



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE



KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

Sunday 3rd May 2026

A Big Vision begins this Sunday

This Sunday marks the beginning of something really important in the life of our church. Over the next two Sundays, 3rd and 10th May, we're delighted to welcome David Senior, who will be speaking to us about giving. These are not Sundays to miss. David is an excellent and engaging speaker, and this will be a significant moment for us as a church family.

Alongside this, we'll be sharing more about the exciting vision ahead. This Sunday, I'll be giving a short glimpse of what the future could look like for us, including possible service patterns and some of the key priorities we feel God is calling us into in the coming months and years.

At the heart of this is a wonderful opportunity we believe God has opened up for us: the possibility of appointing a House for Duty minister to live in St Mark's Vicarage. This would mean additional support on Sundays and during the week, helping us grow our ministry, strengthen pastoral care, and expand what we're able to offer across both parishes.

We're really excited about what this could mean. It would enable us, in time, to move towards a pattern of both contemporary and traditional services each week in both churches, helping us reach more people and serve all ages more effectively.

On Sunday, we'll also be giving out letters, inviting you to pray and consider your giving. This vision will take all of us, and your generosity will play a vital part in making it possible.

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Please do come, be part of it, and prayerfully consider how you can support what God is doing among us.

This Sunday

9:30am – Traditional Service with Baptism

St Michael's, Pirbright

11:15am – All-Age Contemporary Service

St Mark's Church Hall

We'd love to see you there.

Rev 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, Theo & family, Peter West, John Sim, Imogen and her family, Jackie, Nic Flemming, Joy Underwood, Kate & Ian Bailes.

St Mark's - Robyn Horsburgh, Jack Short, John and Clare Sherwood, Diana Marchant, Amelia Tilbury, George and Val Chant, Mavis, Simon T, Gill Nevin.

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 - Mac Smith, James Clay

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

Readings for 3rd May

- Old Testament – Malachi 3:6-12
- New Testament – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- Gospel – Matthew 6:19-24

	St Michael's	St Mark's
1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	11.15am All Age Service in Church hall
2nd Sunday	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	
3rd Tuesday	10.15am Said Communion	
3rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service	8.00am Said Communion (BCP) 11.15am Contemporary Service in Church hall
4th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green	11.15am Traditional Holy Communion Service
5th Sunday	Alternative church. Please see website for more details	

Taizé Services – 5pm

St Mark's	St Michael's
10 th May 2026	12 th July 2026
13 th September 2026	8 th November 2026

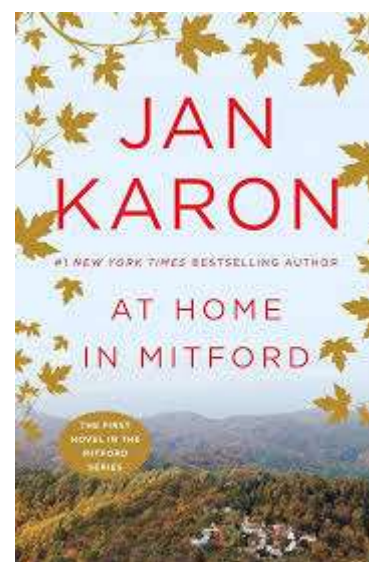
Wyke

Book group

Gill's book group is reading 'At home in Mitford' by Jan Karon. If you would like to join a discussion about it, we will meet on:

- Wednesday 6th May at 2pm at Oakcroft, Guildford Road, Normandy.

Thanks
Gill



St Mark's churchyard fundraising

Huge thanks to Liz for her generous churchyard fundraising with the recent – and ongoing - sale of wood chips, bug hotels and well-rotted manure.

Plant Sale



Hearing Aid Clinic

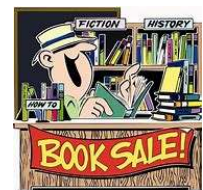
Saturday 2nd May 10am-12noon in the Coussmaker room.



Mini Market this Saturday, 2nd May from 10am to 12noon!

Please come and join us for delicious home-made cakes, freshly brewed coffee and refreshments.

Browse our bric-a-brac/vintage ware, produce and books (old and new) or simply chat with old and new friends!



Request from the Mini Market team, donations for our produce stall are needed please! Home-made cakes, biscuits etc., flowers, plants, edible items and garden produce would be most gratefully accepted, either on Friday afternoon or on the Saturday morning of the mini market. Thank You!



St Mark's stall at Pirbright Fair 6th June

One of our ideas for the Fair is called 'water into wine'. It involves a lot of empty wine bottles as well as actual (unopened) bottles of wine! If you have a favourite, good bottle of wine, or two, to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you!



