



"The Newsletter" For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL



Sunday 23 January 2022

POP-UP Shop
Now twice a month
Next shop
Sunday 13 February
1.00pm – 1.30pm
(See inside for December & January details)

Men's Breakfast
on 19 February
(See inside for details)



The Runway is open and welcoming.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
& Saturdays
9.00 – 12.00

Next Meetings of

Women Together
24 January
|
Mothers Union
2 February
|
Lunch Club
9 February
|
Golden Girls
10 February

(See inside for details)

Booking St Michael's Church Centre

If you would like to book all or part of St Michael's Church Centre, contact Pauline Jordan on pauline.jordan@btinternet.com for details

Sunday 23 January

10.00am Morning Worship – St Michael's
11.00am Holy Communion – St Mary's
3.00pm Evensong – St John's
Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19* 1
Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21

Wednesday 26 January

10.00am Holy Communion – St Michael's
2 Samuel 7.4-17 Psalm 89.19-27 Mark 4.1-20

Sunday 30 January

10.00am Growing Younger service – St Michael's
Ezekiel 43.27 – 44.4 Psalm 48 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 Luke 2.22-40

Sunday 6 February

10.00am Holy Communion – St Michael's
Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11

Wednesday 9 February

10.00am Holy Communion – St Michael's
1 Kings 10.1-10 Psalm 37.3-6, 30-32 Mark 7.14-23

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Jeremiah 17.5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

Sunday 20 February

10.00am Holy Communion – St Michael's
Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25 Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8.22-25

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Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

I had to resort to google maps this week to find the island nation of Tonga. As reports of the tsunami hit our news, I realised that I had little idea where it was in the world. And google maps needed a lot of scrolling to find more than just a dot on the blue background. Further research has informed me that it is a country of around 170 islands and a population of about 100,000 people.

What sparked this research though were the stunning pictures of the ash cloud and reports of strange, but beautiful sunrises in Australia and the USA. Despite the devastation, the images were amazing. We have had some lovely sunrises recently, but the scattering of light through the dispersed ash has meant that some countries had even better ones.

But beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and I'm sure that this wasn't the first thought, or even one that was countenanced by those suffering from the effects of the tsunami – the loss of communications, people being reported swept away, a nation that has kept covid out having to risk opening their borders to international aid with the risk that with it will come disease.

And as Christians, one thought might be: Where is God in this? How can a loving God allow this to happen? I don't believe that this is a kind of divine retribution, or a punishment sent by God. I believe in a God of love who -as we celebrated recently – loves us enough to come to earth and die to save us. However, we live in a time of the now and the not yet. God's kingdom reign has begun with the resurrection of Jesus but is not fully realised until Jesus returns. And until then we live with the effects of rebellion against God – our sin.

Paul speaks in Romans about how creation is broken and longing for a return to the perfection that God made – as it will be when Jesus returns (Romans 8:22). Until then we wait and pray for God's kingdom to come.

So do pray for the people of Tonga – and others – who have been affected by recent seismic events. Pray for the rescue efforts and the international support, thanking God for nations being able to work together. And pray for the coming of God's kingdom when he will make all things new.

Toby



The PCC would like to appoint a new manager for the Runway café, to start by Easter 2022. Details of the job, and an application form can be found [here](#). Informal conversations with Toby are welcome and please do visit the Runway on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning to see how we operate.

Toby

Supporting Local Charities

- **St Elizabeth Hospice – John is an** ambassador for the St Elizabeth's Hospice, and he can act as a link for the community to this great cause. People can contact me on 07717171568 or email on jjmghammond@msn.com.
- **Donations to FIND** – via box at the Rectory.
- **Home Start Suffolk** - Home-Start in Suffolk is the county's largest family support charity. To find out more about Home Start Suffolk or make a donation visit their web page on www.homestartinsuffolk.org
- **Footsteps** - christine.pinder@btinternet.com.

Coffee!!!!!!

For all the caffeine addicts out there, coffee at St Michaels after the service is back. For those of you who are less addicted there will be decaff too. We do appreciate these are worrying times and we will be watching the guidance as it unfolds, but for now the hospitality sector is continuing, and so we will have our refreshments, but we will be seated at tables with our drinks in order to take off our masks.

