

# Our Community

## Congratulations to The Reverend Hazel Greenland



Congratulations to Hazel who was ordained a deacon by The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, on Saturday 30th September at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Many members of St. Michael's congregation attended 'The Ordination of Deacons' service to witness Hazel making her declaration before God and all those present.

The following excerpt from the service was said by the Bishop at the beginning of The Declaration:

“Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word

and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world that the love of God may be made visible.

Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.

Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.”

**Please surround Hazel with your love and prayers as she continues to move forward in her mission and ministry for God and Church.**



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 - NOVEMBER 2017

### Lest we forget.....

Earlier this year we watched on our televisions pictures from the Menin Gate as we remembered the horrors of 100 years ago. It is hard to understand the sheer scale of the death and suffering endured by so many from around the world. I remember staring out of the minibus window as a young 16 year old returning from Taize, en route to Calais and the ferry, passing cemetery after cemetery, the white headstones mingling with the black crosses of not just hundreds, but thousands of young men. In the region of Ypres alone, there are 100 British and Commonwealth military cemeteries.

For me, Tyne Cot Cemetery brings it vividly home. It is the largest WWI Commonwealth cemetery in the world. Almost 12,000 servicemen are buried there; 12,000 white stones, 8,000 are unidentified. Around the edge is a wall with 35,000 names of soldiers whose bodies were never recovered. These all fell defending Ypres 1914 - 18, and their names couldn't fit on the Menin Gate in Ypres itself. The cemetery is both beautiful and horrific all at the same time.

It was beautiful because the manicured lawns, flowers, headstones and memorials have a picturesque appeal, but it was horrific as behind every headstone and name lay a person whose God given potential was cut off, frequently at an exceptionally young age. It was moving, it was saddening, and remembering it now, it reminds me again of why we commemorate Remembrance Day.

We live in a messy, fallen world, and though we would like to think it, there is no easy answer. Jesus did say, however, 'Blessed be the peacemakers'. And whether we are pacifists or believe that sometimes war is a necessary evil, if we are truly to "Remember", it is our duty in our generation to seek true peace between neighbour and nation; and that starts within us.

Once again we are on the brink, and we have nations plotting for war, so let us all pray for the future as we remember.

*Rev'd. 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](http://www.mylandchurch.org.uk)

## Sunday 12th November

### 10.15am Parade Service and Act of Remembrance

We remember those who gave their lives for our country, and those who serve today. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

## Sunday 19th November

### 10.15am Thank You Service for all the family.

We also collect in our **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes at this service. If you would like to bring in your shoebox the week before, please leave it at the back of the church

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday 2nd December, 8.30am. Sign up as usual.

### Saturday 2nd December Decorating Christmas Trees

Join us for fun and festivity as church & community groups decorate Christmas trees in the church. All welcome. Seasonal refreshments. Starts 10am.

### Sunday 3rd December Lighting of the Christmas Trees Service

A special service at 4pm as we welcome Advent & switch on the Christmas lights.

### Thursday 21st December Christmas Coach Trip

Sue Lissimore is organising a coach trip to the West Cliff Theatre Clacton to see

#### The Christmas Show.

The coach will leave St. Michael's at 12.30pm & return at 5pm.

Total cost is £24 per person.

Please add your name to the list on the font or contact Sue on 07850677991 or by email: [suelissimore321@msn.com](mailto:suelissimore321@msn.com)



### Saturday 9th December Christmas Coffee & Cake

Join us for festive refreshments in the church, 10am - 12 noon. The winners of the prize draw will be drawn at 11.30am

### Thursday 23rd November Houses of Parliament Trip

The coach is due to leave outside the church at 2.30pm and it is expected to leave London at 9pm. Tickets are £15 per person. There are spaces available if you would like to join the trip. Please make payment to Sarah in the office.



