

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The office is open mornings from 9.30-1pm  
on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

6.00 pm Private Intention  
8.30am People of the Parish  
10.30am Howard Lego RIP

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>. NO MASS

Tue 8<sup>th</sup>. Weekday  
9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> NO MASS

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> NO MASS  
*No Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Saturday/Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.January 2019**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
6.00 pm Mary Taylor RIP  
8.30am Intentions of Joseph Murphy  
10.30am John and Constance King RIP

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sheila Hanks, Emily Scarborough, Clare Derry,  
George Stuart Baxter, Leonard Anderson, Pauline Hooper, Monica  
Leonard, Fr Alan Sharpe, Robin Johnson,  
Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson, Kay Fry, Margaret Beeby,  
Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield, Fr. Felipe Ortega,  
Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Mary Turner, Grace Sheridan,  
Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan, Monica McAllister, Margaret  
Cleere, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese  
**and all who need our prayers.**

**Please pay for the souls of those whose anniversaries  
occur at about this time**

Eileen Torpey  
Breda Clarke

**May they rest in peace, Amen**

My Dear Friends

At Mass last weekend I tried to say "Thank you" to everyone for all that is done in the Parish throughout the year but especially at Christmas. I also wanted to express my thanks for the many cards and gifts I received from so many of you.

As many people were away I would like to repeat those thanks here in my first letter of the New Year.

I am not a great believer in New Year Resolutions: I don't think that winter weather encourages such things very much, but I would like to ask you to think about how you might be able to help in some way in the life of the parish. In the coming year I hope that we can develop our "ministry of welcome". Perhaps some other families or individuals could come forward for this.

To be a special minister of Holy Communion is both a privilege and a responsibility. If you think that you could share in this ministry please contact me. We actually need some additional ministers.

If there is any other area of parish life where you would like to be involved, again please let me know.

The future health of the parish depends on our ability to share the various tasks and responsibilities. Please don't leave it to everyone else.

With my love and prayers for each of you in this new year of 2019.

Fr Tony

**The next Bridge Drive** will take place on 8th January in the Church Hall. Doors open at 7.00 for prompt start at 7.30 pm and the benefitting charity is the Mid Surrey Dementia Care Trust. For more information please ring or email Karin Rogers, Tel 279606, email [rogerskarin@aol.com](mailto:rogerskarin@aol.com)

Please pick up a copy of the **Christmas Trumpet**, suggested Donation £1.

**Crib Offering 2018** – this Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

**This weekend we welcome back Fr Pak to celebrate Mass with us.**

## Bingo - My Time

Do you enjoy having a chat with good company, a little flutter and having fun while raising money for My Time, a local group providing respite activities for youngsters with caring responsibilities for a family member? Then try out our first friendly monthly bingo session of 2019 this coming Wednesday afternoon, 9th January at 2pm in the Hall. Why not bring a friend with you - the more the merrier and the bigger the winnings!



The Kings are brought to the stable

**Saint of the week.**

**Aelred of Rievaulx**, (born c. 1110, Hexham, Northumberland, Eng.—died Jan. 12, 1167, Rievaulx Abbey, Yorkshire), writer, historian, and outstanding Cistercian abbot who influenced monasticism in medieval England, Scotland, and France. Of noble birth, Aelred was reared at the court of King David I of Scotland, whose life story he later wrote and for whom he was royal steward. He entered the Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx about 1134, and from 1143 to 1147 he was abbot of Revesby in Lincolnshire. In late 1147 he became abbot of Rievaulx.

An adviser to kings as well as to ecclesiastics, Aelred in 1162 persuaded King Henry II of England to ally with King Louis VII of France in support of Pope Alexander III against the Holy Roman emperor Frederick I Barbarossa. Despite poor health, Aelred led a severely ascetic life and made numerous visits to Cistercian houses in England, Scotland, and France. His spirituality, his Christocentric doctrine, and, in particular, his writings—considered among the finest produced in England during the Middle Ages—highly influenced the Cistercians and earned him the title of “the Bernard of the north” (after the celebrated reformer Bernard of Clairvaux). By 1166 illness halted his missions. Aelred’s surviving works deal with either devotion or history. *De spirituali amicitia* (Spiritual Friendship), considered to be his greatest work, is a Christian counterpart of Cicero’s *De amicitia* and designates Christ as the source and ultimate impetus of spiritual friendship.

