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**“The Newsletter”**

**For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**

**Sunday 31 August 2025**

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**‘Be still…’ and be with God**

Oh, my days, summer has flown by. Many groups and activities take a few weeks off over the summer, and 6 weeks ago I thought ‘it will be nice for things to slow down for a while’. But it seems that I’ve blinked and now it’s time to start planning for Christmas.

My job before I became a minister was as a Commercial Insurance Broker. We would arrange a new policy for a client, then service that policy through the year. We’d then deal with anything that came up like a change of circumstance or a claim, then we would offer a renewal policy, which most of the time they would accept. Then we’d manage their policy for the year… and so on and so on. There was something quite comforting in the ongoing cycle, knowing that each of my customers was at a certain stage of the annual process, I knew who was where and what needed to be done.

What took me by surprise though, was how quickly the renewals would come round. It felt at times that I’d just put the folder away after renewal, then 5 minutes later I was getting it out to start the renewal process again. Somehow a year had gone by in the blink of an eye, time had flown by. My guess, most of you will know exactly what I mean.

The Bible talks about the passage of time in various places, perhaps one of the most famous is found Ecclesiastes 3 (go and check it out). The Bible recognises that life is busy and that at times it feels like time and life are flying by. Whether it be a summer that seemed to last 5 minutes or an insurance renewal that seemed to only be renewed last week. God knows that humans will often relate to time like this, it’s why when the Bible was written, God addressed this and told us what we should do. The most famous passage speaking into this is Psalm 46:10 – “Be still and know that I am God”. This isn’t written as a ‘nice thing to do if you have time’ – when God gave these words, they were meant as an instruction. Jesus himself models this when we read at various times and places that he took himself away from the busyness of what was going on, to be still and intentionally be in God’s presence.

So, this is my encouragement as we come to the end of another summer that has passed in the blink of an eye. Intentionally put time aside each day to spend time with God, if you do so already, try and add a little more. Whether that is time by yourself in a closed room, or out walking, or just for a minute or two between tasks, or by joining with others to pray, find more time each day to ‘Be still…’ and be with God. Amen.

**Rob**

**News Team is back from their summer break!**

**We look forward to all your summer news and autumn events**

**Sunday 31 August**

**10.00am – Benefice – St Michael’s**

**Sunday 7 September**

**9.30am – Breakfast Service -St Michael’s**

**11.00am – Holy Communion + Christening – St Mary’s**

**Wednesday 10 September**

**10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael’s**

**Sunday 14 September**

**10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael’s**

**6.30pm – Evensong – St John’s**

**Sunday 21 September**

**9.00am – Hoy Communion – St John’s**

**10.00am - Morning Worship – St Michael’s**

**11.00am – Holy communion – St Mary’s**

**Wednesday 24 September**

**10.00am - Holy Communion – St Michael’s**

**Sunday 28 September**

**10.00am – Holy Communion – St Micheal’s**

**6.30pm – Evensong – St John’s**

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**Next Pop-Up Shop**

**14 & 28 September 11.30- 12.00pm**

**@ St Michael’s**

**See updates inside.**

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***New Homegroup***

There are currently three home groups in our Benefice, two of which are full. As such, Emma and I are planning to start a new home group at our house on Brightwell Lakes.  It will start in September and will be on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. At this stage we are wanting to gauge interest from people who are not currently in a Homegroup and would like to consider joining one. Once we know how many people are interested, we will meet to discuss the content and frequency of meetings. If you wish to know more, want to talk it through or are keen to join please email one of us, and we’ll take it from there. If you have never been a part of a homegroup we would highly recommend it, if you want to know why, please do get in touch.

Thanks,

***Rob & Emma***

***Wild Church will be in the Autumn***

On Thursday 21st August we held a Wild Church service in the churchyard at St Mary’s. We had 34 people attend, mainly toddler families but also families from church and our great team of volunteers. There was a wonderful atmosphere and great creativity on show.

