

ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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Please ring Fr Tony on his number above in an emergency
or to request Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All Saints— 30th/31st October

6.00pm People of the Parish

8.30am Ricky and Kieron Byrne RIP

10.30am DRF of the Cassar Family

Mon 1 Weekday

9.30am Pauline Amos RIP

Tues 2 All Souls

9.30am Charles Dupénois RIP

Wed 3 NO MASS

Thurs 4 NO MASS

Fri 5 Weekday

9.30 am Stephen Bliss RIP

Sat 6 Weekday

10am All the Faithful Departed
*followed by the blessing of the
Garden of Remembrance*

Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45pm

32nd Sunday— 6th/7th November

6.00pm Jean Wheeler RIP

8.30am Anthony Benedict RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube

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

NB: Remembrance Sunday 14th November, Sunday Masses will be at 8am and 9.30am

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.

Patricia Pearce, Paddy Coffey, Catherine Saunders,
Pauline Amos, Sally Crayden, Catherine Ayers,
Fr Michael Aust, Charles Dupénois, Margaret Carty,
Margaret Brennan, Ronald Kelleher
and Kathleen Armstrong
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

On Tuesday we remember all the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day. The month of November is set aside each year to remember all our loved ones who have died, and to pray for them. As usual we shall bring to the altar the book in which you have written over the years the names of your loved ones. After the weekend the book will be in Our Lady's Chapel where you can add any new names you wish. Those whose names are written there will be remembered at each Mass here during November.

I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to come and pray for all of them at the 9.30 Mass on All Souls' Day, Tuesday November 2nd.

On Saturday there will be our annual Mass for the bereaved when we can all light a candle as a sign of our prayer for our relatives and friends who have "gone before us" that they might be at peace with God in Heaven. After Mass I will bless the places where ashes have been buried in our church garden. Please invite anyone who has been bereaved to accompany you to that Mass. There will be tea and coffee afterwards and a time to chat with others. I suggest that you offer to come with people because that may make it easier for them to come. I invite you to make prayer for the Faithful Departed a regular habit of prayer but especially during this coming month of November.

With my love and prayers for each of you.

Fr Tony

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.

Station Masses For those who have Died:

This last year has been a very challenging time for everyone, especially when our thoughts and prayers turn to those we have lost, whether through the time of the pandemic or before. Many of us have found it difficult to get to Church through lockdowns, to sit with the Lord and to share our thoughts or find comfort in His embrace.

Join Bishop Richard as he offers Mass for your intentions, for your friends and loved ones. There will be Mass said in each Deanery across the Diocese throughout November 2021. Here are the details for our Deanery Mass:

Friday 19th Nov: Epsom & Redhill Deanery Station Mass at 7.30pm, SACRED HEART CATERHAM (Fr Sean Finnegan)

The next St Michael's **Soup Lunch** will be held, in the Church Hall, **on Friday 5 Nov**. A selection of homemade soups, bread and desserts, tea/coffee will be served from 12 noon to 1.30 pm, all for £5. All money collected will be shared between The Princess Alice Hospice, CAFOD and Besom. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy St Michael's award winning hospitality. A stall of homemade products is also on display at the Lunch, to support our fundraising. If you have any preserves, bakes, garden gluts, craft items etc. to donate to the stall, please contact Caroline Fitzherbert 273186

St Michael's Ashted Coffee Morning

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

There is a questionnaire in the Porch 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 or reply to Andy directly andymcgregor59@gmail.com

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said, "Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!
 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
 with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength....
 You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Reflection

Jesus invites us to see that God alone is our God. God alone gives meaning to our lives and so we are to love God totally – all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Living in that love, we are to love ourselves and one another. Nothing is greater than this embracing love, and to teach our young ones about this God, is the greatest gift we can leave them.

So, we ask ourselves:

What legacy are we hoping to leave our children?
 Will they remember the full and rich love we had for God and our neighbour, and the many ways we expressed that love?

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 Sort code 40-05-20

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 4 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. 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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sienna Langley 11 on Tuesday
 Joseph Dixon 13 and Annabel Rose 6 on Thursday
 Charlotte Mason 12 and Daisy McBride 11 on Saturday

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 are delighted to be able to restart their Children's Liturgy programme during 10.30am Mass from 7th November until Christmas. Once it has restarted and numbers are established, it will be easier to see how many more helpers are required.

If you would still like to volunteer 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

PARISH CENSUS—We hope to launch the much delayed Parish Census next weekend, if all our internet issues have been 'ironed out' in time. We're very reluctant to delay it much longer, please look out for updates to see if we can go ahead (see page 3 for information, online).

