

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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

First Sunday of Advent

I will raise up for David a just shoot.
Jeremiah 33. 15



6.00pm Joe and Bridie Kelly RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Kathleen Bowler RIP

Mon 2nd NO MASS

Tues 3rd St. Francis Xavier
9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 4th NO MASS

Thu 5th Weekday
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament only

Fri 6th 2pm Funeral Mass for Julia Yems

Sat 7th Kieran Fry RIP
Followed by the burial of David Weaver's ashes
Sacrament of Reconciliation only at 5.15-5.45pm

7th/8th December Second Sunday of Advent

6.00pm People of the Parish
8.30am Mrs May Fernandez RIP
10.30am Lucie Wilkinson RIP

Julia Yems RIP – who died on 17th November aged 77.
She will be remembered by many staff and pupils from St
Peters. The funeral is here at St Michael's on Friday 6th
December at 2pm

Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Trevor Dadswell, John Leonard, Dillwyn Powell-Davies,
José Laguarda, Imogene McGrath, Tony Sydenham,
Jason Montague, Kathleen Flaherty, Fred Quintin,
Joan Clarke, Marie Menjou, Joanne Smith Carter
and Barbara Fullerton
May they Rest in Peace

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Genevieve Rodrigues, daughter of Olivia and Gary,
Leonard Anderson, Aloysius Keeley, Vincent Smyth,
Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter, Bart Gruzalski,
Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop, Clare Derry, Michael Roche,
Pauline Hooper, Elizabeth Samson,
Fr Alan Sharpe, Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson, Kay Fry,
Margaret Beeby, Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield,
Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Mary Turner,
Johanna Rainsbury, Stephen Sullivan,
Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese
and all who need our prayers.

My Dear Friends

I have invited Mike King to write to us about an important local project which is in need of our support. I hope you will read it carefully.

Traditionally during Advent/December there are not any 'prescribed' retiring collections (apart from the Crib Collection). Therefore, this month can be set aside for our local charities. In the past we have collected for Leatherhead Start, Pitstop etc, and this year we would like to support local young people at *AllSaints Café*.

As a parish, we are extremely generous to many worthwhile causes. We might think that the people with the greatest need are far away, in the third world. But next door, there is a real deprivation. In this leafy and well-heeled part of Surrey our neighbour is someone who relies upon the foodbank. Indeed, North Leatherhead is one of the most deprived areas in the UK. *AllSaints* is a Social Enterprise café based in the church of All Saints on the Kingston Road in Leatherhead, near The Plough roundabout. Along with the highest quality coffee, it provides a **route to work** for the disadvantaged youngsters of the surrounding area, who might otherwise become a sad statistic of Social Services or The Youth Justice System. We provide government back apprenticeships which last 12–18 months. But a qualification is only part of what *AllSaints* offer these youngsters. Of almost greater importance, is the environment created by *AllSaints* where calm stability, mutual respect, integrity, and strong positive role models are present and the norm.

Most apprentices begin at *AllSaints* with little self-esteem and no ability to present themselves in a positive light. By graduation, the difference is so marked, it is difficult to imagine them being the same person. We then seek to provide career guidance, introductions, references, etc. to help place the 'graduate' with a stable and reputable employer. The latest graduate has just gained a permanent position at Denbies Wine Estate. *AllSaints* is open six days a week with four apprentices and two job-share managers; but sales revenue doesn't cover the cost. We have to fund that gap to keep going.

Can you help?

It might be by coming and having an excellent coffee; but you might want to do more. We are, of course, looking for on-going financial support and if you are able to offer that, then we would be delighted to hear from you. This is funding for local youngsters from local people. In the meantime, there will be a retiring collection on Weekend of the 14/15th December.

For more information: speak to Father Tony.



Parish family Groups (PFGs) joint Christmas Party **TODAY**

1st December, 1st Sunday of Advent,
in the Hall from 12noon. Lots of Christmas food, mulled wine etc Children's and adult craft activities. Please don't feel this is limited to members of Parish family groups, any Parishioner is welcome.

Something different for Advent?

If you would like to come and try something different for Advent, come and experience takedown. This is a series of relaxed guided meditations based on the stories of Jesus and Ignatian tradition. The meditations encourage the use of the imagination to encounter Jesus, and can be a very helpful way of praying with scripture.

There will be 3 more sessions during Advent on Monday 2nd Dec, 9th Dec, and 16th Dec. from 7.30pm – 9pm, at 50 Taleworth Road. For information please contact Sue Marsh 07890658951 or Caroline King 07905360466

Travelling Crib.

The sign-up sheet for the travelling crib is now at the back of the church. It started its travel from house to house on November 25th. For those of you who are new, the travelling crib is brought into your home by someone who has it just before you. It comes with a prayer of blessing for the home. After you have it for a day, you then take it to the person next on the list. It's a wonderful feeling for the families by having it in the home and bringing it to others.

