23rd March for a day (10am – 4pm) for all the benefice – whatever your age and whichever congregation you usually attend. Guest speaker Revd. Dave Gardener, diocesan director of mission, will lead the day, with some separate activities for children and youth. The day will have space for conversations, a chance to eat lunch together and to build us up as a benefice. More information from Toby.

Women Together, - Monday 28 January – 7.30-9.30pm @ St Michael's, BINGO. Women Together have had a Christmas craft evening in November and a fantastic dinner in December. We now look forward to the return of gift bingo. Bring an unwanted Christmas gift to go on the prize table - someone else will love it! Pick up a new programme to give you information for the year ahead. Tamsin & Jo.

St. Marys Church Organ Restoration Appeal. Sunday 24th March 3pm a concert by Octave at St Mary's in Aid of Church Organ Restoration Fund.

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. Mary's – Cleaning Volunteers needed. Every week a team of two volunteers clean St. Mary's, keeping it spick, span, welcoming and looking loved for those attending weekly services, weddings and funerals as well as passers-by and visitors. We are seeking additional volunteers to increase the number of teams or to join existing team members as vacancies arise. Currently teams clean every seven weeks or so and it would be great to make this every couple of months. Vacuuming, sweeping and dusting are the main tasks, and no more than an hour is required. In addition, any excuse to enjoy the beautiful building and location has got to be a plus! Please speak to Lynn Wilder (01728 860627) or Deborah Branch (01394 383410) for more information or to sign up. Thank you very much.

'The Tuesday Evening Housegroup' continues to meet fortnightly. Our next get together will be on **Tuesday 5 February at 7.45pm** 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 Monday afternoon Bible Study Group will meet again on **Monday 4 February** 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 learning things all the time

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.