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 7 for details, (online).

This Week's Readings

Revelations 7:2-4,9-14 ; Psalm 23;
 1 John 3:1-3 ; Matthew 5:1-12

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20211031/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	
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

See page 8 online for a Sessional Youth Worker, 5 hours a week, based at Epsom Hospital. Closing date is 1st November so hurry if you are interested!



Why a Census?

The past 18 months have been a difficult time for all of us, with the pandemic making incursions into our business, personal and spiritual lives. At St. Michael's our services have been severely disrupted. With the church closed for all but private prayer during the depths of lockdown.

We have been fortunate in that we have been able to take advantage of 'online' technology to continue to offer services virtually, if not physically and to continue to make contact through our email and Facebook groups. But we have found that not all of our contact information is accurate or up to date. And, of course, computers and on-line services are not for everybody.

We think that the parish is growing, from the new faces we are now seeing in church and the ongoing growth in Ashtead, but (to paraphrase Donald Rumsfeld) we don't know who we are missing, or whether there are parishioners, perhaps in need, who are still isolated. So, as we hopefully come out of lockdown, we want to refresh our parish register to help us plan for the future.

What information are we gathering? The Census form is divided into 5 sections –

1. The Household

The household section describes your household or family group, living together at a single address and with a primary contact person and phone number.

2. Family Members

In this section you will need to enter one record for each family member in your household detailing Name, address, date of birth and email / mobile (optional) phone numbers.

The form also asks if the family member is a Catholic and, if so, which sacraments they have received. We realise that you may have non-Catholic family members and it is up to you whether you include them in the census, but we would prefer that you do. Many non-Catholics participate in Parish activities and attend services and are, of course, very welcome. Finally, for younger members we also ask which school they are attending.

3. Parish Support

This short section is focused on identifying particular needs for any member of your household. Perhaps to do with infirmity, pastoral care or mobility and access to the church.

4. Financial Support for the Parish

There is a single question to determine your preferred methods of giving to the Parish.

5. Church Ministries

Like all parishes, St. Michael's is heavily indebted to parishioners who support its daily activities as volunteers. The scope of ministries is very broad, ranging from Liturgical and sacramental programmes to Administration, Finance, Working with Care and Outreach groups and even communications and IT. Following the pandemic, we are keen to re-establish our lists of volunteers. So if you are already participating in one or more ministries or are interested in doing so, please tick the appropriate boxes.

How does it work?

Online or Paper

During lockdown the Parish has moved increasingly towards online communications through emails, Facebook and the Parish Website, but we realise that not everyone has access or ability to correspond with us this way. So we are offering both online and paper alternatives.

In either case, the content of the form is the same. The big advantage for the Parish office is that if you are able to enter your data online, then it is automatically captured for us and for this you have our eternal gratitude! We can also automatically give you a record of what you have entered.

The Online Form

We have created a new page on the Parish website that contains everything you need to complete your return –

- Father Tony's introductory letter, Guidelines to help you complete the form and An electronic link to the form itself

We will be sending out details of how to access this page via email and the parish Facebook group.

It will also be possible to download and print a copy of the paper form from this page (should your nerve fail you!).

The Paper form

Copies of the paper form will be placed in the Church porch along with guidelines and Fr. Tony's letter (above). And we will do our best to distribute forms to those who can't come to church.

Completed paper forms should be returned to the Parish Office.



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** 

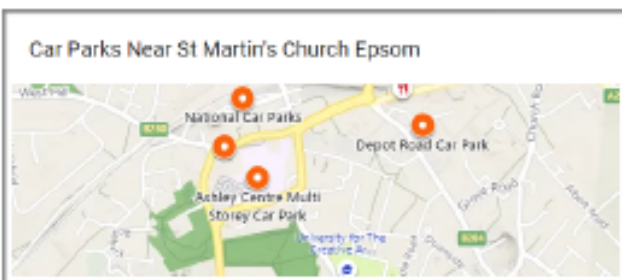
An Invitation to a
**Centering Prayer
Taster Day**
at St Martin's Church, Epsom
KT17 4PX
Saturday, November 13th
10.30am - 4.15pm

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.



COME & JOIN US

EMERGE *Advocacy*

SESSIONAL
YOUTH WORKER

5hr per week

Based at **Epsom General Hospital**

We're looking for a bright, creative, energetic Youth Worker to join our growing team, supporting young people in hospital and in the community.

CLOSING DATE:
9am, Mon 1st
November

Visit our website for more info: www.emergeadvocacy.com/jobs
Or email Elizabeth: elizabeth@emergeadvocacy.com