

Our Community

Communities of love

The following is an excerpt from The Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon delivered at the Service of Hope, Southwark Cathedral on Friday 16th June. The Archbishop refers to a reading from Luke 24, 13 - 31.

"Two of Jesus' followers, utterly consumed by despair and grief, walk away from Jerusalem talking over events around the crucifixion of Christ, the end of all their hopes and ambitions for a free country, for a great future, and the personal loss of the most extraordinary human being that has ever lived. A figure draws alongside them, one they do not know or recognise, and it is only at the end of the story that they realise that it is Christ, risen from the dead, conquering darkness.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem immediately, still not knowing all the answers, but with just the beginnings of hope and a sense that there is a future, in which life conquers evil and overcomes it, in which pain and trauma and memory are healed and do not dominate our lives. That hope, those shafts of light, first faint and flickering, but growing brighter until we share the fullness of sight and hope eternally with those whom we love, all these are the gift of God in Christ to those who receive them. Regardless of our faith, when we walk with the suffering, when we shoulder a little of the burden, we become that figure walking alongside the two disciples, the mysterious Christ they cannot see, and hope is born.

We are here in this building which was built to say that the future that each of us has in Christ is one of life, and hope, and eventually, hard though it may be to see it today, of joy, never unmixed with grief and loss, but always confident that in all our sorrows and losses and griefs, the power of the resurrection, and of life, is ever greater. Hope flowers in the desert of suffering when it is watered by communities of love, for through them Christ comes, light dawns, and lives shattered in grief and pain find astonishingly that they will live again."

Suggestions For Your Prayers

Please pray for:

Austen and Louise who are getting married in St. Michael's on Saturday 1st July.

A safe, fun and relaxing summer holiday break for children, their teachers, group leaders, parents and carers.

Continue to pray for those who lost loved ones or were injured in the recent terror attacks in Manchester and London, and also in the Grenfell tower block fire; and for those who continue to face terror around the world; also for guidance for our leaders in how to address and overcome the causes and challenges which lead to such horrific and tragic events.



Parish of Myland
St. Michael's Church

Serving the community of Myland
Braiswick - Chesterwell - Mile End - The Myle - New Braiswick Park
Northfields - Northern Approaches - Romans - Severalls - Turner Rise



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2017

Are you a Mary or a Martha?

July for busy people. I don't know what it is, but when I get to July, I expect things to start to slow down to a 'lazy hazy' pace, the days are longer, the weather (should be) warmer, and it comes as a shock to the system when we find that we are busier than usual. For those influenced by the school timetable, it is a rush to get everything done and finished before the big break, for the rest of us it used to slow down, but whether it is the fault of 'social media' from emails to Facebook to texts there seems no difference from one day to the next, and so the worry keeps on coming.

I start to worry that things won't get done, I write lists and as I cross one thing off, two more are added on. Now, there are some of us who like to worry about everything: the next task; the hold up in the traffic; or how we are perceived by others, what we have or haven't done, and what we should or shouldn't do. I'm not one of those people personally, faith and age have made more a Mary than a Martha, but I fully sympathise with those who are.

Time to take some time out, here is a very short story for you! I heard a story about a rocking chair. Think about it. A rocking chair occupies us and gives us something to do, but also a rocking chair doesn't get us very far. Worry is like that chair, our minds are continually occupied going back and forth, but actually we aren't moving on. Are you stuck in your rocking chair, well in the area of your life where you struggle most: busyness or your reputation or something else, still the chair, and allow God in, and perhaps allowing God in on your worries might be a start in moving out of that well-used and comfortable rocking chair, and re-discovering each day and each moment for the gift that it is. If life is fraught, tense and busily out of control then here is a prayer for you:

Lord, I pray you'll help me remember what matters most in the midst of all I have to do: give me eyes that see the needs of those around me. Give me ears that hear the meaning behind the words. Give me hands that reach out to make a difference. Give me a heart that beats in tune with Yours rather than with the clock on the wall. Remind me often that time is intended to be given not spent. And even in the midst of all my busyness, may I truly be about Your business. Amen.

