



"The Newsletter"

For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL
Sunday 23 November 2025



Busy – but spend time with God!

I started this week at St Mary's for the Monday 8.30am morning prayer service. If you haven't been, and are free at that time, it's a great way to commit your week to God. Just 30 minutes of reading the bible and praying together, in the peace and beauty of St Mary's.

You will be aware that Christmas is coming. A chance to remember that God came to Earth to enable us to enter heaven. A great time to praise God, to easily invite people to events to hear the good news of Jesus (do see our services and events list) and also a time to spend with family and friends. It's all good. But then I looked at my diary. I use google calendar and my events are coloured green on my screen. There is a lot of green in the coming weeks. Christmas is great but also means extra activities and events.

And then in our prayer time on Monday we read psalm 46. It's a great reminder that whatever is going on, God is constant. The nations may be in uproar, but God is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.

So, my tip for glancing at an ever-filling diary and not being overwhelmed is to spend time with God. To remember that whatever comes, he is there. I've said before that advent and Christmas are a time of clergy hypocrisy where we speak of being calm and seeking God and then rush to the next school event or service. But without the time to refuel, to simply 'be' in God's presence, our work is for nothing. This is a message for me, as much as one to share.

May your Christmas preparation be peaceful, your advent God filled, and may you know the presence of the God who doesn't change; however much green appears on your calendar.

Toby

'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.' Psalm 46:10



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



Sunday 23 November

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's

3.00pm – Evensong – St John's

Wednesday 26 November

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's

Sunday 30 November

10.30am Benefice Service – St Michael's

Sunday 7 December

9.30am Breakfast – St Michael's – See notice inside

11.00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's

Wednesday 10 December

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's

Sunday 14 December

10.00am - Holy Communion- St Michaels

3.00pm - Advent Carols – St John's

Monday 15 December

7.00pm – Carols on The Square

Sunday 21 December

10.00am – Morning Worship

11.00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's

6.30pm – 9 Lessons – St Michael's

Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's

4.00pm – Crib Service – St Michael's

11.30pm – Midnight Communion – St Michael's

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Opportunities for Prayer



Martlesham Benefice
St Michael's
St Mary's
St John's

Christmas

In The Martlesham Benefice

Saturday 13th December - Messy Church. 10am @ St Michael's.

Sunday 14th December - Evensong Carols. 3.30pm @ St. John's, Brightwell.

Monday 15th December - Carols on the Square. 7pm @ The Square, Martlesham Heath.

**Sunday 21st December Christmas Service. 11am @ St. Mary's
Nine Lessons and Carols. 6.30pm @ St Michael's**

**Wednesday 24th December.
Crib Service - 4pm @ St. Michael's
Midnight Communion - 11.30pm @ St Michael's.**

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day service 10am @ St Michael's.

For more information about any of our services, please contact Revd. Toby
toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk

Breakfast Church is on Sunday the 7th of December

As a Christmas special, we are going to be having Sausage and Bacon baps, we're also inviting all our Pop-Up Shop customers to come along as well.

Please see the flyer for details. There is no need to book, but if you know that you are going to be coming please can you let me know so I have a vague idea of numbers.

Rob@martleshamcofe.org.uk



Martlesham Benefice
St Michael's
St Mary's
St John's

Pop-Up Shop

Christmas Special!

Sunday 7th December
Breakfast served from 9.30am
Pop-Up Shop at 11.00am

Join us for a Sausage or Bacon bap and fresh tea and coffee as we celebrate Christmas together. This will be a relaxed, informal gathering with a 'thought of the day' before our Pop-Up Shop at the slightly earlier time of 11.00am.

Free of charge and no need to book
St Michael and All Angels Church, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL



Opportunities for Prayer contd.

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/>

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

Prayer Diary for November/December 2025

November

21 for those waiting for medical test results
22 for a successful work morning at St Michael's
23 give thanks and praise to Christ our King
24 for all at Women Together this evening
25 for all visiting the Broom Tree café today
26 the residents of Copse Close
27 for those campaigning for the environment
28 for all worried about budgeting for Christmas
29 for a successful work morning at St Mary's
30 Advent Sunday: Come, Lord Jesus!

