

# ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER



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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday— 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> November

6.00pm People of the Parish

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8am Intentions of Bob & Maria Adams

9.30am The Fallen of WWI & WWII

Mon 15 Weekday

9.30am Bridie O'Dowd RIP

Tues 16 **NO MASS**

Wed 17 **NO MASS** St Hugh of Lincoln

Thurs 18 Weekday

9.30am Carole De Maria RIP

Fri 19 Weekday

9.30am Nelly Nicholson RIP  
followed by the Burial of her ashes

Sat 20 Weekday

10am Alison Wright RIP  
*immediately followed by the*  
Sacrament of Reconciliation and at 5.15-5.45pm

## Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe — 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> November

6.00pm Andrew Harman RIP

8.30am Philomena Edward RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

All Masses are 'live-streamed' on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3\\_ytZLYg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tJGIR3_ytZLYg)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Vivienne Kelleher, Terry Grogan, Alan Kelly,  
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,  
Stephen Sullivan, Rachel Fulton and Michael Machese

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

Gertrude Warburton, Anthony Avery, John Willsher,  
Antoni Suwalski, Kenneth Haynes, Margaret Campbell,  
Dorothy Jones, Eileen Ferguson, Sr Catherine,  
Alice McCarthy, Janina Loren, John and Constance King,  
Howard Parker, Marian Quintin Childs, and Bryan Sheehan  
May they Rest in Peace

My Dear Friends,  
I am writing this on my way back  
from York where I have been  
involved in a meeting of the  
English and Welsh Anglican /  
Roman Catholic Committee. We  
were discussing the topic of



"synodality" which has recently  
been chosen by Pope Francis as the theme of the next Synod of  
Catholic Bishops in 2023. It was an opportunity to compare the  
different approaches of the two Churches.

The Church of England is governed by the General Synod which  
operates on parliamentary lines. This reflects the fact that the  
Church of England is the Established Church and closely linked  
to the State.

What Pope Francis has in mind is much more radical, and in  
many ways more challenging. The Pope is concerned to take  
forward the key idea of the 2nd Vatican Council: "The People of  
God". The Church is not just the Clergy or the Hierarchy. What  
unites us all is the Sacrament of Baptism.

Through Holy Baptism we all share as members of the Church,  
the People of God, in the life of the Risen Lord Jesus through  
the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Pope is wanting to involve the  
whole Church in a process of discernment. He wants Christians  
from every part of the world to take part in this process.

This is an ambitious project, and it might well fail, but it is an  
important moment for the Church as we look to the future. It is  
like turning round a huge Ocean Liner, and inevitably it will take  
time. This process will take time to develop but it is a process  
with promise for the future

I will say more about this next week, I hope, but we need to  
understand that we are not looking for quick answers to  
complex pastoral issues.

Rather we are looking for new ways of discussing how to live a  
genuinely Christian life. What does it mean to live as a disciple  
of Jesus in today's world.

I will leave it there for this week but I will give you some more  
specific ideas next week.

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

Face Masks and keeping covid safe. Thank you so much for  
continuing to wear masks after all this time but Covid is still  
about and infections are on the rise again, so let's continue to  
wear masks, hand sanitize etc, etc ....

### Station Masses For those who have Died:

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)

### St Michael's Ashted Coffee Morning

Andy and Kay McGregor are keen to launch a midweek café  
that serves the parish community. Please contact Andy  
McGregor for more information [andymcgregor59@gmail.com](mailto:andymcgregor59@gmail.com)

Alan Kelly would like to thank everyone for their prayers and  
good wishes and to say that he has been given the 'all clear'.

**From today's Gospel reading:**

Heaven and earth will pass away  
but my words will not pass away

**Reflection:**

Our faith invites us to trust that, even amid complete upheaval, God has not abandoned us. "The tribulation" Jesus predicts for his disciples is about to take place for him. When their world collapses with Jesus' death, will they remember and cling to his words and look forward to an entirely new Spring? The same can be asked of us.

**So, we ask ourselves:**

As we face our own tribulations can we trust that Jesus' words will not fail us and that he will be faithful to us?  
How can I be a symbol of Jesus' steadfastness to others in their trials?

