

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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The Parish and Fr Tony's Internet/phone lines and live-streaming are now working.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd/24th October

6.00pm Mary Marshall RIP

8.30am Ricky Byrne RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

Mon 25 Weekday

9.30am David Edwards RIP

Tues 26 Weekday

9.30am Intentions of Alan Kelly

Wed 27 **NO MASS**

Thurs 28 ss Simon and Jude

9.30am Roger Chan Lok RIP

Fri 29 Weekday

9.30 am Intentions of Neve Heasman

Sat 30 Weekday

10am Jane Harman RIP

immediately followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45pm

All Saints— 30th/31st October

6.00pm People of the Parish

8.30am Holy Souls

10.30am DRF of the Cassar Family

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube 

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

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.

Mercy Dadswell, Mary McNally, Francis Murphy,
Ricky Byrne, George Byrne, Michael Whelan,
Louis Chan-lok, John Fitzsimmons, Colin Doran,
Joseph Cuddihy, Katie Jones, Emerenciara Bandales

May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

The second group of children are about to start the preparation for their First Holy Communion. The first group have now all made their Communion.

Parents will appreciate that the pandemic has meant that things are happening later than normal.

Those whose children would normally be starting in December will be a few months late in starting but there is no need to rush. It may well be that they will be that much more mature next year and will get more out of the programme.

We have found that preparing in these smaller groups is more effective and better suited to involving both parents and children.

The smaller celebrations have had a more intimate feel to them. The children and their parents have appreciated the more personal style of celebration, and other parishioners have been pleased to see the children they have seen over the years coming to receive Communion at a normal parish Mass.

I am very grateful to Marie and Deacon David for all they do for the children and their families.

I would like to ask some of the parents whose children have already made their First Communion to offer to help with the groups. I hope that we can increase the number of helpers. Please let me know if you are interested.

With my love and prayers for each of you.
Fr Tony

The next **Bereavement Group Meeting** will be on Thursday 29th October in the Church Hall. If you have been bereaved and would like the support of others, please come and join us. All are welcome.

Bereavement Mass and Blessing of the Garden of Remembrance will take place on Saturday 6th November at 10am Mass, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the Porch.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for **Missio**, his charity for World Mission. Please support **Missio** in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

St Michael's Ashtead Coffee Morning

Andy and Kay McGregor are keen to launch a midweek coffee morning that serves the parish community.

More details will be given at the end of all Masses next weekend, the 23rd /24th October.

Attached to this week's Newsletter (page 4) is a questionnaire designed to gain feedback / views ideas on the scope of the coffee morning and how it can best serve our community.

Please take a few minutes to respond and return your answers by 7th November (All is explained below).

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to [Bartimaeus], "What do you want me to do for you?"

Reflection:

Jesus meets us where he found the blind Bartimaeus, by the roadside, also not seeing, or looking in the wrong direction for wisdom and insight. Today, for a moment, we have stopped to hear the Word of God and Jesus asking us, "What do you want me to do for you?" We answer from our present place, or life situation, "Master I want to see."

So, we ask ourselves:

How would we respond to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Have we ever shared what He has done for us with another?

The Repository is the small shop in the Porch next to the coffee area where you can buy cards, Christmas cards, advent candles, FHC gifts etc. Tala Gogy has very kindly offered to run the shop and the rota. It would be lovely to have a few more helpers so the shop could be open at all Masses. If you are interested email Tala tbaraya@googlemail.com

Weekly collection. If you would like to make your weekly collection by Bank transfer, or for any other payment ie Mass intentions, see details below.
St Michael's Bank Account details.
HSBC Bank—RCD A&B St Michael, Ashtead
Account no. 21076248

Climate Change St. George's is holding an event at St George's Christian Centre on Monday 8 November, where Guest speaker Helena Ritter, from climate change charity 'Hope for the Future' will speak on the COP26 summit and how we communicate the urgency of climate change and act now. The event is free of charge and all are welcome.

Christmas Hampers (See page 3 in online)
Besom in Ashtead want to bring God's message of love to those in need this Christmas through the giving of Hampers. Your gifts bring so much joy to those that receive them.

A hamper can be for a single person, couple or family. For full details please contact Lynne Slater by email on lynne.slater@btconnect.com

ASHTEAD CHORAL SOCIETY – please note that the Come and Sing Elijah event planned for October 30th **has been cancelled**. Instead you are invited to join us on Mon 1st Nov in Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall from 8 to 10pm when we will be singing various choruses from the work. Free scores will be available from 7.30. Please bring your own drinks for the break. As numbers are still being restricted in the hall please book a place by emailing secretary@ashteadchoralsociety.org.uk

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lola Novoa Matos 2 on Sunday
Holly El-Dada 11 and Max Hutchinson 2 on Monday
Sophia Hajarha 7 on Thursday
George Latham 13, Samara Coskuner 11 and Antony Benedict 13 on Friday

The Next Baptism Course will be on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm in the Church. Please email the office for more details.
smichaeloffice@gmail.com

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

We are looking to start Children's Liturgy again. We would very much like to run sessions for both age groups every week, as was the case prior to the pandemic, but we are now a much reduced team of 3. We are therefore looking for new volunteers to join us. No experience is needed just your time once a month or less (depending on numbers) to talk to the children about the week's Gospel and perhaps organise a game or activity to help the children think about and understand its meaning.

If you would like to find out more or join the team please contact Marie at mtnewman3109@outlook.com or 07872317770.

St. Martin's Epsom invites you to a **Centering Prayer Taster Day** on Sat 13th Nov, from 10-30 am to 4.15 pm.
Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer where we consent to God's presence and action within. See poster on page 6 for details.