December

1 for those without shelter, warmth, and safety
2 for our Benefice Day of Prayer and Fasting
3 the residents of Crane Close
4 give thanks for the joy of peace-filled moments
5 for farmers and growers
6 for our volunteer Community Responders

Martlesham Benefice – Prayer Chain.

If you've never heard of a prayer chain before, it's a group of people within the Church who take on a pastoral responsibility to pray for people that have an unexpected / urgent need or emergency. The way that it will work, should there be a situation where you would like the Church to be praying, either for you or a situation, you can contact either myself or Toby. We will then pass on the request to the rest of the prayer chain who will, at their earliest opportunity, offer prayers to God. All prayer requests to the Prayer Chain will be treated as confidential unless you say otherwise.

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for you, email Toby or myself, or in 'life or death situations' you can also call us so that we can respond quickly.

Please also pray, and give thanks for, the Prayer Chain as it can be quite a daunting responsibility to pray into emergency situations.

Rob.

rob@martleshamcofe.org.uk
07359 463312

Toby.

Toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk
01473 612659

Reflecting with God, monthly group, 7pm on Zoom.

Reflecting with God meets online on the third Sunday evening of each month, when we gather together with God for some quiet time and reflection. We don't have a set format, but a typical meeting starts with an introduction then a short time of silence to bring ourselves into God's presence. The materials for reflection are then introduced, and we spend a longer time in quiet to reflect on these individually. After this we start the meeting again and there is an opportunity to share anything we'd like of what we've heard God saying to us, then we close with prayer. All are welcome, to join email info@martleshamcofe.org.uk for the Zoom link or contact Toby.

Carolyn Smith

Opportunities for Prayer contd.

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

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'

Reading the whole Bible in a year!

In 2026 we are going to be reading the whole Bible in a year...again! This time though, we will have daily readings from the Old and New Testament passage, as well as a Psalm or Proverb. Each week I will email out the readings with a video or two to help us think through what we're reading, as well as the occasional hymn and song that links to the passages. If you would like to join in the 2026 read through, please email me and I'll add you to the new mailing list.

Rob@martleshamcofe.org.uk



What's on! – Diaries of prayer and activities

Diary of Activities

(for details see inside)

22 November – Mens' Breakfast
 22 November – Darsham Dogs in aid of Footsteps
 25 November – Scout post boxes open
 4 December – Rotary Candle-Lit Carols
 6 December – Christmas with Martlesham Brass
 6 December – Gypeswyk Signers
 14 December – CLO Concert in aid of Home Start
 18 December – Tea Coffee cakes and carols
 20 December – Martlesham Brass, A Christmas Concert

Diary of Prayers

(for details see inside)

24 November – Women Together
 15 December – Carols on the Square
 Recurring

- Weekly – Monday Morning of Prayer
- Weekly – Brightwell New Home Group
- Weekly – Broom Tree Café
- Weekly – Friends on Friday
- Weekly – Reading the Bible in Chronological order
- Weekly – The Toddler Group
- Weekly – Sunday after church Zoom Coffee
- Weekly – Sunday morning Zoom coffee morning
- 3rd, 27th and 29th Nov – Church Working
- Monthly – Lunch Club 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Monthly – Reflecting with God on Zoom – 3rd Sunday of the Month at 7.00pm -
- Monthly – 1st Tuesday – A Day of prayer and fasting
- Monthly – Men's breakfast



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

Call for Volunteers

WE ARE SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US AT THE RUNWAY CAFE!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED, FULL TRAINING PROVIDED

SIGN UP WHENEVER YOU CAN FOR ANY SHIFTS YOU WANT!

WE ARE A NOT FOR PROFIT CAFE SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY 9AM- 12PM TUESDAY TO SATURDAY

VOLUNTEER ROLES:
FOOD AND DRINK PREPARATION
WAITING TABLES
MANNING THE TILL



THE RUNWAY
MORE THAN JUST COFFEE

THE RUNWAY CAFE, ATTACHED TO ST MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, MARTLESHAM HEATH, IP5 3PL

EMAIL: therunway@martleshamcoffee.org.uk
MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK
OR POP IN AND SEE US WHEN WE ARE OPEN

*Dates for your Diary - Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Carols is once again taking place in the Runway **Thursday 18th December from 2pm-4pm.***

Tickets will be on sale in the Runway from Tuesday 18th November. Please, come along and join us for what is always a fun festive afternoon.