Revd. Ray Gibbs, Priest-in-Charge, Myland



The Church has a hearing loop. If you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the "T" position for best reception.



This Church uses non-alcoholic communion wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available on request.

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NEWS

For up-to-date news
check the website
www.mylandchurch.org.uk

In our thoughts

We remember with love and give thanks for the life of The Reverend Robert Hughes. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Robert on Saturday 2nd September (time to be confirmed). Please continue to hold Robert's wife Hazel, their family and friends in your prayers.

Help Wanted

Restoration Appeal Leaflet Deliveries

The office will be printing the next batch of Restoration Appeal leaflets shortly. Please see Sarah if you are happy to deliver some. We have not had any go out since October.

Houses of Parliament Trip

Thursday 28th September

The trip is going ahead. Please ensure you give your money to Sarah King in the office if you have already put your name down. There are a few spaces left if you have not put your name down but wish to come.

Celtic Praise

We are sorry to advise that until further notice, Celtic Praise is cancelled on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Knit & Natter

Please note there will be NO knit & natter meetings during the month of August. We re-start 6th September.

Mothers Union Coffee Morning

5th August 10am - 12 noon in Myland Parish Halls. There is an entrance fee of £2.50. Price includes tea, coffee & cake with free top-up's!
Contact Ivy Dix

Seeking Accommodation

John Collett (twin brother to Brenda Richardson) has recently retired from a career as a water & sanitation engineer serving poor communities around the world. He plans to settle in Colchester for the next few years & is seeking accommodation somewhere near his sister (Bergholt Road) with good access to public transport. If you, or anyone you know, has a one (or two) bedroom flat for rent (preferably partly furnished), please contact John (jcollett17@gmail.com or mobile 07497.120568). For the short-term, John would also be happy to consider being a live-in tenant should you know of anyone with a spare room willing to have a paying guest.
Thank you and God bless.



Bible Readings for July

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| Sat | 1 | Job 25 -26; Romans 11: 13 – 24 |
| Sun | 2 | Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6: 12 – end; Matthew 10: 40 – end |
| Mon | 3 | Job 27; Romans 11: 25 - end |
| Tues | 4 | Job 28; Romans 12: 1 – 8 |
| Wed | 5 | Job 29; Romans 12: 9 – end |
| Thurs | 6 | Job 30; Romans 13: 1 – 7 |
| Fri | 7 | Job 31; Romans 13: 8 – end |
| Sat | 8 | Job 32; Romans 14: 1 – 12 |
| Sun | 9 | Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7: 15–25a; Matthew 11: 16–19, 25-end |
| Mon | 10 | Job 33; Romans 14: 13 – end |
| Tues | 11 | Job 38; Romans 15: 1 – 13 |
| Wed | 12 | Job 39; Romans 15: 14 – 21 |
| Thurs | 13 | Job 40; Romans 15: 22 – end |
| Fri | 14 | Job 41; Romans 16: 1 – 16 |
| Sat | 15 | Job 42; Romans 16: 17 – end |
| Sun | 16 | Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8: 1 – 11; Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23 |
| Mon | 17 | Ezekiel 1: 1 – 14; 2 Corinthians 1: 1 – 14 |
| Tues | 18 | Ezekiel 1: 15 – 2:2; 2 Corinthians 1: 15 – 2: 4 |
| Wed | 19 | Ezekiel 2: 3 – 3: 11; 2 Corinthians 2: 5 – end |
| Thurs | 20 | Ezekiel 3: 12 – end; 2 Corinthians 3 |
| Fri | 21 | Ezekiel 8; 2 Corinthians 4 |
| Sat | 22 | Ezekiel 9; 2 Corinthians 5 |
| Sun | 23 | Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8: 12 – 25; Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43 |
| Mon | 24 | Ezekiel 10: 1 – 19; 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 7: 1 |
| Tues | 25 | Ezekiel 10: 20 – 11: 25; 2 Corinthians 7: 2 - end |
| Wed | 26 | Ezekiel 12: 1 – 16; 2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 15 |
| Thurs | 27 | Ezekiel 12: 17 – end; 2 Corinthians 8: 16 – 9: 5 |
| Fri | 28 | Ezekiel 13: 1 – 16; 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - end |
| Sat | 29 | Ezekiel 14: 1 – 11; 2 Corinthians 10 |
| Sun | 30 | 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8: 26 – end; Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52 |
| Mon | 31 | Ezekiel 14: 12 – end; 2 Corinthians 11: 1 - 15 |

We invite you to follow these daily readings which are taken from the Common Worship Lectionary, and are those which are read at Morning Prayer and other daily services in St. Michael's.



Daily Prayers

Myland Street by Street

Ephesians 6 v 18

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” NIV

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| Sat | 1 | Turner Road, Windmill Court, Beaumont Close & Charter Way |
| Sun | 2 | Fieldview Close, Kingswood Road, Lufkin Road & Brinkley Place |
| Mon | 3 | Hollymead Close, Linnett Mews, Wryneck Close & The Copse |
| Tues | 4 | Holden Road, Coeur De Lion, Sinclair Close & Thornton Drive |
| Weds | 5 | Brickmakers Lane, Cranbourne Close & Fellowes Close |
| Thurs | 6 | Worsdell Way, Peto Avenue & Braithwaite Drive |
| Fri | 7 | Peppercorn Close, Riddles Drive & Gresley Close |
| Sat | 8 | Via Urbis Romanae, Petrolea Close & North Station area |
| Sun | 9 | Bruff Close, Mile End Road, Groves Close & Rectory Close |
| Mon | 10 | Oaks Place, Wedgewood Drive & Bartholomew Court |
| Tues | 11 | Tall Trees, Greenacres & Cromer Mews |
| Weds | 12 | Old Rose Gardens, Nayland Road, Braiswick Lane & Borges Gdns |
| Thurs | 13 | Church Farm Way, Link Close, Henry Villa Close & Littlecotes |
| Fri | 14 | Studds Lane, Leechs Lane, Ford’s Lane & Howards Croft |
| Sat | 15 | Whitebeam Close, Walnut Drive & Chesterwell Mews |
| Sun | 16 | Boxted Road, United Way, Axial Way & Severalls Lane |
| Mon | 17 | Chesterwell, Kingswood Heath, Forest View & Whitmore Park |
| Tues | 18 | Bergholt Road, Three Crowns Road, Prior Way & Enid Way |
| Weds | 19 | Hugh Dickson Rd, Golden Dawn Way, Longacre, Rose Crescent |
| Thurs | 20 | Tufnell Way, Little Woods Mews, Aerofoil Grove & Engineers Sq. |
| Fri | 21 | Propelair Way, Woods Court, Axial Drive & Apprentice Drive |
| Sat | 22 | Joy Clucas Drive, Turbine Rd, Blade Road & Radial Court |
| Sun | 23 | Fan Ave, Motor Walk, Vortex Rd, Spindle Street & Breeze Lane |
| Mon | 24 | Braiswick Main Road, Warwick Bailey Close & Braiswick Place |
| Tues | 25 | Devereux Place, Achnacone Drive, Keepers Green & Fairways |
| Weds | 26 | Bakers Lane, Burywoods and West Wood Hill |
| Thurs | 27 | Fernlea, Coltsfoot Court, Gentian Court & Lavender Way |
| Fri | 28 | Stonecrop, Celandine Court, Bluebell Way & Sorrel Close |
| Sat | 29 | Anemone Court, Camomile Way & Jonquil Way |
| Sun | 30 | Streets where our out-of-parish church members live |
| Mon | 31 | The street where you live |

Please remember each day: Those around us who need our prayers: for healing, for peace or for release from the burdens that they carry; and for those mentioned on the Prayer Cross at St. Michael's. Please also refer to our prayer suggestions on page 8.

