

“The Newsletter”

For MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL

Sunday 28 June 2026



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble - Ps 46:1

Today, as with many days, reading the news was a challenge. The prime minister has resigned sparking talk of a country plagued by political uncertainty, heat wave warnings seem to be getting bigger as rumours of extreme heat are the main news topic – and it's not just us, across the channel things are pretty hot too. Flare ups in the war between Iran and the USA and also the Russia and Ukraine war. It all can seem a bit much.

And if that wasn't enough to contend with, for the third week running our bins have not been properly collected and there are still holes in our garden from where the gas main was replaced and they should have been filled last week. The world is in a strange position.

But the good news is that into all of this – whatever your concerns are – Jesus is still king. And – you may have heard this on Sunday – into the challenges that we face, Jesus repeatedly tells us not to fear. Not because he will solve all of our problems and make all the bad stuff go away, but because he has been through the challenges we have and has demonstrated that God will be with us when we travel a difficult road.

So if you are in a scary place currently – due to your life circumstances or concerns about the wider world – know that Jesus is with you and will be with you whatever comes. And so we can come to God with all that is on our hearts and he will walk with us through it.

May you know God's peace today

Toby

The prayer on the last page of the newsletter is particularly appropriate here - Editor.

Visiting Preacher at St Michael's

Join us **this Sunday (28th June)** when we have a visit from the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Joe Hawes. He is out and about to strengthen links with the cathedral and will be preaching for us.

Toby

Sunday 28 June

10:00 am - Holy Communion - St Michael's
with Very Reverend Joe Hawes (Dean)

6:30 pm - Evensong - St John's

Monday 29 June

8:30 am - Morning Prayer - St Mary's

Sunday 5 July

9:30 am - Breakfast Church* - St Michael's

11:00 am - Holy Communion - St Mary's

6:30 pm - **United Service - Salvation Army,**
Woodbridge Rd, Ipswich

Monday 6 July

8:30 am - Morning Prayer - St Mary's

Tuesday 7 July

7:00 pm - Prayer Meeting - Runway

Wednesday 8 July

10:00 am - Holy Communion - St Michael's

Sunday 12 July

10:00 am - Holy Communion - St Michael's
with Rob & John Gillett (Open Doors)

6:30 pm - Evensong - St John's

Monday 13 July

8:30 am - Morning Prayer - St Mary's

Sunday 19 July

10:00 am - Morning Worship - St Michael's

11:00 am - Holy Communion - St Mary's

* Session 5 (Exile, The Story of Loss) in 'The Bible Course'

Quiet Garden

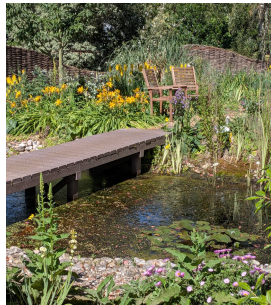
**A time for contemplation and reflection amid
the stillness and quietness of nature.**

**Bible reading and prayer spaced with time for reflection
and contemplation**

Monday 20th July
Monday 7th September
All dates at 10am-3pm
Dairy Farm Brightwell IP10 0BB

Tea, Coffee and Light Lunch Provided
Booking essential

Contact: **Bob or Lynne James**
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Louise and I went to the Quiet Garden on 22 June. We have been before so knew roughly what to expect. The James' garden is very, very lovely, but the whole day spent in personal quiet and reflection adds another dimension. Bob and Lynne are excellent hosts, and Brenda led a helpful and thoughtful time of prayer and reflection. Thank you to all three for making the day so special. I would encourage

anyone who can, to book on one of the remaining days.

Rowan

Photos by Louise and Rowan



Coffee Shop Manager required

The Runway Coffee Shop in Martlesham Heath is looking to employ a part-time manager (16 hours/week) to oversee its operations.

The Runway is a not-for-profit coffee shop operated by the church in Martlesham and is an important Christian outreach project serving the local community.

For further details please email:
therunway@martleshamcofe.org.uk

Closing date Friday 17th July.

Women Together

In July we're having our annual walk and meal. **Please save the date of Monday 13th July.** We will meet at 'The Fox' Newbourne 6pm for those who want a walk and then **7pm table booking for a meal.** If you would like to join us for the meal then **please let Emma (or Tamsin) know** and we ask for a £5 deposit so we can secure our bigger booking.

There will then be no other meetings in July or August as usual.

Tamsin

New Daylights/Guidelines

We will be submitting the order for the next issues of New Daylights and Guidelines at the end of this month. If you would like a copy of the next issue of either (they are published three times a year) please let us know and you will be added to the order. Each issue costs £5.99 or £7.25 for a large print copy. If you already receive a copy of either we will order for you unless you let us know you would like your order changed.

