

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



Vol. 59 No 36
1st / 2nd August 2020

St Michael's Parish Office,
The Marld, Ashtead KT21 1RS
Email: smichaeloffice@gmail.com
Parish Priest: Rev. Provost Anthony Churchill
Priest's House – 01372 270842
Deacon: Rev David Pattinson Tel: 07788 916910
Website: www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk
To book the Parish Hall please email the office.
Hall wi-fi: [Netgear41 \(password\) grandcomet148](#)
The office is CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Please ring Fr Tony on the number above in an emergency.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Michael's

Sat 1 st	6.00pm	Ronald Kelleher RIP
Sun 2 nd	8.30am	Simon McDevitt RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 3 rd	9.30am	Weekday
		Ray Vaudry RIP
Tues 4 th	9.30am	Weekday
		Intentions of the Penabad family
Wed 5 th		NO MASS
Thurs 6 th	9.30am	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri 7 th	9.30am	Weekday
		Robert Dore RIP
Sat 8 th	10am	St Dominic
		Intentions of the Brock and Richardson Families

8th/9th August 2020 Nineteenth Sunday

Sat 8 th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 9 th	8.30am	Margaret Hall RIP
	10.30am	In Thanksgiving

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,
Myra Vanner, Sylvia Crampin, Clare Derry,
Peggy Brogan, Vincent Smyth,
Emily Scarborough, George Stuart Baxter,
Bart Gruzalski, Sheila Hanks, Sarah Bishop,
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, Johanna Rainsbury,
Stephen Sullivan, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese
and all who need our prayers.

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

Kitty Dixon, Brian McArdle,
Esther Hobday, Caitlin McCormack,
Henry Kearney and Molly Andrews

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

Last weekend saw a much larger congregation than the previous weekend.

I am very grateful to the people who have kindly volunteered to act as stewards or welcomers at the weekend Masses. I may need to ask for some more volunteers in the future if numbers make it necessary to have an "overspill" in the hall.

We are not there yet but we soon could be.

I must also say thank you to the little team who have made live-streaming possible.

I have already written about Theresa Grogan whose generous bequest made it possible financially, but it could not have happened without David Warnock and Bill O'Neill in particular. They both gave hours of time to the project. I have had quite a lot of feedback from people who are enjoying the possibility of sharing in the Mass from home until such time as they feel able to return in person. There are others who are housebound for whom it is a wonderful opportunity to feel part of the parish in a new way through the internet.

After Holy Communion we have introduced into the Mass a short time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This, at least for the moment allows us to join in prayer with those at home who are joining us online.

Thank you all for your generosity in so many ways over these past weeks and months.

Fr Tony

Important Changes to Services at St. Michaels

- The church is open for Mass and private prayer, subject to the conditions of our 'Social Distancing' protocol on **Page 3**
- Because so many people are still shielding or are away on holiday **we have decided not to use the A-Z to manage numbers at Mass.**
- Please remain seated until you are called forward for communion by a steward.
- All Masses now are live-streamed unless otherwise stated.
- (see note overleaf about our current service outage)
- All streamed Masses are automatically recorded and may be watched later on our YouTube Channel (see below).
- We also include and instructions on how to pick up St. Michael's Live-Streaming **on the Live Streaming page of the Parish Website**
<http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/Archive.php>

Lockdown in UK parishes: CAFOD's support

Through our network of volunteers, young CAFOD leaders and our staff, we are keen to support, in whatever way possible, the opening up of churches.

We are offering various online resources to help your parishioners and schools to pray and to engage:

- our online [children's liturgy](#),
- our programme of [online talks, prayer and Masses](#)
- Our [Summer of Hope](#) ideas for families and parishioners - to transform lockdown, and cancelled summer events or things they've been missing, into some fun fundraising and easy ways to brighten up lockdown.

Live Streaming – Service Outage

We are currently suffering an outage on our broadband service, which has affected the whole Parish network and stopped our live streaming. Currently we are waiting for an Openreach engineer!

From today's Gospel reading:

Taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Reflection:

Jesus saw the hungry crowd and with the loaves and fish his disciples offered, he fed them. While we might receive comfort knowing that our inner hungers are fed at our Eucharistic meal, let's not just "spiritualize" today's gospel.

Let's remember that Jesus' pity extended to the crowd's physical needs that he saw when he disembarked from the boat. Matthew tells us, "He was moved with pity for them and he cured their sick," and, with the disciples' help, he fed their hunger.