**Next Baptism Course** – Tuesday 19th February at 7pm in the Hall

**Pathways to Prayer**

We are all encouraged to grow in our relationship with God. The following offer some lovely opportunities for just that, and everyone is invited to participate. All will be held in the Dell, St Giles.

Jan 23rd 10-12am 'Silence' led by Rev. Camilla White  
Feb 27th 2-4pm 'The Bible' led by Rev. Richard Davies  
April 13th 10-12am 'The Cross' with Chris Bemrose

On March 27th a **spiritual book club** will be starting reading 'God with us' by Rowan Williams, and will meet from 10.30 - 12 noon in the Dell, on March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th, May 1st, May 8th.

There is also **Contemplative Prayer** on the third Monday of each month, from 8 - 9pm in St Giles Church. This offers a time of peace, a sacred space where we can rest and be open to God's love.

**REPOSITORY** – At 10.30 Mass on Sunday morning we are looking to recruit 2 more helpers to sell the cards etc; if you think you could do this very small job before and after Mass one Sunday a month, please contact the Parish office [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com) 01372 272267

**100 Club** The winners for October and November are Mike Andrews, Charles Vossier, Ted Le Riche and James Close. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Justice & Peace Assembly 2019** - Slavery on Our Doorstep: Saturday 26 January, 10am-4pm on Human Trafficking. Bishop Richard Moth plus Mick Duthie, Santa Marta Group, Fr Mark Odion and Richard Lancashire, Sussex Police. To book a place call Rosie on 01293 6511611 or email [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) .

**FOR SALE** – Attractive flat in the French Alps, close to Annecy; in a chalet of 8 flats; sleeps 6; garage; on ski-bus route; beautiful mountain views; good skiing; friendly village, good Summer facilities. For information, please 'phone Philippa on 01372 810246

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Keara Townsend 11**  
**Connor McLean 10 on Friday**

A **Deanery Day of Recollection/Reflection** will take place on Saturday 25th May 2019 from 10:00am till 4:00pm for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** at St Teresa's Independent School Effingham.

**Leaflets/booklets/papers etc in the Porch**, please do help yourself to all the literature in the Porch. It is there for you take away and read and pass on etc;

**'The Meeting Room' and 'Lunchbox'**

Did you over-shop for Christmas? Are you still being tempted to continue the indulging - jettisoning the diet? Have you received so many toiletries that you now have a complex that family and friends may be telling you something? Well help is on hand! You can donate your surplus non-perishable food and toiletries to 'The Meeting Room' and 'Lunchbox', both of which provide local drop-in centres for the homeless and those otherwise down on their luck together with a food bank service to the needy. A collection basket is in the porch.

**CAN WE HELP?** *Do you find yourself in need of a helping hand, eg. shopping, collecting prescriptions, transport to hospital or GP? Ring one of these people and they will help if they can.*  
Karin Rogers Tel. 279606  
Maureen Anderson Tel. 272988 #  
# Tesco shop – (day to be arranged)

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Last week's offertory collection came to £1,232.00

**Rotas for Weeks Commencing:**

Church Cleaning	6 <sup>th</sup> . Keith Higgins
	13 <sup>th</sup> . Angela Archer
Sunday Coffee	6 <sup>th</sup> . Gill Gruzalski
	13 <sup>th</sup> . Caroline King
Recorders	6 <sup>th</sup> . Mary Merrett & Oliver Mee
	13 <sup>th</sup> . Bill and Angela Archer

**Ministers rotas**

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass**

WM: Jean Wheeler and Maureen Chappell

EM: Ted Le Riche and Shane Murray

R: Alan Waters and Geraldine Hardwick

**Sunday 8.30 am**

WM: Claire H and Margaret McGarr

R: Judith O'Neill and Anastasya Beeston

EM: Keith Higgins and Keith Merrett

**Sunday 10.30 am**

WM: Helen Adams

R: James Close and Gill Gruzalski

EM: Jacqui Shabankareh and Paul Gruzalski

**You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to [newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk) to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning or phone Steve Rouse on 818698**