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Carols



Join us at the Runway for an afternoon of festive fun including scones, brownies, unlimited Tea & Coffee, Christmas Carols and a Raffle!

DATE: Thursday 18th December
TIME: 14:00 - 16:00

Purchase your tickets at:

Runway Opening Times
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9am - 12pm

£5 per person

THE RUNWAY
MORE THAN JUST COFFEE



For 11-16 year olds

Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

AT THE RUNWAY CAFE MARTLESHAM

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN THE AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL?

LOW-COST REFRESHMENTS

HANG OUT WITH OTHERS

TABLE FOOTBALL

BOARD GAMES

POOL TABLE

FREE WIFI

The Runway Cafe, attached to St Michael's Church, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL

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**

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

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

As we have done in past years, we will be producing a “Bumper” edition for the weekend of Sunday 21 December!

Thus, please send through items

- Greeting for to or from anyone you wish
- Prayers to celebrate Christmas or give thanks to 2025!
- Christmas poems
- Update on any groups over 2025 and ideas for 2026

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

CHURCH WORK MORNINGS.

St Michael's

As winter approaches, we start to prepare the churchyards with our annual work mornings at both churches. St Michael's will be held on **Friday 21st November** from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.

St. Mary's

Will be held on **Saturday 29th November** between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. In both cases, please bring gardening tools if you have them. If not, some will be provided.

Roger

St John's

On **Saturday 6th December** from 1-3pm we will be sweeping leaves, cleaning the church and tidying the churchyard. All helpers welcome. Brooms and equipment provided.

Thank you

Lynne James

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



Martlesham PCC QR Code



Brightwell PCC QR Code

Women Together



*"So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."
1 Thes 5:11*

The **Women Together** programme is prepared for the year, we meet on the 4th Monday of the month.

Women Together is a group for all women in the benefice, to build us up in fellowship and strengthen diverse friendships and support networks. Please feel free to bring a friend if you think it would be appropriate. There will be an informal talk from a Christian lady at most events.

Lots of people had great fun at our October singalong session. Thanks to Emma for organising and leading that so well.

**Monday 24th November
7:30pm – 9:30pm: St. Michael's Church**

Christmas Craft

Christmas craft event. Tim has sourced all that will be needed to make a beautiful table decoration (see attached photo for an example). It will cost £3 per pot.

So, I hope to see lots of you there, from 7:30pm at St Michael's, with of course the usual refreshments and good company.



Monday 8th December

Black Tiles

Christmas meal out!

A firm favourite in our calendar.

**Time to celebrate with the wonderful friends we've made at
Women Together**

**Please contact Tamsin – ttxtate@aol.com,
Tim Howell, Di Russ, Helen Davey or Emma Allinson for more
information.**

Pop Up Shop



**Sunday 23 November 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

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

Operation Christmas Child



A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the shoebox appeal. We collected a whopping 115 shoeboxes, with at least another 7 shoeboxes donated online. That's a grand total of at least 122, which I believe is a Martlesham record! Thanks also to Marga who wrapped and filled all the boxes that we put together from the donated gifts.

It's so encouraging to think about all those children with smiles on their faces because they've received those lovely gifts at Christmas, and know that there are people thinking about them, even when life is difficult. Thank you so much.

It is still possible to donate money towards the cost of sending off the shoeboxes.

At the moment we don't know where our shoeboxes will end up, but it will be somewhere in the world where children have very little and will not receive other gifts. It's great way of sharing God's love and making children very happy at Christmas time.

If you have any questions, please ask either **Marga or Christine**

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club had a visit from the food safety and hygiene inspector recently and were delighted when he awarded us 5 Star Rating again. The team work hard and take great care to keep up our very high standards.