The next **Soup Lunch**, a **Christmas Special**, is on Friday 6 December. A selection of homemade soups, breads and desserts, tea and coffee, all for £5, will be served in the Church Hall, between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. All money collected will be shared between CAFOD, the Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy this festive gathering and support three worthy charities.

During December, local schools and choirs will be singing in the Ashley Centre Epsom for **Epsom Medical Equipment Fund** (near House of Fraser). Please come and support Epsom General and especially our local Catholic choirs! Wed 4th 10-11am St Clements Ewell, Thurs 5th 5-7 pm St Joseph's church choir, Fri 6th 10-11am, St Joseph's junior school. If you want to sing, the EMEF choir will be singing Sat 7th 10-11.30 at Sainsbury's Kiln Lane Epsom. No previous experience needed, but wrap up warm as we are just inside the entrance! A joyful way to start Advent, Dr Sylvia Roberts Trustee EMEF.

Confirmation Group Enrolment Mass will be on **Saturday 7th December at 6pm**. Please look out for the Prayer Sponsor form in the Porch of the Church next week. Please pick up an Advent and Christmas programme for times and events throughout December.

CAFOD Advent Raffle

Tickets will be on sale this weekend and next. Many thanks to everyone who has donated prizes.

Deanery School of Prayer: There is a sign-up sheet in the Porch for the School of Prayer next Saturday 7th Dec 10am-4pm and on Sunday 8th Dec 12am-4pm, here at St Michael's. It will be a very interesting and uplifting weekend, with the input being given from Iona Reid-Daglish from the Jesuit community. It is a unique opportunity. To give an idea of numbers, please write clearly on the sheet your name, contact details, and how much of the weekend you hope to attend. If attending on either or both days, please bring packed lunches.

Advent Services of Reconciliation around the Deanery

Banstead & Tadworth Parishes Joint Service at St Ann's Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7:00pm

Leatherhead Parish, Our Lady & St Peter Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7:00pm

Epsom Parish, St Joseph's Thursday 12th December 2019 at 1:45pm - For the school and parents.

Epsom Parish, St Joseph's Friday 13th December 2019 at 7:30pm

Effingham & Fetcham Parish Our Lady of Sorrows Sunday 15th December 2019 at 3:00pm

Ashted Parish St Michael's Monday 16th December 2019 at 7:30pm

Ewell Parish St Clement's Thursday 19th December 2019 at 7:30pm

Redhill, Reigate & Merstham Parish of the Nativity of the Lord

Service at St Joseph's Friday 20th December 2019 at 6:30pm.

Happy Birthday to:

Harvey Dutton 10, Hugh Wilton 8 and Mia Gleeson 8 on Sunday

Alex de Schulthess 11, Oliver De Souza Bridges 3 and Alexa Lang 2 on Friday

Nylah Luisis-Lynd 7 on Saturday

Advent Groups started up during w/c 25th November and will meet weekly during Advent. If you are interested in joining one of the groups please sign the sheet in back of church

ROTAS – Church Cleaning, Sunday Coffees, Offertory

Recording I will soon be preparing new rotas for 2020. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like your name to be removed from or added to the lists. Some wonderful new volunteers have come forward recently but we can always use more. You can contact me on 01372 379244 or at mary.merrett@gmail.com Mary Merrett

Christmas Trumpet deadline – 1st December (TODAY)

if anyone has anything they would like to share in the Christmas Trumpet, ie photos, articles, poems, memories, anecdotes, family news etc etc please email the office smichaeloffice@gmail.com or post items in the post box

Next week's Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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Offertory Collection last week raised £1,453.11
Last week's retiring collection for CAFOD came to £269.43
Next weekend the retiring collection is for Action in Africa

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.

Pat Cass Tel. 274498 #

Ann Clark Tel. 277324

Tesco shop - day and time to be arranged

Rotas for Weeks Commencing:

Church Cleaning	1 st December Tom Dore
	8 th December Philippa Dupenois
Sunday Coffee	1 st December Marina Chaning Pearce
	8 th December Mary Merrett
Recorders	1 st December Alan and Norma Kelly
	8 th December Bill and Angela Archer

Ministers' rotas 7th/8th December – Second Sunday of Advent Saturday 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

WM: Maureen Chappell and Jean Wheeler

R: Geraldine Hardwick and Ray Quinlan

EM: Alan Waters and Angela Archer

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Tom Dore and Margaret McGarr

R: Keith Merrett and Simon Williams

EM: Sheila Hayter and Garry Hayter

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Danny Lynch and Armi Stokes

R: Casey Stokes and James Close

EM: Caroline King and Susan Marsh

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to newsletter@stmichaelashted.org.uk
to arrive by 9.30am on Friday morning