



"The Newsletter"

For **MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL**
Sunday 14 December 2025



'Christmas is an easy win'

This is a statement that I once heard at a business networking event. Lots of business owners get together once a month under the guise of 'networking' when really, it's just an opportunity to sell, whatever it is you're trying to sell, to other businesses. I didn't go to many of these events because it was like watching the adverts on TV, something I usually fast forward through, but the statement 'Christmas is an easy win', stuck with me, because I didn't really like it.

It was said by someone trying to sell something and suggested you can sell more of them at Christmas. The notion being that around Christmas people are more open to spending money than at other times of the year when they wouldn't. I suppose, however, that there is a certain amount of truth in the statement. We do buy the 'special' gravy for Christmas dinner... we may splash out on the 'fancy' chocolates, or the slightly better bottle of wine. And, whilst I'm not entirely comfortable with the phrase, there is also an element of truth in it from a Church perspective. We all have family and friends who are not 'Church goers' for various reasons, you may not be yourself. Inviting a non-believer to a 'normal' Sunday service can be quite a big step, however inviting someone to a carol service, a crib service or even a midnight communion service, could be an easy win. People often get into the Christmas spirit and do things that they wouldn't usually do... like buy the 'special' gravy and the 'fancy' chocolates, or who knows, they may even step into Church to hear or sing some traditional carols.

We won't know what people are willing to do this Christmas, until we invite them. Then, who knows what the Holy Spirit will do.

'Father God, as we get closer to Christmas, be at work in us, and in the hearts of those around us yet to know you, may we step out in faith to talk about you this Christmas. May you be praised in all we do. Amen'

Rob



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



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 – St Michael's

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

11.30 pm – Midnight Communion – St Michael's

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am- Holy Communion – St Michael's

Sunday 28 December

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's

Sunday 4 January

9.30am – Breakfast church – St Michael's

11.00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's

Sunday 11 January

10.00am – Holy Communion – St Michael's

3.00pm – Evensong – St John's

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

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

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We will be producing a "Bumper" edition for the weekend of Sunday 21 December!

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

*Happy
Christmas to
all our church
friends.
Simon and Liz*

*Wishing everyone
a happy Christmas
and a peaceful
new year.
Christine*

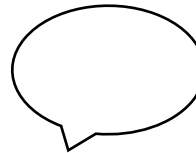
*"Thank you to all our church
leaders and elders, musicians,
coffee servers and everyone
else contributing to services
throughout the year. Thank you
for the friendship and kindness
of members of the
congregation. Wishing you all a
Peaceful and Happy Christmas.
From Jan and Ronan Doorly"*



*'We would like to
wish everyone a
very Happy
Christmas and all
good
wishes for the New
Year. With our love
Pauline and Paul'*

*Wishing you a
blessed and peace-
filled Christmas and
new year, Carolyn
and Phil Smith*

*Debbie, Richard &
Tom, thank all our
Church Friends for
their kindness in
2025 and wish all a
very happy
Christmas and 2026!*



Monday Group – Christmas Special



Opportunities for Prayer

A Christmas poster for the Martlesham Benefice. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and golden stars. At the top, there's a green pine branch with gold and silver ornaments. In the top left corner, there's a small green box with a white cross icon and the text "Martlesham Benefice", "St Michael's", "St Mary's", and "St John's". The word "Christmas" is written in a large, elegant, golden cursive font. Below it, "In The Martlesham Benefice" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font. The poster lists several services: Saturday 13th December - Messy Church, 10am @ St Michael's; Sunday 14th December - Advent Carols, 3.00pm @ 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 and Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm @ St Michael's; Wednesday 24th December - Crib Service - 4pm @ St. Michael's and Midnight Communion - 11.30pm @ St Michael's; Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day service 10am @ St Michael's. At the bottom, it says "For more information about any of our services, please contact Revd. Toby toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk".