Christine

New Year's Men's Breakfast on Saturday 19 February

We have a provisional date of **Saturday, 19 February** which I will need to confirm by Tuesday, 8th February, although it would be helpful if you could **let us know by early next week(!)** whether or not you can attend, so that I can give early notice to the Douglas Bader

Future breakfast dates for your diary:

- 16th April

For further details please contact via the Newsletter email address

newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk

Women Together

January's Women Together (open to all women in the benefice - why not bring a friend) is billed as 'Beetle' but we've decided that in the current climate people may not feel comfortable moving around so much. Instead, we're back to our old favourite of Bingo. There is no charge for the night, but we ask that you consider bringing an 'extra to requirement' (sounds better than unwanted) Christmas present or similar to put on the prize table. We then have lots of winners who get to choose their own prize, a bit like a raffle.

There will be refreshments available as usual.

We hope to see many of you join us on Monday 24th January, 7:30pm, St Michael's church.

God bless, Tamsin: tjxtate@aol.com

Pop Up Shop Dates:

**Sunday 23 January 1-1.30pm
13 & 27 February**



**Pop Up Shop
St Michael & All Angels
Church
The Green
Martlesham Heath**

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 1-2pm

(Please note from October new times will be 1.00 – 1.30pm)

*Finding food bills a challenge?
Come and fill one of our carrier bags
for £2*

Friends on Friday

You are invited to Friends on Friday. It is a community group which was started a number of years ago. We meet each Friday morning from 10.30am till 12 Midday in St Michael's and All Angels Church on the Green at Martlesham Heath. It is for those who are retired or needing company in a relaxed environment. There are a number of social activities, including table tennis, pool and board games. We also have newspapers and general discussion over refreshments from the Runway Coffee shop next door. Please just call by.

We would really like to welcome you!

Thank you

Rosemary Clapperton



The vision of The Runway is to 'be' church in the community, for the community in a way that makes sense to the community through a high-quality coffee shop. The Runway is a ministry of the parish churches of Martlesham.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email or speak to Liz Howard, The Runway Manager
therunway@martleshamcofe.org.uk

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our team and make a real difference!

To find out more about volunteering for us, call 01473 707939 or email volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk. Alternatively, visit our website: stelizabethhospice.org.uk/volunteer.



FIND Donations

Please keep dropping off any donations to the box on the Rectory porch.

Many thanks for all the continued support of the Christmas & New Year breaks.

Toby

“Patients in Need”

We are all aware that Covid restrictions have necessarily severely limited visitors to patients in Ipswich Hospital. As well as chocolates, books and light relief, relatives, friends and neighbours are normally suppliers of much needed fresh clothing.

It has come to the attention of Mothers Union members across the country that new underwear for all sizes of men and women is urgently needed. If you can provide any such NEW items they can be left in the FIND BOX in the Rectory Porch. Please help to save a stranger’s blushes!

Thankyou.

LUNCH CLUB

Subject to Government updates and our understanding of the risks, we will hold our first lunch of the year on **Wednesday 9th February**. The menu requests and payments will be carried forward. For more information contact Mary 01473 623752

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GOLDEN GIRLS

The next coffee morning and ‘Bring your own Lunch’ planned for is Thursday 10th February. We’ll let you know if any changes occur before that date.

Contact - Mary 01473 623752 or marystalley@yahoo.co.uk

Broom Tree Café.

In 1 Kings 19, Elijah is over tired, depressed, and scared. He is on the run from King Ahab and feeling that he is the only one following God. He is met by an angel under a broom tree and given the strength to carry on.

Using this as inspiration we are setting up a joint project with Kesgrave and Little Bealing’s churches to support young people. This will start out with the Broom Tree Café, an after-school meeting place for high school students running in three locations – Bealings, Kesgrave and here at The Runway.

The idea is to provide a space for young people to meet, to do homework if they choose, and a space where they can talk. There are other plans being developed to expand this project and to look at other ways of engaging with young people, and also the older generation

Please can I ask for your prayers as we set this up – that the organisation will be manageable, that we will get volunteers, and that we will be able to have an increased presence in the community, especially among young people. And if this is something you would be interested in getting involved in as a volunteer at the café, or as a charity trustee overseeing the work, please get in touch with me.

