



"The Newsletter"

For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL Sunday 27 July 2025



"God is up to something in the area."

"God is up to something in the area." "Something is going on." "New faces arriving almost every week." "Quiet revival? Yeah, we're seeing it too"

These are just some comments that I've heard from leaders of various Churches in the last few weeks. The phrase 'Quiet Revival' seems to be coming up quite a lot, if you've not heard about it a quick Google search will fill you in.

Last Friday, I was on a retreat day with two friends I went to Vicar school with. One of them asked if we were seeing signs of this 'Quiet Revival'. I replied, I think so. We've had a few new faces come to Church the last few weeks, some people who have been away for a while are coming back, and there seems to be an 'air of excitement' around at the moment. The other friend said something similar, a slow but steady increase in people coming along to Church services. At this stage the first friend looked a little crest fallen. She disappointingly said that at her church they hadn't seen anything of it. At the end of the day, we spent time in prayer. Praying for each other, our families and our churches.

I received this message at 2pm the following Sunday. "Thought you'd be interested to hear this after our conversation on Friday. At St Luke's today 4 teenage boys showed up just to see what Church was like. They said they will be coming back next week!!!"

God is up to something, we don't necessarily know or understand what the 'something' is going to look like. All we can do is to keep looking for signs of what he is doing, try to be ready when we see him at work, and to keep praying. There are many opportunities to pray together, all the dates are mentioned in this newsletter. I would also want to highlight to you 'Morning Prayer' every Monday at St Marys starting at 8.30am. We use the Common Worship Daily Prayer books; we read a psalm or two and one or two Bible readings. It's a really peaceful and prayerful way to start the week. If you are able to make it, I would encourage you to do so. Either way, please keep praying for the Benefice and the wider Church, it's exciting to see where God will lead us.

Rob

https://en-gb.facebook.com/

pages/category/Church/Martlesham-Benefice-392285008216057/ https://www.youtube.com/@martleshambenefice

News Team takes summer break!

Next week's edition will be the last for four weeks! All articles in by 6.00pm Wednesday 30 July.

Coming back on Sunday 31 August
All articles in by 6.00pm Wednesday 27 August.

Many thanks- Ed and team

Sunday 27 July

10.00am - Holy Communion - St Michael's

6.30pm - Evensong - St John's

Sunday 3 August

9.30am - Breakfast Service - St Michael's

11.00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's

6.30pm - United Service - St John's

Sunday 10 August

10.00am - Holy Communion- St Michael's

6.30pm - Evensong - St John's

Wednesday 13 August

10.00am - Holy Communion - St Michael's

Sunday 17 August

10.00am - Morning Worship - St Michael's

11.00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's

Sunday 24 August

10.00am - Holy Communion - St Michael's

6.30pm - Evensong - St John's

Wednesday 27 August

10.00am - Holy Communion - St Michael's



Next Pop-Up Shop 27 July 11.30- 12.00pm @ St Michael's See updates inside.



News Team takes summer break!

Final publication **3rd August**, all information, <u>notices etc to the Newsletter email address by 6.00pm Wednesday 30th July.</u> Next publication **31 August**, notices etc to the Newsletter email address by 6.00pm Wednesday 27th August.



Diary

(for details see inside)

- 19th July Village Day @ The Runway
- 26th July Men's Breakfast

Recuring

- Weekly Friends on Friday Note summer break
- Weekly Broom Tree Café
- Weekly The Toddler Group
- Weekly Reading the Bible in Chronological order
- Weekly Sunday after church Zoom Coffee
- Weekly The Sanctuary Course, Final Two sessions September
- 2nd Wednesday of each month Lunch Club
- Monthly Reflecting with God
- Monthly 1st Tuesday A Day of prayer and fasting
- Monthly Men's breakfast

Practical support for those in immediate need.

Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that he has come that people may have life and have it abundantly. As a church living with God and carrying out his mission to the world, we want to see people able to live life abundantly with God. We live this out through the pastoral team and the elders (and others) supporting people through visits and prayer. Practical help is offered through the Pop Up Shop and the Coffee off the Wall scheme in the Runway.

The PCC have decided to extend this further as sometimes financial support is needed for things other than food or toiletries. So, we are launching a crisis fund which will be able to give grants of up to £50 to those in need who are living in our benefice. Full details of the policy can be found here.

If you would like to support this fund by donating to it, please see our treasurer Chris Howard for details.

And if you, or someone you know, are in need please speak to Toby about funding.

Toby

Opportunities for Prayer

Weekly Morning Prayer.

Every Monday, we will meet for Morning Prayer at St Marys. Starting at 8.30am, we will meet and pray together using the Common Worship Daily Prayer books, if you have the app for your phone you can use that. Morning Prayer is different to a 'normal' prayer meeting as there is a set pattern of liturgy and readings, if you've never seen it before, click this link and you'll get the idea. https://daily.commonworship.com/

If you've never experienced Morning Prayer before we would highly recommend coming along if you can. It would last normally no longer that about half an hour. Meeting for prayer is always good, but there is something good about meeting together to worship on a Monday, and to commit the rest of the week to God.

Please do ask if you have any questions about how it all works, we'd be more than happy to talk it all through.

Toby & Rob

Read the whole Bible in Chronological order – In one year!



We're at the stage now where things are just about as they can be for Israel. They have gone into exile, expelled from the land that was promised to them by God. But...

For the next two months, we're going to be reading about several prophecies and stories, all pointing forward to one who will make a way, once and for all, to put everything right between mankind and God. We're going to be reading that time and time again God says that there is still, and always will be, hope. It's all pointing forward... if you want a clue, here it is.

The next two months is all pointing to Jesus. Then we get to the New Testament in October. Now is a really good time to jump in and join with the many people reading through the Bible in a year, as we start to look forward to the birth of the one where all our hope is found. Email me at rob@martleshamcofe.org.uk if you would like to join in.

Prayer Diary for July/August 2025

July

25 St James' Day – pray for ourselves and all pilgrims

26 all preparing to preach in churches tomorrow

27 give thanks for God's love in Jesus

28 for prisoners and prison workers

29 for victims of crime

30 for the residents of Bader Court

31 give thanks for volunteers helping others

August

1 for lorry drivers supplying our shops

2 for local supermarket workers

3 that we may respond to God generously

4 for parents and grandparents during the school holidays

5 for our coastguard and lifeboat services

6 for the residents of Bealings Road

7 give thanks for our safe drinking water

8 for debt advice counsellors and their clients

9 for all at Friends on Friday

10 give thanks that God is always with us

11 for new residents of our village

12 for our local dental practice

13 for the residents of Birch Grove

14 students receiving their A-level results today

15 for young people unsure about their next steps

16 for wisdom for those who work in social care

17 give thanks for the precious gift of faith

18 that our community may be welcoming to all

19 for journalists working in dangerous places

20 for the residents of Blacktiles Lane

21 students receiving their GCSE results today

22 that we may encourage others

23 for victims of modern-day slavery

24 St Bartholomew – for those persecuted for their faith

25 for safe travel and good times on the bank holiday

26 for vets and local veterinary practices

27 for the residents of Borrett Place

28 for all at the Runway this morning

29 for the Disability Advice Service and their clients

30 give thanks for times to relax with friends and family

Opportunities to Pray Together

We are now offering several opportunities for us to pray together as a Benefice. We will be having three prayer meetings a month which you are all warmly invited to. As always with prayer meetings, there is no obligation to pray out loud, or to put together a well-crafted sonnet. They are an opportunity for us to come together to pray for individual needs, the needs of the benefice or the needs of the wider world.

The meetings will last no longer than 45 minutes and are...