So, we ask ourselves:

- What hunger do I bring to this Eucharist today that I turn to Jesus to feed?
- Who are the hungry I am hearing Jesus invite me to feed – with his help?

Parish Communications Do keep an eye on our Social Media while we're in lockdown! **Visit St. Michael's**

Parish website <http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/>

Face Book Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/289562958175720>

YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg/

Alison, Steve & Bill

Telephone support for the bereaved.

If you have been recently bereaved and you'd like to talk to someone but aren't able to do so or don't want to leave the house, we have members of our bereavement team who are able to offer you telephone support. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office by email smichaeloffice@gmail.com let us know your telephone number and a good time to ring and one of the bereavement team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Do you need any painting/decorating/bathroom fitting done?

Speak to Pierre Abi Sleiman, a church member for many years, ring 07711 252843 or 01372 278272

'Lunchbox' and 'The Meeting Room' If you would like to donate money, non-perishable food or toiletries, 'Lunchbox' is open to receive donations every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8AY
'The Meeting Room' is providing a similar service and would welcome financial donations. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Meeting Room' and dropped off to Phil Ward at 49, Ottways Lane, Ashtead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Chloe Taylor 12, Flynn McNamara 4, Chantelle Laryea 10 and Flynn Hagger 3 on Saturday
Zelda Blower 5 on Sunday
James Greene 6 on Monday
Dylan Cunningham 5 on Tuesday
Alyssa Pont 13 Charlie Heden 11 and James Greene 8 on Saturday

Ministers' rotas

2nd August – Eighteenth Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: Ellie Watson, Jessica Laguarda, Lisa Laguarda

R: David Gwyther

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Penny Weaver, Matthew Pattinson

R: Nick Pisa

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Nicola, Imogen, Sienna Langley, Radka Dodge

R: Gill Gruzalski

8th August – Nineteenth Sunday of the year

Saturday 6.00pm

WM: Lillian Baldwin, Matthew Pattinson

R: Fina Tisi

Sunday 8:30 am

WM: Rocio and Santiago

R:

Sunday 10:30 am

WM: Helen Adams

R: Gill Gruzalski

If you are able to be a welcomer or reader at the moment please contact the office smichaeloffice@gmail.com

This Week's Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144: 8-9. 15-18 r.16;

Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200802/mass.htm>

Online Giving – Coronavirus

When our Church was closed, the Coronavirus affected us materially as well as spiritually. Bills keep coming, but income is significantly down.

A good many parishioners give via standing order. If you can do this, it simplifies the admin and is great for self-distancing!

For more details email smichaelweb@gmail.com

About half the week's income usually arrives via the collection baskets so we are missing that. The Diocese has set up a web page for online giving. The web link for this donation page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>

The money will come into the Diocese and then be sent to the parishes accordingly. **So don't forget to name the parish, area or priest when donating.**

For more info, contact Laura Maydew-Gale E:

comunications@abdiocese.org.uk T: 07552 249 829

Each year, we journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, however, due to Covid-19, this year we will have to travel in spirit and mind and not body.

We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for a virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage from the 25th to the 30th July. Including virtual events for families and for Redshirts (those in years 10 & 11). Find out more at www.ablourdes2020.org

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

The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a charity - No. 252878

Welcome back to St Michael's for Private Prayer and Mass

We are open for private prayer subject to the following -.

- Please adhere to social distancing rules at all times. Remember, you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others.
- Hand sanitizer gel is provided – please use it on entrance and exit.
- Available seats in centre benches have been marked.



- Side benches are for use primarily by families and households.
- Before leaving the church, please clean the area you used. Anti-viral spray is provided at rear of church. Please take care to spray areas touched. Paper towels should be placed in the lined bin provided.
- Toilet facilities are not available during this period.
- Votive candles cannot be made available at the moment.
- Entry and exit will be via the same doors – adhering to distancing rules.
- Doors will remain open at all times to reduce physical contact and maintain airflow.
- If you have any Flu-like symptoms, fever, cough, sneezing etc, please do not enter.
- Please ensure that your children are under control and remain with you at all times.
- Unaccompanied children and not allowed into the church at this time

To all CTE Member Churches, members of CTE's Enabling Group, County and National Ecumenical Officers/contact people and CTE staff

For your information, please see below a press statement from Churches Together in England released today. This statement is also [available online](#) and can be shared via our social media channels on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



**Press Statement
For Immediate Release**

28 July 2020

CTE Presidents call all churches to address racial injustice in church life and wider society

Presidents of Churches Together in England, named below, with the support of the Fourth Presidency Group, have issued a statement calling on churches to travel together on the journey of racial justice, addressing injustices both within our church life and in wider society. They write...