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

This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9 ; Psalm 125;
Hebrews 5:1-6 ; Mark 10:46-52

You can see these readings at:
<https://www.universalis.com/20211024/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
23rd/24th October	W1 Lisa Laguarda	W1 P Weaver	W1 Armi Stokes
	W2 L Baldwin	W2 M McGarr	W2 Tala Gogy
	R1 Andy McGregor	R1 N Pisa	R1 C Balko
30th/31st October	W1 Tessa Davis	W1 Matt Pattinson	W1 Radka Dodge
	W2 A Caprano-Wint	W2	W2 Cristiana Benini
	R1 Nick Pisa	R1 Martin O'Donovan	R1 Cara Heden



Christmas Hampers

Bringing God's message of love and provision to those in need.

Would you like to provide a hamper for people in need in the local area? Your gifts bring so much joy to those that receive them.

Ideas for your hamper

Use a cardboard box decorated with Christmas paper, a plastic crate or a wicker basket.

★ Food

It is lovely if the items are 'special' rather than 'value' everyday items. Please do not include alcohol, perishables, nuts or home-made items.

Cakes / Biscuits / Chocolates / sweets
Honey / jam / marmalade
Tea / coffee / hot chocolate / Fruit Juice
Cereals
Cranberry Sauce
Pasta / sauce
Soup

★ Cash donations

Will be used to buy gifts or
Supermarket Gift cards.

★ General gifts

Body wash / shampoo / Body lotions
Razors & shaving foam
Socks / slipper socks
Hat / scarf /gloves
Colouring pens / soft toy
Hot water bottle
Christmas tree / decorations
Crackers /Napkins /Tablecloth

★ Gifts for a specific family

Besom can give you the Christian names and ages of a family so you can tailor your gifts just for them.

Hamper drop off point

For the Besom team to deliver the hampers in time for Christmas please could you drop your hamper at The Dell Centre, St Giles Church Drive. Ashtead. KT21 1EJ

Monday 29th Nov Between 9am – 12 noon.

Tuesday 30th Nov Between 1pm and 4pm

Contact

Lynne Slater lynne.slater@btconnect.com

The Lord has anointed me
To proclaim good news to the poor.
Isaiah 61:1

For more details about the work of
Besom please visit our website
www.besominashtead.com

Coffee morning Questionnaire

1.The Coffee morning would be open **Wednesday 10am to 12 in the church hall**. Would you be interested in attending ?

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2.Would you be interested in volunteering to help out occasionally? Please circle your response –
Yes No

3.What would you like to see the coffee morning offering in terms of drinks and food?

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4.Would you like a choice of activities to be provided during the coffee morning eg. Cards/board games / children's toys? Please specify

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5.Are community events and therefore a sense of parish community important to you?

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6.Would you support the establishment of a parish social club and if so what activities would you like to see being organised over the course of the year ?

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If your answer to question 2 is yes please give your contact details below-

Name-

Mobile number-

Landline number-

Email-

Many thanks for completing the questionnaire and please return to the box in the church porch marked St. Michaels coffee morning returned questionnaires by Sunday November 7th at the latest. Alternatively please send your responses to the following email address-

andymcgregor59@gmail.com



Monday 8 November

St George's Christian Centre, Barnett
Wood Lane, Ashted, KT21 2DA

7.45-9.30pm

Caring for Creation - Action Now

Guest speaker

Helena Ritter,

from climate change charity

'Hope for the Future'

will speak on the COP26 summit
and how we communicate the urgency of
climate change and act now.

Free of charge - All welcome

**HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE** 

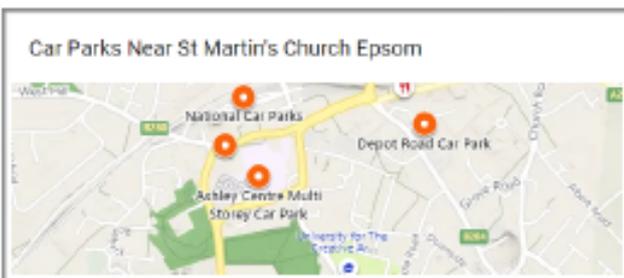
An Invitation to a
**Centering Prayer
Taster Day**
at St Martin's Church, Epsom
KT17 4PX
Saturday, November 13th
10.30am - 4.15pm

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer where we consent to God's presence and action within. It is a movement away from more active modes of prayer into a receptive prayer of resting in God. It is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

This is rooted in the work of Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO, one of the principal founders and teachers of Centering Prayer. Fr Thomas began this work in 1983 and it is now practised worldwide.

Taught by trained and commissioned presenters, the Taster Day familiarises participants with the method of Centering Prayer and its roots in the Christian tradition, whilst offering two opportunities to experience the prayer. All are welcome but places will be limited to 40 people.

If you need more information on Centering Prayer please contact:
Dr Lynne Scholefield
stmcenteringprayer@gmail.com



There is also parking at Dulshott Green



The cost of this Taster Day is £5.50 which includes refreshments and takeaway literature. There will be a BYO/DIY lunch break (the neighbouring Old King's Head will offer a soup and sandwich special).

To book your place please contact Judith Mitchell at stmcenteringprayer@gmail.com
To make a payment for attending the day you can do one of the following:

1. Click on the link:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18085>

2. Use your Smart Phone and Scan the QR Code below



If you are unable to use the electronic transfers you can pay by cheque to The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom, via the Church Office, KT17 4PX, with the envelope marked "Centering Prayer Day".

Following the Taster Day, participants will be invited to attend six weekly, continuing, sessions, at St Martin's, Epsom, in which to establish a personal Centering Prayer practise tutored by trained presenters.