1st Tuesday of the Month: 7.00pm - St Michael's Chapel 2nd Wednesday of the Month: 12.45pm - Runway Café 3rd Thursday of the Month: 7.00pm - St Marys (During summer & Autumn then St Michael's in the winter)

Some thoughts from someone who has recently started attending the Tuesday prayer meeting.

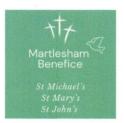
I just want to say how wonderful it was to finally join the monthly prayer group. I wasn't sure what to expect... I was relieved at the informality and freedom to pray very naturally, therefore allowing the Holy Spirit to Lead. Thank you for the guidance at the beginning, I felt that I could trust those in the group enough to let myself pray out lout and God was very much there with us. Having seen prayers for me being answered, I was encouraged to pray for others, our Church community, and the needs of the world. I pray that more people will want to join the group.

Toby & Rob

Friends we will miss

If you have a relative or friend who has recently passed away and you would like mentioned in the Newsletter, please contact Toby or send to newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk

Susan Annett's funeral service and burial is being held at St Marys. Monday 28th July at 11.00am – The family extend a welcome to anyone from the Church family who wishes to attend.



Opportunities to pray and worship together in August.

St Michael & All Angels.

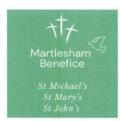
The Drift Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL

St Mary the Virgin.

Church Lane Martlesham IP12 4PQ

St John the Baptist

Brightwell Road Brightwell IP10 OBE



Sunday, 3rd August

- 9.30am : Breakfast Church @ St Michaels.
- 11.00am : Holy Communion @ St Marys.
- 6.30pm: United Service @ St Johns

Monday, 4th August

• 8.30am: Morning Prayer @ St Marys.

Tuesday, 5th August

• 7.00pm: Prayer Meeting @ St Michaels.

Sunday, 10th August

- 10.00am: Holy Communion @ St Michaels.
- 6.30pm : Evensong @ St Johns.

Monday, 11th August

• 8.30am: Morning Prayer @ St Marys.

Wednesday, 13th August

- 10.00am: Holy Communion @ St Michaels.
- 12.45pm: Prayer Meeting @ The Runway.

Sunday, 17th August

- 9.00am: Holy Communion @ St Johns.
- 10:00am: Morning Worship @ St Michaels.
- 11.00am: Holy Communion @ St Marys.

Monday, 18th August

· 8.30am: Morning Prayer @ St Marys.

Thursday, 21st August

- 10.00am: Wild Church @ St Marys.
- · 7.00pm: Prayer Meeting @ St Marys.

Sunday, 24th August

- 10.00am: Holy Communion @ St Michaels
- 6.30pm: Evensong @ St Johns

Monday, 25th August

• 8.30am: Morning Prayer @ St Marys.

Wednesday, 27th August

• 10.00am: Holy Communion @ St Michaels.

Sunday, 31st August

 10.30am : Benefice Service & BBQ at St Marys (TBC)

Let us know of your notices or events!

Please send any articles, diary dates, prayers, thoughts or anything you may wish to share with our community.

newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk

Friends on Friday – Summer break

Just to let you know that we will close during the middle of August, but will be open on August 1st and 29th

Thanks - John M

Martlesham MU Friendship Group

The next meeting will be held on 6th August 2025 in the small committee room in St. Michael's, 10 15 for 10 30am. Mary Stalley will talk about her cruise through the Norwegian fiords and show photos of her 'adventure'. An advance notice of the September meeting which will be held on Wednesday 3rd September. John Hammond, an Ambassador for St. Elizabeth Hospice will join us to talk about the various aspects of running the Hospice. He will be pleased to take any saleable items we have. Please sort out your cupboards and drawers to help this worthwhile cause. Everyone is very welcome at these meetings.

For more information contact Sue 01473 624130 or Mary 01473 623752.