We looked at the subject of light and thought about Jesus being the light of the world. We sung ‘This little light of mine’ and did several activities, all aimed at helping us to enjoy and appreciate God’s creation. We ended the service around the fire pit where we prayed and sung again. Hot chocolate and biscuits were consumed, and we finished by singing our toddler blessing.

Our next ***Wild Church will be in the Autumn – more details coming soon.***

***Emma***

**Diary**

*(for details see inside)*

31 August – Summer BBQ

3 September – Mothers Union Friendship Group

13 September – Ride & Stride

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* *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 – Not meeting in August/Early Sept
* *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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1de5o6vM12dABDy71eBVkIfQp22iX2oB6/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=116144094581510833577&rtpof=true&sd=true).

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***

**Prayer Diary for August/September 2025**

**August**

29 for the Disability Advice Service and their clients

30 give thanks for times to relax with friends and family

31 that we may be rooted in the love of Christ

**September**

1 for all feeling anxious about the new school year

2 all who work for reconciliation and peace

3 for those starting a new school this term

4 for the residents of Bradford Court

5 for all teachers and lecturers

6 for relief for those suffering from poverty

**7** that we may be receptive to Jesus’ teaching

8 for better stewardship of our world

9 for the residents of Broomfield & Broomfield Mews

10 for greater support and understanding for those with mental health issues

11 that we may forgive others and be forgiven ourselves

12 for the Friends on Friday group in St Michael’s

13 for all involved in Ride and Stride

**14** Give thanks for the examples of discipleship in the Bible

15 for residents, businesses and charities in the Square

16 for the residents of Buckingham Close

17 for all taking part in Bible Detectives

18 for Wildlife Conservation around the World

19 that there may be lasting peace in all areas of the world

20 that all children receive love and care

**21** for a generous spirit so that we may help our neighbours

22 for a greater prevalence of Fair Trade

23 for those starting on courses of Higher Education

24 for the residents of Burgess Place

25 Give thanks for the support of friends

26 for charities supported by the World’s biggest Coffee Morning

27 for all engaged in police work

**28** Give thanks for the loving presence of Christ in our lives

29 Celebrate St Michael and All Angels

30 for people with Dementia and their carers

***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](mailto:rob@martleshamcofe.org.uk) if you would like to join in.

***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***

**Opportunities for Prayer**

***Opportunities to Pray Together***

We are now offering several opportunities for us to pray together as a Benefice. 8.30am *every Monday morning* at St Marys we have morning prayer. We use the ‘Common Worship’ red book and have two or three Bible readings, and a time of prayer. It’s a great way to start the week off by intentionally coming to worship God with others from the Benefice.

We also meet for our prayer meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the Month : 7.00pm @ St Michael’s Chapel and 2nd Wednesday of the Month : 12.45pm @ The Runway Café. Then we also have evening prayer on the 3rd Thursday of the Month : 7.00pm – St Marys, again using the Common Worship books.

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.

***Rob.***

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**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*](mailto:newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk)

***Friends on Friday – Summer break***

Just to let you know that we are back in the**29th September**

***Thanks –*** ***John M***

***Martlesham MU Friendship Group***  
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd September 2023 when John Hammond, an ambassador for St. Elizabeth Hospice, will join us to talk about raising money for this worthwhile cause. He has offered to take any donations of saleable items to the shop on Martlesham Heath.

The meeting will be in the small committee room in St. Michael’s, 10 15am for 10 30am. All are very welcome.  
For more information contact Sue - 01473  624130 or Mary - 01473 623752.

Also, if you can bring a camping chair (or similar) please do so, there are some chairs at St Mary’s, but not enough for everyone. There will also be some gazebos for shade. Nearer the time, if it looks like the weather isn’t going to be great, we will likely move to St Michael’s.

