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# ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

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KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **A wonderful start to Alpha and looking ahead to Easter**

This week we launched the first evening of our Alpha course and it was a truly encouraging start. We had a great mix of people from different backgrounds, some who have been part of church life for years and others who are exploring faith for the first time. There was a lovely atmosphere, thoughtful conversation, plenty of laughter, and a relaxed time together over cheese and wine. It was a joy to see people connecting, asking honest questions, and sharing openly.

If you were unable to come to the first week, it is absolutely not too late to join. Please do come along to week two this Tuesday, where we will be exploring the big question, Who is Jesus? If Alpha is not for you, personally, please do consider inviting a friend, neighbour, or family member who might benefit. Alpha is a wonderful space to explore life, faith, and meaning together in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Alongside Alpha, we are also deep into planning our Easter services across both churches. There are some really exciting things to look forward to as we prepare to journey through Holy Week and celebrate the joy and hope of Easter together. Please be praying for these services, for those who will attend, and for all that God is preparing to do among us.

A verse for this season

***“Come and see,” said Philip. John 1:46***

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These simple words capture something of the heart behind both Alpha and Easter. Faith often begins with an invitation, not to have all the answers, but to come, to see, to explore, and to encounter Jesus for ourselves. As a church, we long to be a place where people feel able to ask questions, discover truth, and experience the love, grace, and hope that Jesus offers.

Please keep Alpha, our Easter preparations, and one another in your prayers. We are so thankful for all that God is doing among us and excited for what lies ahead.

With every blessing,  
Revd George

## **In your Prayers this week, please pray for:**

### **For the sick and their families at:**

**St Michael's** – Gaynor Davenport, Barbara Douglas, Damian Jon Major, Pauline Layton, Emilie Pearce, Gray & Ann Birch, Theo & family, Mac Smith, Peter West, John Sim, Imogen and her family, George and Eileen Munro, Jackie, James Clay, Nic Flemming, Diana Standing, Tim Straker.

**St Mark's** - Robyn Horsburgh, Jack Short, John and Clare Sherwood, Diana Marchant, Amelia Tilbury.

**And all others who need God's healing touch including those known to us and not named, but in our prayers.**

### **For the friends and family of those recently deceased:**

**St Michael's** – Beverley Bromfield, Daisy Fynes, Eunice Hawkins, Alan Carstairs

**St Mark's** - Doreen McIntosh, Gill Williams, Luis (Gabriel) Guembes

We pray for peace for their families and friends during this time of mourning.

## **Gill Williams funeral**

Will be on Tuesday 27th January @ 15:30 in the Willow Chapel at Cheltenham Crematorium (same as Liz's).

It will be a short and simple service. Rev Dan Papworth will lead it. He is the founder of Cheltenham Forest Church and formerly a minister in North Cheltenham team.

If you need Gill's sons' details please ask in the office.

## Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> January:

- Old Testament – Deuteronomy 30:11-20
- New Testament – Romans 3:21-26
- Gospel – Matthew 5:17-20

	St Michael's	St Mark's
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	11.15am All Age Service in Church hall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 9.30am Contemporary Service	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
	5pm Taizé service in alternative churches. See below for timetable	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b>	10.15am Said Communion	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 11.15am Contemporary Service in Church hall
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	10.00am Church on the Green **	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Joint service at 10am.	

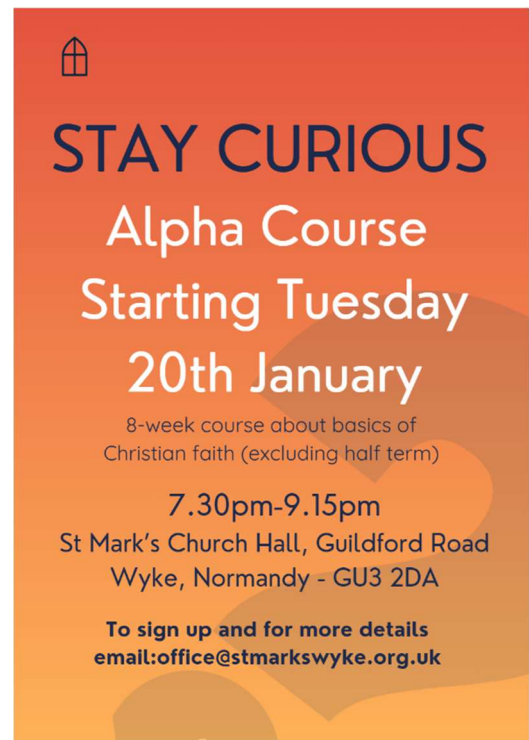
**\*\* - Please note that Church on the Green is in St Michael's church this month!**

## Taizé Services – 5pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026

## Alpha

Although we have started you are most welcome to still join us! Cheese and wine and soft drinks are provided. Everyone is welcome!