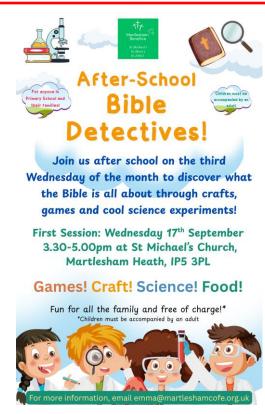
The Sanctuary course

We meet from 9.30 - 11am in the church on **Wednesdays**. Remaining dates, 10 September & 17 September

The course is designed to help people think about mental health, with some Christian perspective. Each week it looks at somebody's story of mental health challenges and asks questions to get us thinking. It also gives some reflections from psychiatrists and chaplains on how Jesus might see this and how churches might respond. We will be in the church, and we will have tea and coffee together while we watch the films and think about the stories we hear.

If you would like to be part of the remaining four weeks, please let me know. Either have a word with me at church or contact me by email or phone - details at the end of the newsletter.

Thanks - Christine



Bible Detectives is our new after-school club for all Pre and Primary school aged children and their families. We will be running this once a month during the Autumn term. The idea is to look at a theme or story from the bible by using science experiments, activities, and crafts. Please be praying for this new venture.

We also need one or two more volunteers to make this viable. You would need to be available from 3.00-5.30pm on Wednesday 17th September 15th October and 19th November and be willing to chat to the families and lead on one of the activities. Please speak to me if you think you might be able to help. Many thanks,

Emma

MEN OF THE BENEFICE!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

After having to unfortunately cancel our last one, the next Men's breakfast is coming up on the 26th of July.

We're going to be upgrading the rolls this month, not just bacon... but also... sausages! In a few months' time we may even end up having a full English (followed by the customary lunch time nap!)

Please do let me know if you are planning on coming along.

The Toddler Group – has Started! 9.30am On Thursday @ St Michael's

Why not come along to our "Toddler Group".

Everyone seems to enjoy it and have a great time and there are lots of conversations happening and new connections being made. Please continue to pray for this new ministry and if you'd be willing to volunteer occasionally, particularly in the kitchen, do get in touch. **Emma**

Sunday morning 'Zoom' Coffee invitation

Would you like the chance on Sunday morning to meet up with others online for a chat? Our Zoom coffee chat will be running this Sunday at 11am, or as soon as the online service finishes if that is after 11am. Would you be interested in joining us? To get the Zoom link please email info@martleshamcofe.org.uk. Looking forward to seeing you there! Carolyn Smith'

Pop Up Shop



Sunday 27 July 2025 11.30-12.00pm



St Michael & All Angels Church **The Green Martlesham Heath** Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 11.30 - 12.00

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

Our pop-up shop will be opening earlier, from 11.30 -12.00pm, but we would like to invite you to join us at our church service which starts at 10.00am and/or tea and coffee which starts after the service at 11.15am.

We will be running on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. We look forward to welcoming you! From the pop-up Shop volunteers

The annual Ride and Stride!

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust make grants and our churches have benefited from these in the past. One major way that the Trust raises funds is by running the annual Ride and Stride event which this year is on Saturday September 13th.

Many churches in Suffolk and neighbouring counties will be open from 9am to 5pm that day and people will be sponsored to walk or cycle to as many of them as they can. This makes a great day out for all who take part. Sponsor money is split between the Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant.

I am again looking for people able to provide a welcome at both St Mary's and St Michael's for time slots during the day, recorders can sponsored as well as riders. I also encourage anyone able to walk or cycle to have a go as it really is a fun experience as you meet others, and have a look in places you might not otherwise have visited. The route can be as long or short as you choose and suggestions are available.

However you want to take part do please contact me.

Paul Jordan - 07745889022

Martlesham and Brightwell – Parish Giving Scheme

Brightwell PCC has recently joined the Parish Giving Scheme. Martlesham has been a member for a number of years. Instead of giving in cash at one of our churches or setting up a standing order with your bank you can set up a regular payment by direct debit, via the Parish Giving Scheme. This is normally collected at the beginning of each month. Each year PGS will contact you to see if you are happy for your gift to be increased in line with inflation – and you have the choice to review your giving and change it, if you want to. If you are a taxpayer, then the gift aid can be claimed and PGS do this directly from the government.