Toby



As the situation improves our next meeting should be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 2 30pm in St. Michael’s Worship Area.

The AGM will be followed by a service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Christine Pinder.

Spring

I love the spring.
 For every day
 There’s something new
 That’s come to stay.
 Another bud
 Another bird
 Another blade
 The sun has stirred.



Thoughts and Prayers - Thank God and help us pray.

If you would like a prayer or would wish us to remember someone in our prayers, please send to the Editor for inclusion in the Newsletter

- Prayers about the pandemic
 - Pray that in the UK, the current wave of the pandemic may now be better understood and is moving towards an endemic. That people are still careful and understand that there are still many vulnerable people in our midst who need our consideration. That people continue to practice good hygiene, wear masks in crowd areas and are mindful of their contacts with others.
 - Pray for those around the world who will have to wait several years for the vaccine and that the necessary funding will be made available. There are many places donations can be made, but you may wish to try www.careinternational.org.uk
 - Pray for all the service workers and their families who continue putting themselves on the front line, wherever that “front-line” may be.
 - Pray for those who are finding any restrictions are a challenge and dealing with their personal decisions on meeting others and all those who support them.
 - Pray for all those involved in education, those being educated, their educators and all the support staff.
 - Pray with those who are finding it financially and emotionally difficult before the current crisis and those who are struggling further with the economic and social pressures as the crisis has deepened.
 - Pray that individuals will not have to struggle and prioritise, to meet their basic needs.
 - Pray for those who must make the difficult decisions in balancing earning for their families against public health, when they feel that they are not being financially supported by the rest of the community.
 - Pray that the spotlight generated by the pandemic will continue to be shone on all areas of our society after the medical emergency has passed and that the economic crisis is not forgotten.
- Pray for those who are finding the current upward financial pressures, ranging from a struggle to unbearable and that we may find ways to help them in the coming months.
- Prayers for those individuals and families who are grieving.
 - Pray for those families who are bereaved and for those whose friends or family are in hospital, hospices, nursing homes or ill and lonely at home.
- Prayers for our leaders
 - Pray that our local, national and world leaders act wisely and do not forget the third world countries.
 - Pray that our government can show humility and compassion when making the decisions they are faced with.
 - Pray that the conflicts and international disputes can be amicably settled and that all our leaders act wisely.
- Pray for all those who help others
 - Pray for all the charities, and for the continuing generosity of people to the Foodbanks.
 - Pray for all those who do so much good work but are struggling for funds in these difficult times.
- Pray for all refugees/asylum seekers and other displaced people that they can be humanely guided along any difficult paths.
- Pray for all those who live or work in our community:
- Pray for the hardships faced by so many people living abroad and for their families in the UK worrying about them.
- Pray for those in prison, detention centres, or asylum hostels and their families and friends.
 - Lord God we pray with those who have lost their freedom and are lonely and anxious. Ask that they may use prayer to share their feelings, seek consolation and receive God’s blessings.
 - Pray for the work of Prison Fellowship and especially the Prayer-line.
- Pray for all our local groups, who are managing during the pandemic, but need our prayers and thoughts now and when they get going fully again.
 - Mothers Union; The Golden Girls; Lunch Club; The Junior Church; Brightstars; Women together; Prayer groups
- Musicians and singers who enhance our services and bring hope and joy to their listeners.
- Pray that young people and all learners will be given the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Pray for the Broom Street cafes.



Staying in Touch

We all need cheering up and perhaps reminding ourselves that we are a community, so if you have a prayer, poem, interesting reflection or anything else you would like to share please email me on newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk

As this is an "E version" I have more space and can use colour.

If you have anyone that you would wish to be remembered in our prayers, please let me know.

There are a few folk who cannot receive this via email, so we need a few "buddies" to deliver printed copies of *The Newsletter*, to your neighbours.

A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

If you wish to share "*The Newsletter*" with others than our Church community, please feel free to email it on.
Any ideas please just email, I am in need of inspiration *Editor!*

The Pastoral team are always available, please feel free to call if you need any of them.

The pastoral care team If you would like a visit from the pastoral team, or you would like to let us know about a pastoral situation for prayer please get in touch. Christine can be contacted on christine.pinder@btinternet.com or more details. 07555 748345.

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