

Looking ahead to Worship

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
Sunday 24 February	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Prayers	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
Wednesday 27 Feb	10.00	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 3 March	8.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	9.45am	All Age Service	St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Mary's
Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday	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 Booter**.

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NEWSLETTER –

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"The Newsletter" For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

Sunday 10 February 2019

4th Sunday before Lent

Thoughts on Psalm 138 – Revd Toby Tate

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me. As we see from many situations of people in the bible, God has not promised us an easy life. BUT he has promised that he will be with us through the good times and the bad times. That he will hold us in his hand and walk with us (to mix metaphors!) As we look at healing over the next few weeks, we see that God heals relationships, including our relationship with him. God is good and will keep his promises to be with us and support us.

Today's Readings

Luke 15:11-31

Romans 8: 12-17

SERVICES TODAY

9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups) - Toby	St Michael's
11.00am	Morning Worship - Carolyn	St Mary's
6.30pm	Evensong – Roy Tricker	St John's

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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: Borrett Place, Bradford Court, Broomfield & Broomfield Mews. Buckingham Close, Shops & businesses in the Square. For our house groups, leaders and participants as we learn more of God in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Pray for those who are bereaved. Especially the family and friends of **George Clarke, Mervyn Cunliffe** and **Janet Upson**.

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 11 February** –
 - Bright Stars – 10.30am at St Michael's
 - Monday afternoon Bible Study Group – 1.00 for 1.45pm @ St Michaels'
- **Tuesday 12 February**
 - "The Tuesday Evening Housegroup", 7.45pm @ Greencreek, School Lane, Martlesham
- **Thursday 14 February** - Youth Club 7.00 – 8.30pm St Michael's
- **Tuesday 19 February**
 - Janet Upson's funeral will take place at 1pm at St John's, Brightwell
 - "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

Men's Breakfast "Under new management". Many thanks to **Stuart Pearce** for getting it started and organising it for two years, and now **Simon Ashton** who has taken over the organisation. **Next meeting Saturday 16 February**.

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.

Martlesham and Brightwell Church Away Day – 23rd March. Time now to book your place, for further information and booking details contact **Toby**.

St Mary's Church Organ Restoration Fund. Sunday **24th March**, 3pm a Concert by Octave Vocal Ensemble, a choir singing unaccompanied various music. Further details will follow next week.

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.

Go Green with "The Newsletter" (and it's in colour) if you or someone you know would prefer to receive the "**The Newsletter**", to improve the church carbon foot-print, by email, please send a request to colinadmin.smaa@btinternet.com.

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 Cottrell 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 12th February at 7:45 pm. Phil Smith

The Real Easter Egg 2019 - orders now being taken! It may be a while until Easter, but I would like to offer you the opportunity to order the only Fairtrade Easter egg that includes a copy of the Easter story in the box, supports charitable projects, and is made from good quality chocolate which is both palm oil and shea butter free – all from only £3.99. Produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company in the UK, the Original egg (milk chocolate) and the Dark egg (dark chocolate) both have plastic-free packaging now too. The larger Special Edition milk chocolate egg is also available, for more details see meaningfulchocolate.co.uk. Please let me know if you are interested before 28th February. Thank you.
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