The advantage for each PCC is the giving and the tax is received regularly each month and without having to complete a Gift Aid tax claim. The same money given but a lot less work for the treasurer. If you would like to join the scheme you can setup a payment by either:

- 1.Telephoning PGS on 03330 021271
- 2.Scanning one of the QR codes below for either Martlesham or Brightwell
- 3. Filling in an application form available in each church and sending it to:

Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1

4. Give online www.parishgiving.org.uk
Martlesham PCC QR code

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Brightwell PCC QR Code



Martlesham PCC QR Code

Cream Teas Afternoon - 25th August



It is that time of the year for Pam and Roger to invite you to their annual Cream Teas Afternoon. It will take place as usual on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August at 18 Forest Lane, IP5 3ST. Please arrive any time between 2.30 pm and 5.00 pm and enjoy tea, scones and cake along with pleasant company. Any donations will go to St Elizabeth Hospice.

Jamie's Baptism



On Wednesday at St Michael's we had a joyous celebration as Jamie was baptised. Jamie spoke of how he didn't find God, but God found him. Despite the stretch as Jamie is rather tall, Christine managed to get the water onto his head and urged Jamie - and all of us - to keep looking to Jesus.

Revd. Toby Tate





Opening times on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9am -12pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

"TEN YEARS' SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY"



Village Fete

Thank you to all who came along to see us last Saturday, despite the weather the Runway was full for most of the day, along with our outside space and also the extra tables we set up in the church.

All of our volunteers worked extremely hard to be able to provide a wonderful array of fresh cakes and cheese and fruit scones, along with the usual teas and coffees. Being able to still provide the levels of service we would on any normal Runway day and having the opportunity to show the Runway off at its best was a joy to see and be a part of. I can't thank all the volunteers who helped on the day enough for all their efforts. If you have ever thought about volunteering and enjoy the Runway or think you might like to come and have a look, why not pop in and have a chat?

God Bless



Tickets are available to purchase from the Runway starting on Saturday 12th July. The Runway manager

Mob. 07925519111

Coffee off the Wall

If you haven't the money to pay for your drink, ask for a 'Coffee off the Wall' and, with no questions asked, you will be given a drink. Through generous donations we have a fund to pay for this. This means that you can come to the Runway, talk to friends, or our chaplains, and sit in the warm four mornings a week. This is part of our mission – sharing generously as God has given generously to us. Toby

Prayers for the Week

Over the past few weeks, some major events have slipped down the news agenda, but we should continue to pray for resolution,

We pray for all the innocent people caught up in current foreign wars.

- Ukraine, which sometime seems to be a "forgotten" war, where a cease fire, followed by a lasting peace agreement, then reconstruction, seems to ebb and flow, as politicians seem to seek their own advantages.
- Iran, where intransigent politicians, purporting to follow both God and their peoples' wishes still engage in vicious conflicts where many innocent people are slaughtered, or their lives torn apart.
- Gaza, where a population of over 2,000,000 people are threatened to be moved to a tented camp, so their homes can be destroyed
- Other countries who hardly make the news, whose citizens are in constant fear of wars.

In our thoughts and prayers, we pray:

- For our local and national community
- For our Church and it's leaders
- For those closest to us
- Pray for the King & The Royal Family
- For all politicians and public decision makers
- For all those seriously affected by the current financial situation
- For the sick, and those needing our help.
- For the swift outcomes of recent Public Enquiries
- For all Conflicts abroad
- For those affected by Climate Change & Natural Disasters