There will be no charge for the BBQ, however donations will be welcome. After costs, any money raised will be going to the Suffolk Ride and Stride initiative, which helps maintain churches in the local area. I will be spending the entire Ride & Stride Day at St Johns, Brightwell, welcoming visitors, so please do give what you can by way of donation and sponsorship!

So that we know how many burgers to get, please let us know if you’re coming by either emailing me (email address below), texting me, (number below) or signing up on one of the sign-up sheets at St Michael’s (on the Church notice board) or St Mary’s (on the table at the back). Please also let me know if you require a vegetarian option. If you are willing to help set up or even manage the BBQ (everything will be provided) please do let me know.

I hope to see many of you there.

***Rob.***

Dear Martlesham Benefice family and friends. You are all warmly invited to a **Benefice BBQ** on **Sunday the 31st August** at **St Mary’s Church**, **starting at around 12pm** (or soon after the Church service.)

It will be a great opportunity to share a meal and fellowship with our Church family.

Burgers will be provided however if you are able, please bring a side dish or a dessert.

There will be tea and coffee served after the service as usual, however please bring your own soft drinks.

***Summer BBQ.***

***RSVP***

***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.

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**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***

***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, walkers can be  
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***

**Pop Up Shop**

**Sunday 14th & 28 September 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 £2

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*

**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](mailto:info@martleshamcofe.org.uk). Looking forward to seeing you there!

***Carolyn Smith'***

**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***

Opening times on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

from 9am -12pm.

**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**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**

**“Ten years’ service to the community”**

Brightwell PCC QR Code

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**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 3BD

4. Give online [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

Martlesham PCC QR code

**Prayers for the Week**

**There are small signs of hope in some of the world international areas of strife, these will still be there, and our prayers are essential.**

* **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, continue to 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 the recently bereaved: some who pass away peacefully after leading long and fulfilling lives, others who
* are taken too early. We especially pray for the family and friends left to mourn and remember.
* We pray for all sides in the Doctors dispute; we pray specifically for all those whose lives are at a stage where they need the doctors but are now having to wait with trepidation and uncertainty.
* 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 pray for all people who are on benefits, often navigating complex applications when many are at a very low ebb, also all those who work in customer facing offices having to explain why some applications are not within the rules.
* 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 our elected representatives, our MP, County and District councillors and our parish councillors, for the time and effort they put in.

**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 for all immigrants throughout the world, and they are protected from political 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 –** 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 last freedom of the summer break, teachers, parents, but also giving a thought to those who struggle in the holiday season. All those who took exams and now moving forward to their next adventures.

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**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

Ipswich

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/>



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](http://www.homestartinsuffolk.org)

