

Looking ahead to Worship

Wednesday 26 February Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 John 8:1-11	10.00am	Holy Communion – CW	St Michael's
Sunday 1 March Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-7 Matthew 4:1-11	9.30am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	9.45am	All Age Worship (no groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion – BCP (page279)	St Mary's
Wednesday 4 March Jonah 3 Luke 11:29-32	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 8 March Genesis 12:1-4 John 3:1-17	9.45am	Holy Communion – CW (with groups)	St Michael's
	11.00am	God's Family @ Church	St Mary's
	6.30pm	Evensong	St John's
Wednesday 11 March Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28	10.00am	Holy Communion - CW	St Michael's
Sunday 15 March Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-42	9.00am	Breakfast@9	St Michael's
	9.30am	Holy Communion - CW	St John's
	11.00am	Holy Communion – CW (page 167)	St Mary's

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

The pastoral care team If you would like a visit from the pastoral team, or you would like to let us know about a pastoral situation for prayer please get in touch. Brenda can be contacted on pastoralcare.mb@gmail.com for more details. 07565 196325

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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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NEWSLETTER –

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"The Newsletter" For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL Sunday 23 February 2020 Sunday next before Lent

Thoughts on Psalm 98 – Margaret

When we read today's Psalm we are reminded that our environment isn't an add on to creation to make the world beautiful for us, it is an integral part of the whole of creation and we can join together in praise to our amazing God who supports and protects us.

Today's Readings

Exodus 24:12-end

Matthew 17:1-9

9.45am	Holy Communion – CW + Baptism of Oscar Price (with groups) - Toby	St Michael's
11.00am	Morning Prayer (p30) - Carolyn	St Mary's
6.30pm	Evensong - Toby	St John's

"The Real Easter Egg 2020" Order this week, by 28 Feb



Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 9.00 – 12.00

Saturday 9.30 – 12.00

Free Wi-Fi available

Prayers for the week - De Brink on The Green, Deben Avenue, Demesne Gardens, Denham Court. All who work in Martlesham Business Park. We pray for our PCC and all who are in leadership roles in our churches.

Pray for those who have no work to go to

Pray that we do not forget to love and understand our neighbours.

Pray for those who have recently experienced bereavement

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

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

Pray for the opening and smooth running of the "Pop up Shop", next opening on the Sunday 8th March

Pray for the people of China and the world, who are affected by the Coronavirus.

Pray for Oscar Price, great grandson of Ann Price, and parents Adrienne &

Michael Price, we welcome him into the Church this Sunday.

Up Coming Diary Events

Sunday 23 February: Baptism of Oscar Franklin Price

Monday 24 February

- Bright Stars 10.30am St Michael's
- Monday Afternoon Bible Study Group, 1.00pm for 1.45pm at St Michael's
- Women Together – 7.30pm, Sr Michael's

Monday 9 March – Bright Stars 10.30am St Michael's

Saturday 14 March – Spring fayre – 10.00-noon, St Michael's

Saturday 21 March - Men's Breakfast 9.00am The Douglas Bader

Saturday 28 March – Benefice Away Day, 10.00-4.00pm Felixstowe

What's happening around the Parishes

Women Together - Our next event is a presentation by Di entitled "It all started in 2012" and it is a look at her 'second life' at Olympic Park and beyond. Those of you who know Di well will realise that she spends an awful lot of time involved with Olympic park and I am sure she has lots to share. So, it would be great to see you on **Monday 24th February** from 7:30pm at St Michael's. All Women from all our churches welcome. Speak to Tamsin for more information or if you'd like to be added to the Women Together email list.

Welcome team. Could you help our great team to welcome people to our churches? We would love to have more people involved to greet as people arrive, give out books etc. and help visitors and regulars feel welcome. See Simon Smith or Toby if you think you could help, even on an occasional basis.

Benefice Away Day. 28th March. 10 - 4. Christchurch Felixstowe. For our away day this year we have a guest speaker, Revd. Sharron Coburn, who will help us to explore how we can build the church. Not just our congregations, but the whole church of God. How can we engage with our friends, colleagues, neighbours etc. in a meaningful way to share the good news of Jesus with them? All are welcome, and the day is planned to allow for space to chat, eat and laugh together as a benefice. More details from Toby.

A Spring Fayre will be held at St Michael's church on **Saturday 14 March** from 10.00 – noon. It's a good opportunity to buy locally made gifts for Easter and for Mother's Day. If you are able to help in anyway, please talk to Margaret Rittman, or simply put the date in your diary and enjoy a morning of cake, coffee and gifts. Proceeds will go to the Parish Churches and L'Arche community in Ipswich. If you have any pre-loved items, books, jig-saws, etc. for the bric-a-brac stall, please leave them in church, in the box provided, or talk to Pam or Roger for collection. (01473 610 353)

The Real Easter Egg 2020 - orders now being taken for 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 the Original egg (milk chocolate) and the Dark egg (dark chocolate) both have plastic-free packaging 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 by **28th February**. Thank you. *Carolyn Smith 01473 625630*

Thank You for the Music – St Mary's over the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd May.

The organ recital by **Kate Macpherson** will be at 3.00pm on **Saturday 2nd May**, followed by a celebration tea. The flower festival will be from 10.00am to 3.00pm on Saturday 2nd and 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 3rd followed by a Songs of Praise service at which our new archdeacon will preach. If you are able to help serve refreshments or act as stewards in church during the weekend, please talk to Roger or Pam. There will be rotas for you to fill in nearer the time.

Holiday at Home 2020 will take place from Monday 15th June to Sunday 21st June.

We are planning a week of holiday activities specially for the over 55's from Martlesham and the surrounding area so don't miss out; make a note of the week in your diaries. Programmes and Booking Forms will be available at the end of April.

Lent Study @ The Rectory. On Thursday evenings through lent, the Thursday evening homegroup at the Rectory would like to invite anyone to join us for a lent special study. We meet at 7.45 for tea and chat, and study from 8 - 9.30. Whether you're new to homegroups, or simply want to come for lent, please join us as we learn together. No prior knowledge needed or assumed. We start on Thursday 27th February. More details from Toby or Tamsin.

Christmas Giant Card, thank you for all your donations and messages. This year we raised £185 and the Sunday school children have chosen some gifts. We have bought gifts from the charity "All We Can". This is a Methodist relief and development charity and their website is allwecan.org.uk if you would like to find out more about them and our gifts. The gifts we managed to buy are: Farmyard, Build a bog, Tools for success, Chirpy chicks, Make a splash and Busy Bees. We pray that these gifts will make a real difference in the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves.