



## NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2019**

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*The Purpose of our churches is to spread the Good News of Jesus and to increase the Christian family through our prayers, our worship and our God-centred lives.*

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**Parish Evangelist:** Mike Miller

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### Let Us Pray...



*Pray for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Saviour.*  
The Bible, 1 Timothy chapter 2 verses 2 to 3, Today's Living Version.

If ever our nation and its leaders needed prayer, it's now! As that vital deadline rushes ever closer, we are more confused than ever about where we are going. Worse, many of our politicians, at least as seen from our side of the TV screen, appear more concerned about pushing their own agendas than they do about the good of the country as a whole.

So may I echo St Paul's letter to Timothy by calling all of us to pray for our United Kingdom, as individuals and whenever we meet together for Sunday worship or

for home groups and other activities. May I particularly request all who are leading intercessions in church to include prayer for the nation:

- Pray for our leaders to show wisdom and concern for the good of all
- Pray for our people not to be sucked into the vilification of others but to disagree well, with respect not hatred.
- Pray for our future peace and wellbeing

Above all, give thanks that we are part of something bigger than either the UK or the EU. The church stretches back 2,000 years and forwards into eternity.

Whatever the ups and downs of our present politics, kingdom of God can never be shaken.

Yours in Christ,



### **Electoral Roll Revision**

Once every six years the Church of England requires every one of its Churches to scrap the Electoral Roll. Everyone who wants to be on the Roll must then re-apply not less than 15 days before the AGM. If you don't apply you will not be on our list of official members. 2019 is that 6th year, so this means you! Application forms for the Electoral Roll will be available in Church every Sunday for the next few weeks. Please make sure you fill in your form and give it to the vicar or one of the wardens.

### **Are You A Good Listener? Course with Ruth Fogg 16 February**

The twenty or more people who attended Ruth's Listening Skills workshop in January know for themselves how excellent it was! Ruth is repeating the workshop on Saturday 16 February 10am to 12 noon at St Andrew's Annexe so that those who couldn't make it first time will also learn how to help the many isolated people all around us, who need somebody who really knows how to listen.

### **More Tea Vicar?**

Do you want to see the vicar about something? Book a wedding? Or a christening? Look up our records? Complain about something? Or even give us a pat on the back? Ask for prayer? Or bring your questions about life and faith? More Tea Vicar is your space to do any of these things. It's always on a Saturday 10am to 11am. Forthcoming dates are 9 February at St Michael's and 23 February St Andrew's.

**Contacting us:** for weddings, baptisms and funerals please contact the vicar.

For all other administrative matters please contact **Parish Secretary Maggie Gardiner** on [maggie\\_gardiner@btinternet.com](mailto:maggie_gardiner@btinternet.com) or [maggiegardiner48@gmail.com](mailto:maggiegardiner48@gmail.com)/ 01784 482520.

**Home Groups:** If you'd like to join a Home Group please contact the clergy. An excellent information pack on each House Group can be viewed on the web site. There are meetings on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Welcoming New Residents:** If somebody new moves into your road please let Mike Miller know (midimiller@talktalk.net tel: 01784 558972) so that a welcome pack, including the Wraysbury News, can be put through their door.

**Annexe bookings:** Contact Lesley on 01784 482812 or 07930 362403

**Safeguarding Officer:**

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**Follow us on Facebook!**

Both St Andrew's Wraysbury and St Michael's Horton now have Facebook pages. "Like" us and you will automatically be notified of forthcoming events.

### PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptism:** Alice Leah Hill, 20 January at St Andrew's

**Rest In Peace:** Pam Varrall, 10 January at Slough Crematorium  
 Baby Wilden, 16 January at St Andrew's Church  
 Yvonne Bentley, 17 January at St Andrew's Church  
 George Little, 19 January at St Andrew's Church  
 Ashes of Roland Mells, 24 January at St Michael's Church  
 Brian Eldridge, 25 January at St Michael's Church  
 Elizabeth Kay-Korzeniewicz (Harding), 30 January at Andrew's Church

### \*\*\* WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY \*\*\*

Sat	2	<b>Better Portion</b>	12.00pm	Annexe
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Parish Communion (Candlemas)</b>	9.30am	St Michael's
		<b>Informal plus Communion</b>	11.00am	St Andrew's
Mon	4	<b>Horton PCC</b>	7.00pm	Osmington
Tue	5	<b>Little Lambs</b>	10.00am	Baptist Ch.
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	11.00am	St Michael's
		<b>Pop-In Service</b>	2.00pm	Annexe
Wed	6	<b>Bell ringing practice</b>	7.30pm	St Andrew's
Sat	9	<b>Cleaning Team</b>	10.00am	St Andrew's
		<b>More Tea Vicar (Clergy Enquiries Hour)</b>	10.00am	St Michael's
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	9.30am	St Michael's
		<b>Parish Communion</b>	11.15am	St Andrew's
Mon	11	<b>Funeral of Mavis Ledger</b>	1.30pm	St Andrew's
Tue	12	<b>Little Lambs</b>	10.00am	Baptist Ch.
		<b>Holy Communion</b>	11.00am	St Michael's
		<b>Pop-In</b>	2.00pm	Annexe
Wed	13	<b>Bell ringing practice</b>	7.30pm	St Andrew's
Sat	16	<b>Holy Dusters</b>	10.00am	St Michael's
		<b>Listening Skills Workshop</b>	10.00am	Annexe
		<b>Crafty Church</b>	2.00pm	St Michael's

<b>Sun 17</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	9.30am	St Michael's
	<b>New Life</b> (come at 10.45 for coffee!)	11.15am	St Andrew's
Tue 19	<b>Little Lambs</b>	10.00am	Baptist Ch.
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	11.00am	St Michael's
	<b>Pop-In</b>	2.00pm	Annexe
Wed 20	<b>Bell ringing practice</b>	7.30pm	St Andrew's
Sat 23	<b>Stitch!</b>	10.00am	Annexe
	<b>More Tea Vicar</b> (Clergy Enquiries Hour)	10.00am	St Andrew's
<b>Sun 24</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	9.30am	St Michael's
	<b>Parish Communion</b>	11.00am	St Andrew's
Tue 26	<b>Little Lambs</b>	10.00am	Baptist Ch.
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	11.00am	St Michael's
	<b>Pop-In</b>	2.00pm	Annexe
	<b>Deanery Synod</b>	7.30pm	t.b.a.
Wed 27	<b>New Life Music Rehearsal</b>	7.30pm	Vicarage
Thu 28	<b>Baptism Preparation Evening</b>	7.00pm	Annexe

\* \* \* **ADVANCE DATES FOR MARCH** \* \* \*

Sat 2	<b>Better Portion</b>	12.00pm	Annexe
<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	9.30am	St Michael's
	<b>Informal plus Communion</b>	11.00am	St Andrew's
Tue 4	<b>Little Lambs</b>	10.00am	Baptist Ch.
	<b>Communion</b>	11.00am	St Michael's
	<b>Pop-In</b>	2.00pm	Annexe
Wed 6	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	7.00pm	St Andrew's
Sat 9	<b>Holy Dusters</b>	10.00am	St Michael's

**Also coming up later in March...**

- Lent Course – Details to be announced
- Men's Breakfast Sat 16 March in the Annexe from 8.30am
- Crafty Church Sat 16 March at St Michael's from 2pm
- Baptism of twins Bella and Sylvana Sines Sun 24 March, 2.30pm at St Michael's
- Stitch! Sat 30 March in the Annexe from 10am
- Mothering Sunday 31 March: separate informal communion services for both St Andrew's and St Michael's – NO JOINT SERVICE FOR FIFTH SUNDAY. Following on from the success of the Little Lambs' Nativity before Christmas we are hoping to involve them again.