Prayers for the UK

- We pray for all those involved, their families, friends and colleagues effected by the tragic school bus crash in Minehead.
- For the families and friends of the two Ipswich men found dead in the swimming pool in Portugal.
- We pray for King Charles & Queen Camilla, and their continued support for the sick.
- We pray for Prince William, Kate and the children as she continues to require support after her recent treatment.
- We pray for the considered and early appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.
- We pray that the recent governments spending plans may in fact bring better security, better health and prosperity to all those in the UK.
- We pray that the difficult financial decisions the Government are proposing to Social Benefits Support and their subject review and delays, are made with care and compassion to both the citizens and mindful of the supporting taxpayers.
- We pray for all the victims of crimes especially where it involves so much violence and creating so much sorrow.
- We pray for all the families and friends of all victims, and the perpetrators may find forgiveness for what they have done.
- We pray that mental health services and those who must deal with it can be improved, to safeguard the general public and those who are suffering from mental health conditions.
- We pray that our politicians can further reflect on the difficulties exposed in the debate on end-of-life care and the possible choice of self-administered end of life.
- We pray and give thanks and praise to all those organisations and individuals in our local area and community.
- We give thanks for all the time and energy provided by so many volunteers, who give up their time to help and support

- others, whether it is one act of kindness or a whole year of giving.
- We give thanks for all our local Benefice community activities. Toby in his role as Assistant Rural Dean, and Rob with helping Toby in developing our Benefice ministry. We pray and give thanks to our own PCC, and the work and effort they give to our community.
- We give thanks to Jo and all her helpers who support the Runway and all the people who enjoy its hospitality especially on the 10th anniversary of The Runway. We give thanks for the work of Emma and the Toddler Group. We give thanks to all the groups noted in this issue of the Newsletter and all others that are not mentioned this week.
- We pray for and give thanks to all who manage St Michael's.
 It is regularly commented upon as being a wonderful facility, which is shared with so many local groups for their own community activities.
- We pray for the government, who are having to navigate us through "The New World Order" recognising that the recent reduction in foreign aid can be reinstated as soon as possible. We also pray that any cuts requiring to be made to finance defence and now the economic crisis generated by the USA, can be carefully thought through and reinstated at the earliest opportunity. We pray for all those who will have to accept the biggest reduction or delay in their support.
- We pray for all our elected representatives, our MP, County and District councillors and our parish councillors, for the time and effort they put in.
- We pray, while enjoying the current hot weather, for all those who find it difficult. For people who find hot weather physically exhausting, for workers having to work in excessive heats, for farmers and other industries where the use of water is paramount. For people who get into danger while swimming, sunbathing or other activities.

Prayers for the rest of the world

 We pray for all the countries and their people who are currently being threatened by the USA, physically and

- economically like Canada, Mexico, Greenland and many other smaller nations.
- We pray for all people in counties or areas involved in armed conflicts living in especially Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Isreal and many in the central African States and in the middle East.
- We pray that our government and others around the world will manage President Trump with care but firmness, particularly if he tries to impose his will on others through economic or physical force, and that Making America Great Again does not have to be supported with physical and/or economic violence.
- We pray and give thanks to all those in the world who are genuinely trying to improve people's lives.
- We pray for all the "little people" in the world with no voice, who should not be further estranged in the interest of nations or individuals' personal wealth or influence.
- We pray that all those in the world, who give pleasure to so many, including musicians/composers, actors/authors, artist, sportsmen and women, and bring joy to many, but also to themselves for creating joy for others.

Pray for some positive events and news this week

- Sport For the women's football team in Europe, for the
 cricketers in the final test of the visiting Indians series, our
 local football teams who help support The Runway in the
 season and all the small clubs and who give so much
 pleasure to so many.
- Music & The Arts To all the local groups who provide and encourage so many people to take part and enjoy these activities. Especial the major local and national festivals, including latitude, The Proms and so many others.
- **School Summer Holidays** All the children enjoying the freedom of the summer break, teachers, parents, but also giving a thought to those who struggle in the holiday season.