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

Christmas

In The Martlesham Benefice

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toby@martleshamcofe.org.uk

A colorful poster for Messy Church Christmas. The background is red with yellow and blue wavy shapes. At the top left, there are three Christmas ornaments (red, green, and blue). In the top center, there's a logo for "Messy Church" with the word "Messy" in red and "Church" in yellow, both inside a red splat shape. To the right of the logo, there are three cartoon kings. Below the logo, the word "Christmas" is written in white. The main text "MESSY CHURCH" is in large, green, block letters with a white outline. To the right of this text is a candy cane. Below the main text, the date "SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025" is written in red, followed by the time "10:00-12:30" in red. Below that, "ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH" is written in red. The poster then lists activities: "JOIN US FOR GAMES, CRAFT, MESSY PLAY AND A SHORT SERVICE WITH PUPPETS, SONGS AND A BIBLE STORY!" and "ENDING WITH A FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH!". Below this, it says "FREE OF CHARGE AND NO NEED TO BOOK!". At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE DETAILS EMAIL EMMA@MARTLESHAMCOFE.ORG.UK". In the bottom left corner, there's a cartoon illustration of the Nativity scene. In the bottom right corner, there's a large yellow star with a green and red snowflake design inside.

Messy Church
Christmas

MESSY CHURCH

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025
10:00-12:30
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

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Christmas
CAROLS ON THE SQUARE

Join us on The Square, Martlesham Heath, as we celebrate Christmas with traditional carols and readings. Refreshments served afterwards at St Michael's Church. IP5 3PL.

 **Monday 15th December 2025 at 7pm**

 **The Square, Martlesham Heath**

More Information:
Rob@martleshamcofe.org.uk



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

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE

Join us on Christmas Eve for an interactive, noisy, joyful (and slightly chaotic!) service of worship, celebrating the very first Christmas! Why not come dressed as your favourite nativity character?

24 DEC @ 4:00PM

St Michael's Church, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL

for more details, contact
emma@martleshamcofe.org.uk

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

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 December 2025 & January 2026

December 2025

- 12 for all who work for peace
- 13 for those leading Christmas services
- 14 Come Jesus, fill us with joy
- 15 for Carols in the Square this evening
- 16 for those facing their first Christmas alone
- 17 for the residents of De Brink on The Green
- 18 for those seeking shelter and rest
- 19 for all retail workers at this busy time
- 20 that the good news of Jesus' birth may be celebrated
- 21 Come Jesus, be with us
- 22 for NHS workers on duty over Christmas
- 23 for families celebrating Christmas together
- 24 for the residents of Deben Avenue
- 25 give thanks for the great gift of Jesus, God with us
- 26 St Stephen: for those who are persecuted for their faith
- 27 for those struggling with debt
- 28 for church leaders worldwide
- 29 for those who are lonely or afraid
- 30 for the residents of Demesne Gardens
- 31 give thanks for all the blessings of this past year

January 2026

- 1 for peace throughout the world this year
- 2 for those considering new beginnings
- 3 for those returning to school and college

Reflecting with God

"There will be no Reflecting with God in December, so everyone can attend the service at St Michael's.

The next RWG will be on 18th January."

Carolyn Smith

Friends we will miss

Janet Baxter. Janet was a stalwart of the lunch club, helping to register people, she was a real person of prayer and on Thursday 27th went home to God she had loved for a long time.

Ray Lyon - Ray's funeral is on Wednesday 17th December at 12.00 at Seven Hills Crematorium. Donations for Tools with a Mission Everyone welcome.

God bless - Barbara

Opportunities for Prayer *contd.*

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)

14 December – CLO Concert in aid of Home Start
18 December – Tea Coffee cakes and carols
20 December – Martlesham Brass, *A Christmas Concert*
10 January – Trianon Music Group concert

Diary of Prayers

(for details see inside)

13 December – Messy Church
15 December – Carols on the Square
24 December – Christmas Crib Service

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
- Monthly – Lunch Club 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Monthly – Reflecting with God on Zoom – (not in December, back in January)
- 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.



