



"The Newsletter"

For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL
Sunday 16 November 2025



From Little Acorns.....

Last week marked a whole year since I began my post as Children and Families' Minister at Martlesham and what a year it's been! Reflecting on the last year has stirred up a range of emotions but I think the main one has to be gratitude. I am so grateful to God for the way in which He is blessing the work we have been doing over the last 12 months. I am grateful to all of you for supporting this work, both practically by volunteering at events, preparing crafts or donating resources, or prayerfully by attending prayer meetings or committing to pray for our children and families as part of your daily prayers.

Being a Children and Families Minister is a joy and a privilege, but it is not something I can do alone. In order to run a toddler group, Messy Church, Wild Church, After School Club or even visit schools, I need people with me, both practically and prayerfully. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for stepping up and supporting me in my role. I truly believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in Martlesham and it has been such a joy to see people being drawn closer to Christ through prayer, action and The Holy Spirit.

Please continue to pray – pray for our families, pray for our schools, pray for our Christmas events and for a sense of direction as we move forward. And perhaps most importantly, please pray that people encounter Jesus through their interactions with us and our churches.

To finish, I'd like to share a favourite line of mine from one of my favourite songs (sorry Toby!)

It's based on Matthew 5:16 and it says *'Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story'*

Shine, Jesus Shine!

Amen

Emma



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



Sunday 16 November

9.00am – Holy Communion – St John's
10.00am - Morning Worship – St Michael's
11.00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's

Sunday 23 November

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's
3.00am – 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
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

10.00am – 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

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

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

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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/>

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

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

Prayer Diary for October/November 2025

November

13 for good relationships between nations
14 for those living with diabetes
15 for our local shopkeepers and assistants
16 that we may live for God this week
17 for peacekeepers and those who negotiate peace
18 for members of the Benefice Prayer Chain
19 the residents of Coopers Road
20 for all without clean water to drink
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!

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@martleshamcoe.org.uk for the Zoom link or contact Toby.

Carolyn Smith

Our next men's breakfast is coming up on the 22nd of November.

As it's nearly Christmas and we won't be eating enough over the coming months, we'll be having a 'relatively' full English breakfast. As there will need to be a bit more planning going into this one, please let me know by the 19th if you are coming along.

Many thanks. **Rob**

Opportunities for Prayer *contd.*

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.

Rob

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'

New Homegroup

The Brightwell Lakes home group is on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. 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.

Thanks - Rob & Emma

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

What's on! – Diaries of prayer and activities

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

Diary of Activities

(for details see inside)

15 November – Spectrum of Song

15 November – Concert in aid of Amnesty

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 – Gyppeswyk Signers

18 December – Tea Coffee cakes and carols

20 December – Martlesham Brass, A Christmas Concert

Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025

St Michael's & All Angels and St Mary's Martlesham and St John's Brightwell.

Thank you to all who led or took part in our remembrance activities this week - acts of remembrance at St Michael's and St John's, gathering in silence at the war memorial at St Mary's as the leaves fell, and Experience Remembrance at Martlesham Primary Academy. Lots of meaningful events supported by a great team of volunteers. Thanks too to Martlesham Brass for playing at St Mary's.



AFTERMATH Siegfried Sassoon

Have you forgotten yet?...
For the world's events have rumbled on since those gagged days,
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways:
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow
Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man reprieved, with joy to
spare.
But the past is just the same...and War's a bloody game...
Have you forgotten yet?...
Look down, and swear by the slain of the war that you'll never forget.

Do you remember the dark months you held the sector at Mametz-
The nights you watched and wided and dug and piled sandbags on parapets?
Do you remember the rats; and the stench
Of corpses rotting in front of the front-line trench-
And dawn coming, dirty-white, and chill with a hopeless rain?
Do you ever stop and ask, "Is it all going to happen again?"



**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



£5 per person

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




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.

As winter approaches, we start to prepare the churchyards with our annual work mornings at both churches. St Michael's will be held on **Saturday 22nd 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.

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.

Monday 24th November
7:30pm – 9:30pm: St. Michael's Church
Christmas Craft
Come and feel festive whilst making a winter scene.

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 – ttjtate@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



It's that time of year again when we start to think about Christmas, and for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We are collecting gifts and shoeboxes for Operation Christmas child again, and leaflets are available in the church and in the Runway with details of how to contribute.

If you would like to make a shoebox these can be brought to the Runway any time before Sunday November 16th.

Please remember we can't accept toothpaste, liquids or any food items. There is a full list of ideas for gifts to include in the leaflets.

If you would prefer to donate items to be included in a church made shoebox then that is also very helpful. Please leave donations in the crate in the Runway, and we will add them to shoeboxes that we make up ourselves.

It is also 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**

InHarmony
Enriching music in worship

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



A SPECTRUM OF SONG

A vibrant workshop for all who enjoy
singing music for worship

Saturday 15 November 2025

10am – 4pm

St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, IPSWICH

From Tallis to Townend – an enthralling musical journey through Christian worship music. Explore a wealth of eclectic styles, from the music of the early church to the vibrant sounds of today's worship. Something for everyone!

Led by Richard Hubbard
St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Music Development Director

Tickets £10 from stedscathedral.org/inharmony



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!



FIND
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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FAMILIES IN NEED

CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS:

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

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES CONTD



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our team and make a real difference!

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

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.**

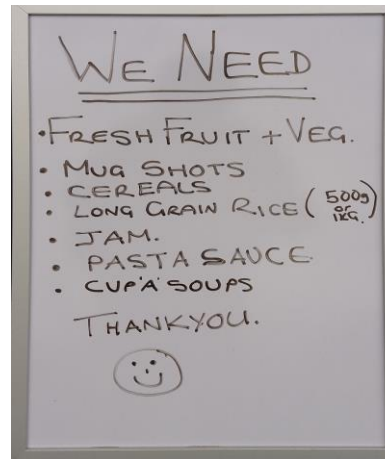
Tools with a Mission

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.

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Gippeswyk Singers

Gippeswyk Singers rehearse and perform at St Michael's Church. We are a friendly chamber choir and we enjoy singing a variety of genres of music under the direction of Janette Ruocco and accompanied by Sabine Sutton. This term we will be rehearsing pieces by Vivaldi for our Christmas concert. The concert is on Saturday 6th December at 4pm. Rehearsals commence on 15th September at 7.30pm.

Tickets for our concerts are available from ticketsource.co.uk/gippeswyk-singers



**TRIANON
MUSIC GROUP**



**Saturday 15th
November 2025**

St Michael's Church Martlesham
Heath
2.30pm to 4.00pm

£10

Trianon Singers in aid of Amnesty Ipswich

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Gippeswyk Singers

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

St Michael's Church,
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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

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1st Martlesham Scout Group

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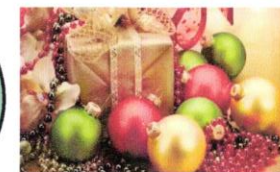
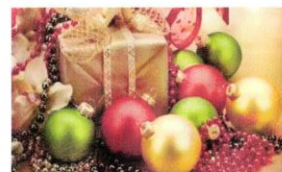
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Saturday 6th December 10.00 - 12.00

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Christmas Concert

Saturday 20th December 7.00pm

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(Primary school age children free)

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Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL

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Saturday 22nd

November

Woodbridge Town Football Club

Arrive from 7:00pm

Music starts at 7:30pm



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Classic rock, pop, blues & country
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Fully licenced bar



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Grand Raffle

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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