## Wyke

### Cancellation – St Mark's Mini Market, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

St Mark's Easter Mini Market scheduled for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April has, with our apologies, been cancelled due to Holy Week and Easter holiday weekend.

**However, the Hearing Aid Clinic WILL take place**, as normal on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon.

### St Mark's Monthly Social

Our apologies for having cancelled January's get together; but the good news is we shall be meeting again in February!

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12noon in St Mark's Church Hall, do please join us for coffee, chat, cake and an interesting speaker! All are welcome. If you would like a lift to the hall, please let the office know.

Thank you!

### Parish Giving System

Is now working again! **Donating via the Parish Giving Scheme**

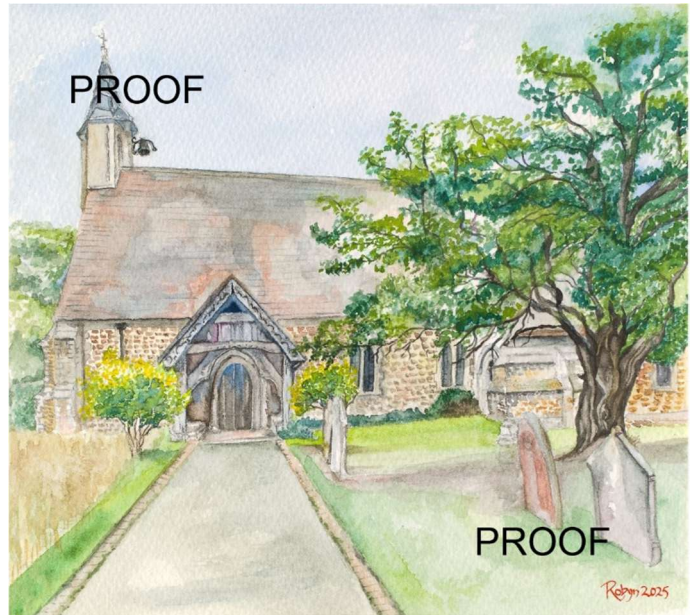
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wyke-st-mark-guildford/> This enables donors to remain anonymous and the scheme will pass the whole amount along with any Gift Aid to St Mark's.



## For Sale – Prints of St Marks Church!

An original watercolour painted by Robyn Horsburgh, our renowned local artist, and friend of St. Mark's. Reproduced on Fine Art paper which is 100% cotton rag, acid free and 260 g/m<sup>2</sup> in weight. The pigment inks will not to fade in normal conditions for 75 years.

An ideal New Year gift at £50! The print is beautifully mounted and ready to frame!



## Pirbright

### Needed

I will be running the tombola at the Village Fete in June. If you have received any bottles, toiletries or small gifts this Christmas which you do not want, please let me know as they will come in very useful for the tombola. Please feel free to drop them at my house (Four Aces, Chapel Lane) or send me an e-mail and I can come and collect. Thank you in advance! Suzanna Woodhouse ( [suzannalloyd@hotmail.com](mailto:suzannalloyd@hotmail.com) )

## The Craft Group

The Craft Group meets on Tuesday 27 January at 10-noon in the Church Room at St. Michael's. All crafts and crafters most welcome. If you need a lift please let Jay know on 07703 834 636. Many thanks, Jay



## Both Churches

### Ladies' Breakfast

The next ladies' breakfast will be Saturday 31st January. Starts at 9am until about 10.30. Buffet breakfast £3 p.p to cover food costs. short talk & discussion Q's.

Informal and a great way for us all to get to know each other better.

Please let either Ruth 07939129170 or Jay 07703834636 know if you plan to come. Hope to see you there!



### Church Men's group

A meeting will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at St. Michael's Hall 7pm with George & Andrea Timms to discuss the running of a Church men's group. We value your input to taking this forward and hope to see you there. Ruth.

### Guildford Cathedral

There is a Taizé service in the cathedral from 8 to 9 pm on Wednesday 28th January. This should be very atmospheric and filled with beautiful music. Jill

