

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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
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or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th/26th September

6.0pm	People of the Parish
8.30am	Sid and Glad Hawkins RIP
10.30am	Fr Tony Whale RIP
Mon 27	St Vincent de Paul
9.30am	Henry Smith RIP
Tues 28	NO MASS
Wed 29	NO MASS
	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Thurs 30	NO MASS
Fri 1	St Therese
9.30am	Stephen Jayes RIP
Sat 2	The Holy Guardian Angels
10am	Theresa Connor RIP
	<i>Followed by the Sacrament of reconciliation</i>

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd/3rd October

6.0pm	Intentions of Bob & Maria Adams
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.30am	Janet McCormack RIP

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube  *(suspended)*
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg
The Parish and Fr Tony's Internet/phone lines/live streaming – are
still out of action...

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Alan Kelly, Bob Adams, Doreen Peters,
Francesco Pisa, Shaun Wallace, Simon Warren,
Mavis Bazeley, Philip MacDonald, Margaret McArdle,
Peggy Brogan, Sheila Hanks, Pauline Hooper,
Bill Danson, Jean Rawlinson,
Margaret Beeby, Anne Burman, Alfredo Sheffield,
Nina Grant, Barbara Long, Johanna Rainsbury,
Stephen Sullivan, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese

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

Ronald Ryan, Margaret Hicks, Steve Jordan,
Bridget Harvey, Benedict McCaffry, Nell O'Leary,
Nell Pullen, Edward McCann, Fr Michael Walsh,
Josephine Scott, Reginald Berryman,
Betty Fitzpatrick, Henry Smith Joyce Gibbs
Samantha Jane Cooper and Peter de Schulthess

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

This weekend we are marking the coming Feast of St Michael the Archangel which falls on Wednesday. The evening Mass on Saturday precedes our annual social event and "AGM." Apart from my Jubilee celebration in July this is really the first opportunity for nearly two years for us to get together for a social occasion.



During the coming year I hope that we can begin to get back to normal, as far as we can. Our various committees are, or should soon be up and running. The Pastoral Care Group has continued all through the last 18 months. CAFOD will be making an appeal this weekend for the annual October Family Fast Day. Thanks to Emma and the Liturgy Team, we have been able to have music at the 10.30 Mass from as soon as it was allowed.

The Parish Council has not met as a body since the start of the pandemic, but the various groups represented on the Council have continued to meet. We have tried to keep up the various activities of the parish. I am very grateful for all that they have been able to do in very difficult circumstances.

We are continuing the preparation of the children for their First Holy Communion but in small groups over the coming months. This has allowed us to have more intimate celebrations with the families.

We have put off Confirmation until next year. It should mean a bigger group next year, but in view of the pressures on young people during the pandemic, it seemed unfair to add to the pressures in Year 11, and better to postpone the preparation until Autumn 2022.

It is my impression that people generally, and not just here, are reluctant to get involved in elaborate structures and large committees, but are quite willing to help out when and where needed. On the other hand I think that perhaps we need a small group to have a "overview" and provides an opportunity for people to come forward with ideas for future development.

The next few months must be a time to think about the future and how we might best prepare for it. Your thoughts would be welcome.

With my love and prayers for each of you
Fr Tony

This weekend, please pick the Bishop's Pastoral letter in the Porch.

St Michael's Social Event & AGM: Saturday 25th September in the Hall after 6pm Mass

This year we would like to make the celebration of St Michael's Feast Day **an evening of WELCOME to new parishioners** who have joined us here in Ashted in the past 2 years. It's been difficult to welcome you properly to our parish and hopefully this evening will be a great opportunity to meet you in person and let you know all that we do. This evening is not just for newcomers, of course, but for everyone, young, old and everything in between, to socialise again after a long absence.



Drinks and refreshments provided for all.

From today's Gospel reading:

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Reflection:

As Christians we look for Christ's presence in the world doing what he did in his lifetime. When someone forgives a wrong done; a neighbor sacrifices time and resources to help someone in need; medical personnel travel across the country to relieve a pandemic-swamped emergency room; a grammar school collects food and clothing for the poor – though the name of Jesus may not be spoken, and the people involved might not be Christian still, we see him present, doing what he always did, reaching out to raise up the fallen and rejected.

So we ask ourselves:

Can we spot the active presence of Jesus in the good deeds done for those in need?

How do our daily activities line up with the good Jesus intends for others?

The **St Michael's Soup Lunch** is back (**Hurrah!**)

On Friday, 1 October, homemade soups, breads, desserts and tea/coffee will be served between 12 noon and 1.30 pm, all for £5. Proceeds will be shared between CAFOD, The Princess Alice Hospice and Besom. All are welcome to experience St Michael's award-winning hospitality.



100 Club renewal forms

Extra 100 Club renewal forms are at the back of the Church. If you would like to join the 100 Club please let the office know and we can start your membership from 1st October for the year 2021/2022. It's a very easy way to boost the parish funds by about £1,200 per year. Many thanks to all those who take part and continue to take part.
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Beginning Experience Weekend:

October 8th – 10th, Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For those who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or bereavement. Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. More details at besouthofengland@gmail.com

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Neve McNamara 11 on Tuesday

Jesse Clack 7 on Wednesday

Leo Hunter 12 on Friday

Harvest Family Fast Day Friday October 1st, 2021.

This Family Fast Day **CAFOD** are acutely aware that our world is in crisis. The pandemic has pushed more people into poverty and increased inequality. The communities that **CAFOD** work with are already facing unprecedented hardship because of the impact of climate change – as harvests fail, forests burn and lands flood. Millions of the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers are struggling to survive.

On Family Fast Day please support **CAFOD's** appeal with your prayers and donations.

- £40 could help a forest farming family rebuild and re-plant after a forest fire.
- £100 could provide five forest defenders with training to keep themselves and the forest safe.

Please pick up an envelope from the Porch this weekend and bring it back the following weekend or donate online cafod.org.uk/



Please pick up a copy of **The Trumpet** (*our parish magazine*) in the Porch, suggested donation £1 (bargain!)

This Week's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18;
James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20210925/mass.htm>

Parish Communications

Visit St. Michael's Parish website www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/

Face Book Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/289562958175720>

YouTube Channel (live streaming of Masses)

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

You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to

newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk

Welcomers/Readers Rota

Weekend	6pm		8.30am		10.30am	
25th/26th September	W1	L Baldwin	W1	Rocio	W1	Cristiana Benini
	W2	Lisa Laguarda	W2	Santiago	W2	Armi Stokes
	R1	Alan Waters	R1	G Hayter	R1	Nick Pisa
2nd/3rd October	W1	A Caprano-Wint	W1	Kaori Tybura	W1	P Durrett
	W2	M Rowney	W2	Kaori Tybura	W2	Cristiana Benini
	R1	P Dupenois	R1	M O'Donovan	R1	Faye Jenkins



A sign of hope and promise of better things to come....

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