We as Presidents of Churches Together in England have responded to the killing of George Floyd in the United States, and the widespread call for real change to combat racial injustice in our world, above all in our own country. We have spent time over the past few weeks listening to voices of people from the black community, especially the younger generation. This has been a deeply moving experience and illustrated powerfully the many profound changes of heart and actions that need to be made. The attitude that regards black people – and indeed other people of ethnic minorities – as inferior is evil and mars our common humanity. We challenge this unreservedly, recognising the constant experiences of racism, including micro aggression, which black people face.

We believe that churches have a significant role to play in combating racial injustice. If we are to be effective in doing so, we must look at ourselves.

We are painfully aware of the racism that blights the life of our churches. We are intent upon a process of identifying racial injustice within our churches – current and historic – repenting of it and taking action to effect real change. This includes the potential for discriminatory behaviour in the way that we make church appointments, which we know can happen at the conscious or unconscious level. We want to ensure that these processes are just and demonstrate the so often neglected gospel truth of Colossians 3:11 “there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all”. In this verse Paul makes it clear that racial injustice and discrimination is not only profoundly unjust and an affront to God but also the very denial of Christ who reached out to all human beings.

Some Member Churches of Churches Together in England have already embarked upon this journey of tackling racial injustice. The Church of England plans a new action group, and among the Free Churches work by the Methodist and United Reformed Churches, together with Baptists Together is already under way, as is also true for the Catholic Church. The Pentecostal Forum has long held this issue in its view, as have the Orthodox Churches.

We call upon all churches to travel together on this journey of racial justice so that together, as one community of churches in England, we may reach out in love and respect to one another in pursuit of our common witness.

An area of great concern to us as Presidents is the relationship between the black community and the criminal justice system. We will therefore be facilitating conversations between young black women and men and senior members of the police service. We are also seeking to engage both the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice in further considering the day-to-day experience of many young black people in England.

We encourage all churches throughout England to do all they can to build trust and improve accountability between black communities, the police, civic bodies and wider community groups. In particular we call upon groupings of Church Leaders throughout the nation to reach out to their black colleagues in church leadership who are currently absent from their membership, making more inclusive ecumenical leadership. Our desire is that these groups will create spaces for those in authority to listen, as we have, to the powerful testimony of young black women and men as a step towards greater social cohesion.

We see these issues as matters of gospel and faith for all who follow Jesus Christ, the one who calls every nation and people to the justice of the Kingdom of God.

ENDS

Presidents of Churches Together in England:

Archbishop Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

Revd Dr Hugh Osgood, The Free Churches Moderator

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London and CTE President for the Orthodox Churches

Pastor Agu Irukwu, head of Redeemed Christian Church of God UK and CTE Pentecostal President

The Fourth Presidency Group comprises Lutheran, Quaker and The Church of Scotland (English Presbytery) Member Churches.

Notes to editors:

- Churches Together in England will soon be establishing a churches racial justice working group which will encourage continued action and the sharing of good practice among its 50 Member Churches.
- Churches Together in England (CTE) is the national ecumenical instrument supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.
- Nationally, CTE brings together **50 Member Churches from many diverse traditions**. In fact, we unite the broadest range of churches in the whole of Europe. CTE's strapline is: *One in Christ Jesus, engaged in God's mission, empowered by the Spirit*. Read more about CTE at www.cte.org.uk/WhoWeAre

Contact:

For further information, please contact:

Revd Dr Paul Goodliff,

General Secretary of Churches Together in England

paul.goodliff@cte.org.uk

07741 893141

Kind regards,

Lorraine

Lorraine Shannon

Operations Manager

Churches Together in England

27 Tavistock Square

London WC1H 9HH

Tel: 020 7529 8131 / 07342 997394

Websites: www.cte.org.uk

www.rejesus.co.uk

Churches Together in England

One in Christ Jesus, engaged in God's mission, empowered by the Spirit

www.cte.org.uk

