

Looking ahead to Worship

Wednesday 11 Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 15 September	9.00am	Breakfast @ 9	St Michael's
	9.30am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Mary's
Wednesday 18 Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 22 September	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW + Groups	St Michael's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
Wednesday 25 Sept	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 29 September	6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	St Michael's

AAS* - All age service, CW - Common Worship, BCP - Book Common Prayer

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"The Newsletter" For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL Sunday 8 September 2019

12th Sunday after Trinity

Thoughts on Psalm 139 – Carolyn Smith

This psalm is a wonderful heartfelt prayer to God, where we hear in beautifully poetic words exactly how well God knows us. It's truly awesome to discover that nothing about us is hidden from God. From our life's beginnings to its end, our every movement, every thought and every word is known. Now when I was young this sounded to me like a threat – be good because God can see you! - and the depths of God's knowledge could seem overwhelming. But when we realise God knows us so well and never leaves us because he loves us, then we can rejoice in his presence and trust him with our every moment.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Luke 14:25-33

SERVICES TODAY

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

Ride & Stride Saturday 14 September

Look inside for information



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

Prayers for the week

Pray for all those who live or work in our community: Digby Close, Dukes Meadows, Dukes Park, Farriers Close. All who work in Martlesham Retail Park. Pray for the PCCs as they meet and work to develop the vision God has given us for our communities.

Pray for all those about to go back to school or College in September and their families who support and worry about them.

Pray for those who are starting new careers, or under pressure from their current situations.

Pray for all those who have to make difficult decisions in the near future.

Pray that we do not forget to love our neighbours.

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.

Up Coming Diary Events

- **Monday 9 September-**
 - Bright Stars is back 10.30 St Michael's
 - Monday Afternoon Bible Study Group, 1.00 for 1.45pm, St Michael's
- **Tuesday 10 September**
 - Tuesday Evening House Group, 7.45pm, contact Pauline Jordan for details
 - The Ashton's Tuesday evening House-group, 7.30pm
- **Friday 13 September –**
 - Friends on Friday – 10.00 -12.00 – St Michael's
- **Saturday 14 September - Ride & Stride** 9.00am – 5.00pm
- **Sunday 15 September – Prayers for Town Pastors**
- **Monday 16 September - Monday Afternoon Bible Study Group, 1.00 for 1.45pm, St Michael's**
- **Monday 23 September –**
 - Bright Stars is back 10.30 St Michael's
 - Monday Afternoon Bible Study Group, 1.00 for 1.45pm, St Michael's
 - Women together 7.30pm St Michael's
- **Sunday 29 September – Deanery Confirmation Service 6.30pm St Michael's**

What's happening around the Parishes

Ride & Stride - A final reminder that the Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 14th. We still need volunteers to greet visitors at St Marys from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. Please do also consider if you could walk or cycle between churches in the district in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. It can be very enjoyable, and I can supply lots of ideas. Paul Jordan 01473 625061. For further information contact Paul Jordan 01473 625061 or p.m.jordan@btinternet.com

Confirmation - The next deanery confirmation service will take place on **29 September (St Michael's Day) at St Michael's, 6.30pm**. Bishop Mike and Toby will be conducting the service. Please contact **Margaret Rittman** for more details.

Women Together - The next meeting on the 23rd September will be a return visit from Vivia Bamford who told us about foraging last year. This time it's The Lost Cheeses of Suffolk, a social history plus poetry and Vivia's own research into why cheese making in Suffolk died out. There will be cheeses to taste and you are welcome to bring your own crackers and crudités if you wish. 7.30 to 9.30 at St Michael's. There will be a charge of £5 towards costs.

Help Needed at St Mary's - Due to one of our path-sweepers moving to the West Country, St Mary's is in urgent need to fill the gap left in one of our rota slots/teams. We try to have two people sweeping together as it is much nicer to work with someone else - the job gets done more quickly and easily; there is someone to chat to; and often one of the team can cover for holidays etc. A team sweeps only every 5 weeks, so if you think you might be able to help, please contact me and I can give you more details – it would be much appreciated. Chris Cobb 01473 622585

Bright Stars: are back on the **9 September 10.30** St Michael's until about 12.00noon. All children aged 0 to 5 years old are welcome to come along to Bright Stars with their parents, grandparents, friends or carers. Sessions are free and usually include singing, crafts and games based on stories from the Bible. The Monday morning half hour sessions (2nd & 4th Mondays each month in term time) start at 10:30 am at St Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and play until approximately 12 noon. Further information from Sonya & Maureen Burrows tel. (01473) 625196.

Tuesday Evening House Group – started again on 3 September at 7.45, please contact Pauline Jordan for details of future venues and dates

Benefice Facebook Page – have you joined our group yet? Martlesham Benefice

Town Pastor in Ipswich - prayers Sunday 15th September 2019. This voluntary, independent, interdenominational Christian response to make a difference within our night-time economy, on the streets of Ipswich, on Friday and Saturday nights needs prayer. This might also be a role that some might feel that they could be involved in, either in the prayer centre, at home or as a walker, going out as part of a team and offering assistance to the vulnerable and to those in need. Cathy Bourner CA.

Cream Tea Afternoon - Many thanks to all those who supported us. It was a lovely afternoon, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves chatting to friends in a relaxed atmosphere. We raised £223 for Martlesham First Responders. Pam and Roger.

Mothers 'Union –

Wednesday 2nd October, next meeting 2:30pm at St Michael's Church Centre. A Talk by Marilyn & John Coates about The Shoe Box Appeal, more details will follow.

Wednesday 6th November, meeting 2:30pm. Talk "Avoiding Scams", by Tina from Home Instead.

Note Activities in Branch. MU Future Events: - Thursday 12th September, Ipswich Deanery Coffee Morning, at Ascension Hall, Larchcroft Rd. 10am- 12noon

Friday 18th October, Healing Service 2:00pm at St Felix Rendlesham.

For further details contact Ann Burgh