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

"DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL EVENT, CHARITIES OR THE LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE THE READERS TO SUPPORT?" Just drop an email to

newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk or call Richard on 07771 877545



Pre-Spring Cleaning!

John Hammond, a member of our community, and an Ambassador for The St Elizabeth Hospice is happy to collect unwanted household articles suitable for selling on behalf of St Elizabeth's Hospice John is very happy to talk to you and see if The St Elizabeth Hospice can benefit from them. Call John on 07717171568.

FIND Foodbank

Thank you for so many continuing donations to the foodbank. They can be left in the box in The Rectory porch. The latest up-date list is as below but please no fresh fruit and vegetables unless you take them directly to 5 Braziers Wood Road lpswich IP3 0SP

2.30-4.30 They deliver 120-150 parcels per week and are always in need of more delivery

drivers. https://www.findipswich.org.uk/



START In Suffolk

Home-Start in Suffolk is the county's largest family support charity.

Our vision is that every child in Suffolk is given the best start in life because of the love, support and guidance they receive from their parents, guardians or the people performing the role of their parents.

www.homestartinsuffolk.org

Contact <u>01473621104</u>

headoffice@homestartinsuffolk.org

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 John on 07717171568 or email on jimghammond@msn.com.
 - Footsteps -

christine.pinder@btinternet.com.

Tools with a Mission

Is an Ipswich based Charity, take tools, sewing/knitting machines, fabric, haberdashery and computers for refurbishing. They send out around 24 containers a year filled with over 300 tonnes of tools. If you have anything you think could be of use.

Please contact - Pauline and Paul Jordan on 01473 625061

Do you have a Charity or local event you wish to publish?

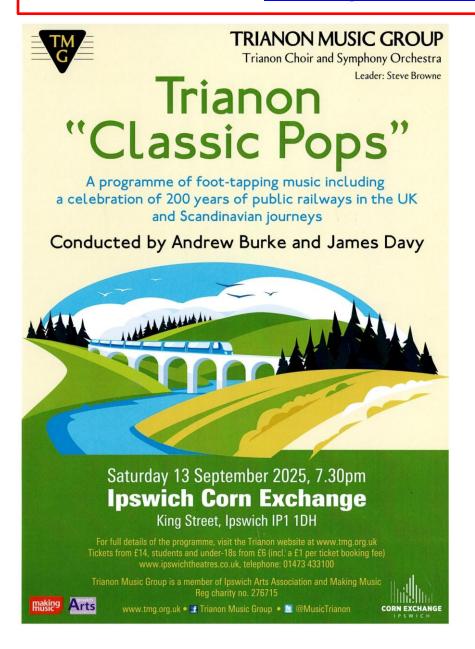
Contact us via our email.

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HOME GROUPS at Martlesham Benefice

All groups (8-12 people) are OPEN to new members. Get in touch via ADMIN if you would like to join. Alternatively, start a

new o	group,	see	Toby	for	info.	
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Group	Members	Meets	Time	Location	Leader	Admin
Group 1	7	Monday, weekly	7.45pm- 9.30pm	The Rectory	Usually, Toby Tate	Toby Tate
Group 2	7	Monday, weekly	1.50pm- 3.30pm	Online via Zoom	Usually, Carolyn Smith	Carolyn Smith
Group 3	Group 12 (full) Tuesday, weekly		7.30pm- 9.30pm	Various homes	We take it in turns to lead the meeting.	Lynne James

Notes: Groups meet to study the bible together, discuss & share with each other, to worship and pray, for fellowship and to show love & faith through action to others who do not yet know Jesus Christ. Group members decide what they would like to study. This might be to read and learn about a particular book in the bible, or to look at a topic from a biblical perspective. Sometimes there are church wide teaching themes, for example, looking at how to be a more fruitful congregation. Groups are places where questions can be asked and difficulties shared in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality, a place where individuals can be cared for and encouraged in their relationship with God. [See related article: https://enduringword.com/receiving-and-giving-in-church/]

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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