**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. We particularly need helpers for 6pm Mass. If you are interested email Tala [tbaraya@googlemail.com](mailto: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

**100 Club winners** for October which is the first month of this new 100 Club year 2021/2022 are:  
Jeremy Webb and Lillian Baldwin

The Christmas Edition of **The Trumpet**, the Parish magazine is eagerly awaiting your contributions - articles, poems, photos, family events, happy/sad etc etc deadline 5th December.

**Thank you to all who support the November Soup Lunch.** You raised £381 for our charities; CAFOD, The Princess Alice Hospice, Besom and Combat Stress. The next Soup Lunch, our Christmas Special, will be on 3 December.

The next **Care Group** meeting in on Friday 19th November in the Priest's House after Mass

**Christmas hampers.** For full details please contact Janet on [plevinsohn@hotmail.com](mailto:plevinsohn@hotmail.com) page 3 of this n/l online.  
The drop off for your hampers or gifts is the Dell Centre, St Giles Church Drive, Ashtead KT21 1EJ is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 9am and 12 noon and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November between 1pm and 4pm.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Cian Thorp 4 and Callum McLean 8 on Sunday  
Emma Gibson 8 and Amelia Bailey 11 on Monday  
Amelia Llewellyn-Davies 11 on Wednesday

The Next **Baptism Course** will now be next year, please contact the office if you would like a Baptism or to be on the next course.  
[smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com)

**Parish Christmas Party**

on the **2nd Sunday of Advent, 5th December**, after 10.30 Mass, there is going to be a Christmas Party in the Hall. If you remember the Parish family Group party from 2 years ago, we had tables with Christmas crafts for the children and other seasonal activities, which we will replicate again this year. So there will be teas/coffees and drinks followed by a 'bring and share lunch'. We thought the theme for the shared lunch would be 'your favourite Christmas dish'. If you would like to help in any way please contact Sally Bahri ([salbahri@yahoo.com](mailto:salbahri@yahoo.com)) or the Parish Office [smichaeloffice@gmail.com](mailto:smichaeloffice@gmail.com). We met a lot of new families at the AGM/St Michael's Feast social in September and it would be good to give new parishioners another chance to meet up again. But everyone is invited, whether you arrived last week or have lived here forever! Best wishes, the Parish Office.

**Vocations:** The St John Vianney Group is for men 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting is on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3 – 7 pm**, at 2 Falkland Grove, Dorking RH4 3DL. For more information please contact Fr Con Foley, T: 01932 842643 or E: [con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:con.foley@abdiocese.org.uk)

**This Week's Readings**

Daniel 12:1-3 ; Psalm 15;  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 ; Mark 13:24-32

You can see these readings at:

<https://www.universalis.com/20211106/mass.htm>

**Parish Communications**

Visit **St. Michael's Parish website** [www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/](http://www.stmichaelashtead.org.uk/)

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

**YouTube Channel (live streaming of Masses)**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tUGIR3\\_ytZLYg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoCE16LH34tUGIR3_ytZLYg/)

**You can e-mail contributions to the Newsletter to**  
[newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmichaelashtead.org.uk)

**Welcomers/Readers Rota**

Weekend	6pm		8.30am		10.30am	
13th/14th November <b>NB 8am/9.30am</b>	W1	L Taylor	W1	D Warnock	W1	Angelika Tybura
	W2	A Grimmer	W2	M Pattinson	W2	Amanda Tybura
	R1	P Dupenois	R1	G Hayter	R1	J Shabankareh
20th/21st November	W1	Roberto Simonetti	W1	Penny Weaver	W1	Cristiana Benini
	W2	Debbie Reynolds	W2	Margaret McGarr	W2	Marina Channing Pearce
	R1	Fina Tisi	R1	Betty Lapham	R1	C Balko



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Between 9am – 12 noon.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Between 1pm and 4pm

## Contact

Lynne Slater [lynne.slater@btconnect.com](mailto: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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Alternatively please send your responses to the following email address-**

**[andymcgregor59@gmail.com](mailto:andymcgregor59@gmail.com)**