### Contact [01473621104](tel:01473621104)

### [headoffice@homestartinsuffolk.org](mailto:headoffice@homestartinsuffolk.org)

Supporting Local Charities

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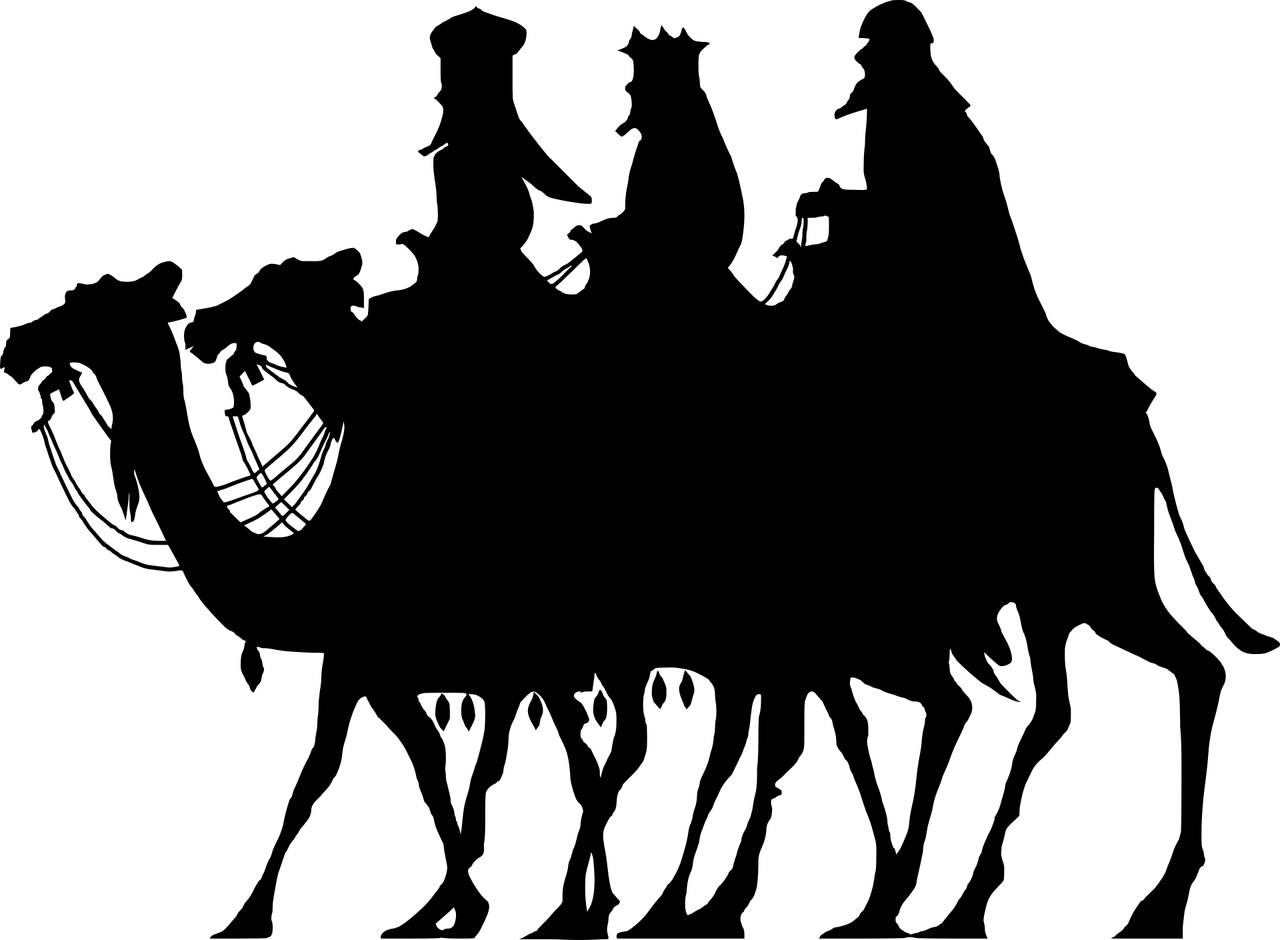
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**Supporting Local Charities**

* **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 [jjmghammond@msn.com](mailto:jjmghammond@msn.com).
* **Footsteps -** [christine.pinder@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.pinder@btinternet.com).



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We will be publishing a special “Reflections Editions” at the end of the month, please send your prayers and reflections to the Newsletter email address over the next two weeks.

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*“The pain of grief is just as much part of life as the joy of love: it is perhaps the price we pay for love, the cost of commitment. To ignore this fact, or to pretend that it is not so, is to put on emotional blinkers which leave us unprepared for the losses that will inevitably occur in our own lives and unprepared to help others cope with losses in theirs.”*

Dr Colin Murray Parkes

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

***Contact us via our email.***

**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.**

**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**

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Please Join us in the Runway for an afternoon of Christmas cheer, with lovely food, unlimited tea and coffee, great music and singing and a raffle with any funds raised going to Tools with a Mission.  Tickets are £5 per person and are available to purchase in the Runway.  We look forward to welcoming you.

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

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If you have a prayer, you think others would like to share, please send me a copy to [newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@martleshamcofe.org.uk) or 01473 624160 ***Richard Boother*.**

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