The Lunch Club continues to flourish and at the moment is full. I will start a waiting list for any more guests who would like to join us.

Mary 01473 623752

MU Friendship Group

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 3rd December**.

We will start the Christmas celebrations with a festive fish and chip lunch and sweet followed by coffee or tea.

Meet in the small committee room at 10 30am. We shall be sharing the Church Centre with local children who are attending 'Experience Christmas' but there will be room for us all.

Please enter via the little storeroom door on right .

Wishing everyone a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas.

Sue 01473 624130 and Mary 01473 623752

Prayers for the Week

We pray and give thanks to the first steps towards peace in the Gaza war. Hopefully with USA driving this forward this is the very first but positive steps to long term peace.

We pray, that for whatever reason, that both Jews and Muslims in the UK will not be harassed or victimised for what is being undertaken by all sides in the region.

We pray that President Trump will not lose focus on the Middle East, but also that he can constructively work for a fair and lasting peace in Ukraine.

We pray for the COP30 conference currently taking place in Brazil.

We Pray for all those affected by Hurricane Melissa and all other natural disasters. We pray that we do not forget those abroad who are suffering, when we reduce our national foreign aid.

We pray that the enquiry into Child Sexual abuse will soon be able to confirm its chair and start their work. We pray for all the victims.

Pray for all those affected by the crisis in the criminal justice service. From the victims of crime, the police, the lawyers, the Home Office and Justice Department, those working or volunteering within prison, those running the custardy suites and the like.

We pray also for the social and mental health services, who are desperately working within the system.

Finally, we pray for the criminals, who range from very bad people to those society has mistreated and they then sink into criminality.

We pray that the country as a whole can come up with solutions and remove it from political defensive posturing and easy political point scoring. "Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime."

In our thoughts and prayers, we pray:

- For our local and national community
- For our Church and it's leaders
- For those close 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 those affected by Climate Change & Natural Disasters

Prayers for the UK

- We pray for all the recently deceased: 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 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 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 that, for the sake of political dogma and unrealistic election promises, the very poorest in our community will not be forgotten.
- We pray for all immigrants, whether legal or illegal, that they will be treated with humanity and that while the politicians work out how to balance and resolve some very difficult issues, others may not exacerbate the situation for political gains.

- We pray that mental health 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 for Dame Sally Mullally as she prepares to be inaugurated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 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 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 that the new alliances involving China, Russia, North Korea, India and many others with their political, financial and military strength will be exercised for the benefit of the whole world.
- We pray for all people in counties or areas involved in armed conflicts living in especially Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel and many in the central African States and in the middle East.
- We pray for all immigrants throughout the world, that 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, artists, sportsmen and women, and bring joy to many, but also to themselves for creating joy for others.

Contributions welcome

- Please feel free to send in your prayers for publications.

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!



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FAMILIES IN NEED

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

JOIN OUR TEAM OF DRIVER VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTE TO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL



2 HOURS PER WEEK

MILEAGE PAID

MUST HAVE OWN VEHICLE

CONTACT US AT: office@findipswich.org.uk
01473 714217



CAN YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS

A LITTLE BETTER FOR A LOT OF FAMILIES?

THESE DONATIONS WILL HELP:

FOOD

- BOXES OF CHOCOLATES AND TUBS OF SWEETS
- TINS OF BISCUITS
- CHRISTMAS DESSERTS (E.G. PUDDINGS AND MINCE PIES)
- CHUTNEYS AND PICKLES
- STUFFING AND GRAVY MIXES
- SAVOURY SNACKS

NON-FOOD

- VOUCHERS (WITH RECEIPTS ATTACHED PLEASE)
- TOYS AND GIFTS FOR CHILDREN 0-17YRS
- CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER AND SELLOTAPE
- GIFTS AND TOILETRIES FOR ADULTS

We are very grateful for any donations, large or small.

Please remember that any foods that display an alcohol content **cannot** be given out.

The above list is not exhaustive, bear in mind that whatever **your** family enjoys at Christmas, our families are likely to enjoy too.