Pirbright

Plant Sale - St Michael's 25th Anniversary Church Plant Sale, Saturday 9th May 11-2pm

The sun is shining, trees are greening up and flowers are opening all around - Spring is here at last! Now is the time to start stocking up your garden for a glorious summer display, so head down to St Michael's churchyard annual plant sale from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 9th May. Strong plants grown by local gardeners who really know what they are doing and what grows well in our conditions, annuals, perennials, veg and hanging baskets, all to make your plot flourish. And while you are there, enjoy a Fulks sausage sizzle, coffee and biscuits, home-made cakes, garden paraphernalia, and try your luck on the tombola.

All profits help maintain our beautiful old church and fund its work in the community.

Donations of cakes and bakes for our lovely cake stall at the plant sale please contact



Sara Dennis sara_dennis@talktalk.net

Tombola prizes - Diana Standing dianastanding@gmail.com

Garden paraphernalia - Rona Tyler rona@lazyc.com

Cake Stalls on 9th May and 6th June

A message from Sara Dennis:

I am looking after the cake stalls at both the Plant Sale, Sat May 9th, and the Village Fair, Sat June 6th

I would be eternally grateful for any contributions you could make.

They can be single cakes, individual cakes, scones, buns, loaf cakes, biscuits - absolutely all donations very gratefully received. (If you think they may contain any allergens, please mark as such)

If you are feeling adventurous, the theme of the Fair is All Creatures Great & Small – feel free to express yourself in butter icing!

Contributions can be dropped off any time on the Fridays before each event, or on the Saturday morning. (if this is a problem, I will happily collect)

Thank you! Sara Dennis sara_dennis@talktalk.net Tel: 01483 473108 or 07745 417137



Pirbright Open Gardens Weekend: 30th and 31st May

'Heaven is a garden that you can enjoy, but someone else maintains.' Not sure who said that, but whoever it was would love the Pirbright open gardens weekend, when you can enjoy privately owned gardens without having to so much as deadhead a daisy. By popular request, the event is spread over two days, and includes several new gardens for you to explore. Chat to garden owners, find out what does well in our conditions and pick up inspiration for your own plot. Maybe stop for a delicious cream tea in the churchyard on both days!

With some gardens open on the Saturday, some on the Sunday and some on both, tickets are valid for both days so you can take your time and enjoy a leisurely stroll in beautiful surroundings, maybe rest a while and see Pirbright from a completely different viewpoint.

Buy tickets in the churchyard from 11am on Saturday, 12 noon on Sunday. Cost £7.50 per adult, free for children under 16 (not transferable). The ticket includes a map and details of all the gardens. Gardens are open from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and 12noon to 5pm on Sunday.

The garden open weekend is brought to you by St Michael's Church and Pirbright Horticultural Society.



Both Churches

Taizé

The next bi-monthly Taizé service takes place on Sunday 10th May in St Mark's at 5pm. All welcome as always. A chance to pause for some quiet reflection, prayer and music.

Jill



The poster for Pirbright Village Fair has a green background with a repeating pattern of small animal silhouettes. At the top, a circular logo contains the text "PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR" and "ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL" around a central illustration of a chicken, a pig, and a cow. Below the logo, the text reads "SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 11AM - 4PM". Further down, it lists activities: "Vintage Cars & Tractors, Fun Dog Show, Dog Agility, Children's Races & Rides, Craft Stalls, Crazy Golf, Petting Zoo, Local Community Displays and more!". Below this, it says "LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!" and "DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINK STALLS". At the bottom left, it says "In support of St Michael and All Angels Church and community groups." and at the bottom right, "Sponsored by THE PIRBRIGHT INSTITUTE" with a logo.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Dear all

We are looking for volunteers to enter our floral display as part of Pirbright Village Fair on

Saturday 6th June



All abilities welcome

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE BEST

WE WOULD LOVE AS MANY PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS FUN DISPLAY. THE THEME IS ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, SO ANY FLORAL DISPLAY

UNDER THAT HEADING WILL BE WELCOME

CONTACT HELEN—07777659138

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Next Ladies Breakfast is on Saturday 30th May 9-10.30am.

Flyers are in both churches with details.
Short video & talk " Godly Women in the Home"
Meet others, eat a Continental breakfast & get "Time Out" !!

Love to see you

Contact Ruth Timms 07939 129170 if coming for catering numbers

Nudge



Nudge event

Tuesday 5 May 7.30-9:30pm, St John's Church, Stoke, Guildford

Is God nudging you to explore how he wants to use you? Perhaps you're feeling that God has something more for you or someone else is encouraging you to explore where God might be calling. If that's you, then consider our diocesan Nudge Event.

For further information about support in exploring your vocation, visit [St Martha's College website.](#)

St Martha's college website: www.stmarthacollege.org.uk

To register interest (copy & paste into your browser):

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