Thank you. Christopher and Elizabeth Howard

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Church Services in August

Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 2nd August

Toby's last service preaching in the Benefice will be **Sunday 2nd August at St Michael's**. This will be a Benefice Service starting at **10.30 am** followed by Tea/ Coffee in the Runway. We would like to celebrate Toby and the wonderful Tate family and the time they have spent with us at Martlesham and Brightwell by holding a Bring and Share lunch after Coffee on this day. We will provide Bacon Rolls and Hotdogs and will be asking those attending, if you are able, to **bring along a salad and/or pudding**. More details about that to follow later. For now all we need is an idea of the numbers of people who would like to attend the lunch, and so from this Sunday there will be a sign up sheet in the Atrium at St Michael's and another one in St Mary's. **If you would like to come along please could you add your name and the number of people coming with you and any dietary requirements/allergies please (ie Gluten Free/ Vegetarian/ Nut Allergy)**. Thank you.

Along with this we have been asked if we will be doing a collection to go towards a gift. Yes, we definitely are and if you would like to contribute towards this please would you pass this to **Chris Howard, Jo Stuckey or Pam/Roger Goffee**. Thank you.

Jo Stuckey

Benefice Service - Sunday 30th August

So as to ensure we keep the Sunday service pattern at St Mary's, and as there are five Sundays in August, we will be holding the **10:30am Benefice service on the 30th of August at St Mary's**. Please do try and come along as we will also be launching our sermon series on the Book of James, which will take us all the way through to advent!

Rob

Bishop Joanne asks for your help. There is a renewal of the diocesan growth strategy underway and she would like to hear from everybody about their views, informed by prayer, as they move forward. If you are able to take part, please follow this link and choose the appropriate survey to comment on:

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/exploring-faith/our-bishops/together-we-are-listening/>

Toby

Our Toddler group needs you!

The Thursday morning Toddler Group at St Michael's continues to be very popular and is one of the main ways we meet local families each week. From September, with Toby and Tamsin leaving, Emma needs a couple of people to help her run the group each week. The commitment would be 9.00am until 11.30am once a month on a Thursday morning. Emma sets everything up so your job would be to welcome the families, help with the smooth running of the session, join in with story and song time and help clear away at the end. If you think you could help with this, please speak to Emma as soon as possible or email her; emma@martleshamcofe.org.uk

Many thanks in advance.

Emma Allinson

Licensed Children and Families Minister
Martlesham Benefice

We are very sad to let you know that Doug Baxter died peacefully last week at Alice Grange care home. He was a much loved member of St Mary's and had previously been a very active member of St Augustine's in Ipswich. You could always rely on him to be at church with a smile, a positive word, and a twinkle in his eye. Now he is with the Lord that he loved, and reunited with his beloved Janet.

There will be a memorial service to give thanks for Doug's life at St Mary's on Monday July 20th at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

Christine

It is with sadness that we let you know that Jeremy Walsh died on Thursday. Jeremy retired from his role as bishop 31 years ago and has been a part of Martlesham since then – many will remember him taking baptism and confirmation services, his support during the vicar vacancies, and his calm love of God.

More details of funeral arrangements to follow when they are known.

Toby

Prayer Diary for June and July

Please include the following in your daily prayers and pray daily for peace.



June

28 thank you Lord that you always welcome us
29 St Peter and St Paul: give thanks for their lives and example
30 for tennis players, officials and spectators at Wimbledon today

July

1 for the residents of Lark Rise
2 for our local Councillors
3 for those persecuted for their faith
4 for world leaders that they may act with integrity
TBC....

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8 NIV*

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Another prayer from: The Valley of Vision - A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions

MY GOD

Thou hast helped me to see,
that whatever good be in honour and rejoicing,
how good is he who gives them, and can withdraw them;
that blessedness does not lie so much
in receiving good from and in thee, but
in holding forth thy glory and virtue;
that it is an amazing thing
to see Deity in a creature, speaking, acting,
filling, shining through it;
that nothing is good but thee,
that I am near good when I am near thee,
that to be like thee is a glorious thing:
This is my magnet, my attraction.

Thou art all my good in times of peace,
my only support in days of trouble,
my one sufficiency when life shall end.
Help me to see how good thy will is in all,
and even when it crosses mine
teach me to be pleased with it.
Grant me to feel thee in fire, and food and every providence,
and to see that thy many gifts and creatures
are but thy hands and fingers taking hold of me.
Thou bottomless fountain of all good,
I give myself to thee out of love,
for all I have or own is thine,
my goods, family, church, self,
to do with as thou wilt,
to honour thyself by me, and by all mine.
If it be consistent with thy eternal counsels,
the purpose of thy grace,
and the great ends of thy glory,
then bestow upon me the blessings of thy comforts;
If not, let me resign myself to thy wiser determinations.

*Excerpted from The Valley of Vision, edited by Arthur Bennett.
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