PLEASE DROP DONATIONS TO:

7a Braziers Wood Road
FIND
FAMILIES IN NEED
Ipswich IP3 0SP



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CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS:

Tel: 01473 714217
Email: office@findipswich.org.uk
www.findipswich.org.uk

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES CONTD



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.**

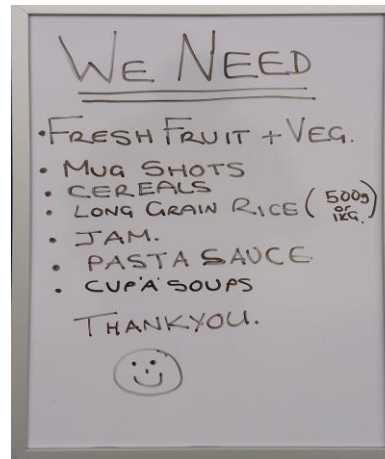
Tools with a Mission

Is an Ipswich based Charity, that 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**

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

Contact **01473621104**

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 jjmghammond@msn.com.
- **Footsteps** - christine.pinder@btinternet.com.

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

Contact us via our email.

SUPPORTING LOCAL EVENTS

"DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL EVENT, 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

Darsham Dogs

Live Music

Saturday 22nd November

Woodbridge Town Football Club

Arrive from 7:00pm
Music starts at 7:30pm

Fun for all the family
Classic rock, pop, blues & country
Spanning the decades
Fully licenced bar

In aid of
Footsteps *Walking with you*
Counselling Charity For 8-25 Year Old's

Tickets £10 each or £15 with basket supper
Sausage, veggie sausage, scampi or chicken strips, all served with chips

Available from
07955 898151 info@footstepswwwy.org.uk

Great Cause **Grand Raffle**

Rotary Deben Rotary

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL CANDLE-LIT CAROL CONCERT

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

VENUE: Tuckwell Room, Woodbridge School 7pm for 7.30pm

Please note the school is an Allergy aware site.

(Please take care in selecting any nibbles you bring)

TICKET PRICE: £12.00 each which includes light snack in the interval. (Mince Pies)

Included in the Ticket Price is a Charitable donation of £6.00

A traditional festive musical programme of carols, anthems and readings with the excellent Martlesham Brass Band and the Woodbridge School Chamber Choir. (Our 18th concert)

There will be no Bar so please bring own drinks. (Plastic Tumblers available)

Tickets available from any Woodbridge Deben Rotarian or by telephoning Rotarian

Martin Kenyon

01394 386933 or 07791 906078

Registered Charity No: 1151275

Tickets only available prior to the event.



1st Martlesham Scout Group

(Charity Registration Number: 285069)

Scout Christmas Post 2025



Postage is 40p per card

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Save money and help your local Scout Group.

Thank you.

Gippeswyk Singers

with **The Dargason Ensemble**

Conducted by Janette Ruocco

Gloria

An afternoon with Antonio Vivaldi



**Saturday
6th December
2025
At 4pm**

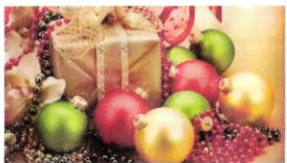
St Michael's Church,
Martlesham Heath,
IP5 3PL

Tickets

£15 on the door or £12 in advance.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/gippeswyk-singers

or telephone: 07510 612672



Christmas with Martlesham Brass

Coffee & Carols

Saturday 6th December 10.00 - 12.00

Admission Free

Christmas Concert

Saturday 20th December 7.00pm

Tickets £5.00

(Primary school age children free)

www.martleshambrass.co.uk

07544 962205 or on the door

both at

St Michael's Church Centre

Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL

Registered Charity No.1100922. Visit our website www.martleshambrass.co.uk

CLO String Orchestra

Conductor Jan Rowe



Christmas Concert

Blake, Elgar, Nielsen, Warlock

St John's School Choir – conductor Danielle Freestone

St Michael & All Angels

The Drift, Martlesham IP5 3PL

4pm

Sunday December 14th 2025

FREE ADMISSION with a retiring collection for Homestart



Homegroups – a chance to grow in God together.

Homegroups met at various times and places during the week. There are spaces for new members. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Toby.

toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk



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

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