

## Looking ahead to Worship

<b>Wednesday 6 February</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
<b>Sunday 10 February</b>	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
<b>Wednesday 13 Feb</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
<b>Sunday 17 February</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	9.00am	Breakfast@9	St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Mary's
<b>Wednesday 20 Feb</b>	10.00	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
<b>Sunday 24 February</b>	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Prayers	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
<b>Wednesday 27 Feb</b>	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.**

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# "The Newsletter" For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

## Sunday 3 February 2019

### Candlemass

#### Thoughts on Psalm 24 – Revd Toby Tate

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Our psalm reminds us today that everything belongs to God. He made it all and is over it all. And so, we, like the psalmist, can praise God for all he has made. For the beauty of the natural world, for the amazing size and scope of the universe. And we can welcome God to be a part of our lives. Lift up your head and welcome the King of Glory.

### Today's Readings

Luke 4:16 – 30

Isaiah 61: 1-4

### SERVICES TODAY

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – CW - Toby</b>	<b>St John's</b>
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>All Age Worship – Malcolm &amp; Margret</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – BCP - Toby</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>After Hours Service</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>

**"Families in Need Foodbank"**  
**Please support**



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**

Bader Court, Bealings Road, Birch Grove, Blacktiles Lane. All who work at the Police Headquarters. Pray for the Golden Girls, for their ministry amongst women who live alone and for all who feel isolated in our community.

**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.

**Pray for all those who need support** and for those giving them support.

**Pray for those** who are finding the current weather difficult.

## ***Up Coming Diary Events***

- **Monday 4 February –**
  - Bright Stars – 10.30am at St Michael's
  - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Tuesday 5 February**
  - "The Tuesday Evening Housegroup", 7.45pm @ Greencreek, School Lane, Martlesham
- **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
- **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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 Cottreil 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. Thanks to Margaret for hosting our last Bible Study. We started on the Scripture Bible Study booklet "Forgiveness, Making Peace with the Past". The first study was entitled "Our Forgiving Father" and based on Luke 15:11-32, the parable of the Prodigal Son. Our next study will be on "Why We Need Forgiveness" with the bible reading Ephesians 2:1-10. Pat has kindly offered to host this session. So, our next session will be at Greencreek, School Lane, Martlesham on Tuesday 5th February at 7:45 pm. Phil Smith

**FIND – Families in Need foodbank:** 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.

**Operation Christmas Child** We have heard that the shoe boxes we donated before Christmas have gone to Central Asia. They can't be more specific than that because of the safety of their partners working in those countries, but they have said that not only are the children delighted with their gifts, but also being able to share them with children of all faiths helps to build understanding between all the different faith communities. Thank you again for all that you contributed to this project. Christine Pinder

**Women Together,** - Monday 25 February – 7.30-9.30pm @ St Michael's, Cath Moore will be sharing her love of painting, giving an opportunity to have a go. Contact Tamsin & Jo for more details.

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