The Runway will close for Christmas on
Saturday 20th December 2025 at 12.00
& re-open on Friday 2nd January 2026
at 9.00am



Do join us on 19th December between
9.00 & 12.00 for 'Free Cake Friday'

Get a free cake or scone when you purchase a drink

Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year

Join us in the Runway this
December and enjoy a Festive
Treat. New for December is
Spiced Chai Latte, a warming
spiced milky drink with a
dusting of Cinnamon. Carol
and Lynne have been busy
making Christmas cakes for
you to enjoy, we have indulgent
Luxury Hot Chocolate
served with Cream and
Marshmallows, and **Christmas
Tea** (what I call, Christmas in a
cup), along with **Gingerbread
Latte** and **Mince Pies**. We look
forward to seeing you



For 11-16
year olds

Tuesdays
15:30 - 17:30

AT THE RUNWAY CAFÉ 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

Ask for a '**Coffee off the Wall**' and, with no questions asked, you
will be given a drink. **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

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 (read the news article from the diocese [here](#))

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

Help required

"Niluka and her family have a close family friend in Sri Lanka, called Amila, who has sadly been diagnosed with leukaemia, and is in hospital there. We would like to support them by helping to raise funds towards the cost of his treatment, which is very expensive. If you would like to make a donation towards this, please could you either give it to Chris Howard, or donate through the card machine and let him know. As Niluka says, even a small amount translates into a lot of rupees and makes a difference. I'm sure they would also value your prayers for his recovery."

Thanks

Christine

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



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 26 January 2026

**7.30pm-9.30pm St Michael's Church
Scatterories**

A new year fun game. Do bring "extra to requirement" Christmas gifts for prizes for others!

Monday 23 February 2026

**7.30pm-9.30pm St Michael's Church
Handbells with Jo Dixon**

**Everyone can have a turn at the way of playing handbells.
Come and create music together.**

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

Pop Up Shop

Sunday 14 & 28 December 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

Prayers for the Week

We give thanks in celebrating one year of peace in Syria, and pray that however difficult the ceasefire is, it will continue while the government stabilising the contract, reflecting in a democracy of the people.

We pray over this Christmas period that the gradual move to peace in Palestine, Gaza and Israel and give thanks to the first steps towards peace so far.

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.

We pray that President Trump, has not lost interest in Ukraine. We reflect that President Trump concept of “transactional politics” and that his current policy on international politics, is brought in carefully to allow transitional periods.

We Pray for all those affected by recent extreme weather 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, to which the government has now appointed a chair, will move forward with speed and will finally bring closure and understanding to many 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 custody 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 may have mistreated and they then sink into criminality.

We pray that the country 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.”

We pray that the recent Budget, will be seen as a glimmer of hope for many in our society and pray alternative proposals would marginalise many even further. We pray that it has brought many children out of poverty, given them hope and given them a good start in life, and that they will then seek to benefit society as a whole.

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.

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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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.

SUPPORTING LOCAL EVENTS

"DO YOU HAVE A LOCAL EVENT, OR THE LIKE, YOU WOULD LIKE THE READERS TO SUPPORT?"

Just drop an email to

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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



**TRIANON MUSIC GROUP**
Trianon Choir and Symphony Orchestra
Leader: Steve Browne

Soloists: Mary McDonald, Julie Roberts, James Davy, Mark Saberton
Narrator: Janet Dann
Conducted by: Adrian Brown, Andrew Burke, James Davy

A Musical Gift Unwrapped!

*Celebrating the life and Trianon legacy
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Tickets from £15, students and under-18s from £7 (incl. a £2 per ticket booking fee)
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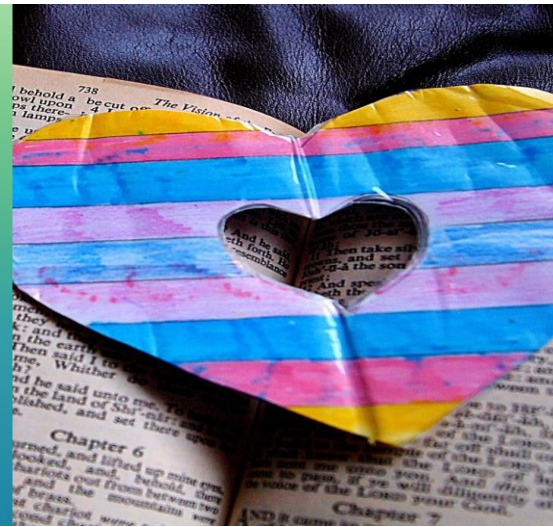
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Homegroups – a chance to grow in God together.

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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