Dates for your Diary

Pet Service

Sunday 9th July 10.15am

Community Breakfast

Saturday 22nd July

For some years, St. Michael’s has hosted a bi-monthly Men’s Breakfast – a real slap-up meal with cereal, cooked breakfast, toast, the lot – but in July we’re opening it up to the whole community! So anyone in St. Michael’s, plus family and guests – will be welcome at our Community Breakfast on Saturday 22nd July 2017 at 8:30am in Myland Parish Halls.

It’s essential to sign up on the sheet in Church, as places are limited. We also need to place our food order – we don’t want to create a world shortage of sausages!

Ladies that Lunch - Fundraiser & Social

Saturday 19th August 12 noon

A chance for the ladies to get together for a Ploughmans lunch in Myland Parish Halls. Tickets available from Diane Ayton, Lesley Hindle or the church office. £6 per person

Flower Festival

26th, 27th & 28th August

‘What’s on TV’

Saturday 26th August 10.30am - 6pm

Sunday 27th August 12 noon - 6pm

Monday 28th August 10.30am - 6pm

Refreshments available

Free Entry

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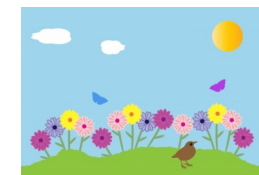
Hall & Community Room Bookings

07518 437488

Websites

www.mylandchurch.org.uk
www.mylandparishhalls.org.uk

*Next deadline
Friday 14th July*



Saturday 1st July 2017

10:00 Stmixkids

12:30 Wedding: Austen Welham & Louise Hinds

Sunday 2nd July 2017 *3rd Sunday after Trinity*

10:15 Holy Communion with prayer for healing

10:15 Meerkats

Monday 3rd July 2017 *St. Thomas*

13:30 Church Mice

Tuesday 4th July 2017

08:30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5th July 2017

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

14:30 Mothers' Union, Strawberry Tea

(Ticket only event)

Thursday 6th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

19:30 Bible Study Group, in the Small Hall

Friday 7th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

Sunday 9th July 2017 *4th Sunday after Trinity*

10:15 Pets' Service

Monday 10th July 2017

13:30 Church Mice

Tuesday 11th July 2017

08:30 Morning Prayer

14:00 Bible Study Group (home group)

19:30 Family Service Planning Team

Wednesday 12th July 2017

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

Thursday 13th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

Friday 14th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

**DIARY
FOR
July
2017**

Details as known at the time
of going to press. For the
latest information check:
www.mylandchurch.co.uk
Group leaders, please
remember to update the
office with changes to the
calendar.

Saturday 15th July 2017

10:00 Coffee Morning at Mile End Methodist Church

Sunday 16th July 2017 *5th Sunday after Trinity*

10:15 Holy Communion with Big Issue sermon

10:15 Meerkats

16:00 Hymn Singing at Tall Trees Care Home

Monday 17th July 2017

13:30 Church Mice

Tuesday 18th July 2017

08:30 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 19th July 2017

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

Thursday 20th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

19:30 Bible Study Group, in the Small Hall

Friday 21st July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

Saturday 22nd July 2017 *St. Mary Magdalene*

08:30 Community Breakfast

Sunday 23rd July 2017 *6th Sunday after Trinity*

10:15 Holy Communion with Baptisms

Tuesday 25th July 2017 *St. James*

08:30 Morning Prayer

14:00 Bible Study Group (home group)

Wednesday 26th July 2017

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

19:45 PCC

Thursday 27th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

Friday 28th July 2017

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

Sunday 30th July 2017 *7th Sunday after Trinity*

10:15 Rolling worship