## Bible Readings for November

Wed	1	2 Chronicles 34: 19-end; John 15: 18 - end
Thurs	2	2 Chronicles 35: 1 - 19; John 16: 1 - 15
Fri	3	2 Chronicles 35: 20 - 36: 10; John 16: 16 - 22
Sat	4	2 Chronicles 36: 11 - end; John 16: 23 - end;
Sun	5	Revelation 7: 9 - end; I John 3: 1 - 3; Matthew 5: 1 - 12
Mon	6	Isaiah 1: 1 - 20; Matthew 1: 18 - end
Tues	7	Isaiah 1: 21 - end; Matthew 2: 1 - 15
Wed	8	Isaiah 2: 1 - 11; Matthew 2: 16 - end
Thurs	9	Isaiah 2: 12- end; Matthew 3
Fri	10	Isaiah 3: 1 - 15; Matthew 4: 1 - 11
Sat	11	Isaiah 4: 2 - 5: 7; Matthew 4: 12 - 22
Sun	12	Amos 5: 18 - 24; I Thessalonians 4: 13 - end; Matthew 25: 1 - 13
Mon	13	Isaiah 5: 8 - 24; Matthew 4: 23 - 5: 12
Tues	14	Isaiah 5: 25 - end; Matthew 5: 13 - 20
Wed	15	Isaiah 6; Matthew 5: 21 - 37
Thurs	16	Isaiah 7: 1 - 17; Matthew 5: 38 - end
Fri	17	Isaiah 8: 1 - 15; Matthew 6: 1 - 18
Sat	18	Isaiah 8: 16 - 9: 17; Matthew 6: 19 - end
Sun	19	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12 - 18; I Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30
Mon	20	Isaiah 9: 8 - 10: 4; Matthew 7: 1 - 12
Tues	21	Isaiah 10: 5 - 19; Matthew 7: 13 - end
Wed	22	Isaiah 10: 20 - 32; Matthew 8: 1 - 13
Thurs	23	Isaiah 10: 33 - 11: 9; Matthew 8: 14 - 22
Fri	24	Isaiah 11: 10 - end of 12; Matthew 8: 23 - end
Sat	25	Isaiah 13: 1 - 13; Matthew 9: 1 - 17
Sun	26	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15 - end; Matthew 25: 31 - end
Mon	27	Isaiah 14: 3 - 20; Matthew 9: 18 - 34
Tues	28	Isaiah 17; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 15
Wed	29	Isaiah 19; Matthew 10: 16 - 33
Thurs	30	Ezekiel 47: 1 - 12; John 12: 20 - 32

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

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

Please pray for:

- Weds 1 All saints in Christian history who have guided us in the faith
- Thurs 2 Thank God for all the souls you have known and loved
- Fri 3 St. Michael’s clergy team and their families
- Sat 4 Fun and safety for all enjoying fireworks over this weekend
- Sun 5 St. Michael’s congregation, and especially for all newcomers
- Mon 6 Mothers’ Union Council meeting at Chelmsford Cathedral today
- Tues 7 The PCC, churchwardens, asst. churchwardens, and their families
- Weds 8 The treasury team, office administrator, and their families
- Thurs 9 The sidesperson/welcome team and their families
- Fri 10 Those who prepare and serve refreshments and their families
- Sat 11 The end of conflict between and within nations
- Sun 12 Families who have lost loved ones in conflicts around the world
- Mon 13 Volunteers working in countries devastated by conflicts
- Tues 14 Myland residents who serve in the UK Armed Forces
- Weds 15 Forces veterans who now reside in Myland
- Thurs 16 Our band, organ/keyboard players and singers, and their families
- Fri 17 Those who arrange flowers, clean the church, and their families
- Sat 18 Those who keep the church in good repair and their families
- Sun 19 The children who will receive our Christmas shoeboxes
- Mon 20 Those who organise the shoebox appeal, locally and nationally
- Tues 21 All who volunteer for our church in so many different ways
- Weds 22 Give thanks for the generosity of all who give to our church
- Thurs 23 All who live in, work in or visit the Parish of Myland
- Fri 24 The Benefice of Wormingford and our neighbouring parishes
- Sat 25 Those who suffer gender-based violence (*International Day*)
- Sun 26 Those baptised today; may God’s love be revealed to them
- Mon 27 The worldwide Anglican Communion
- Tues 28 The Archbishops of Canterbury & York, and around the world
- Weds 29 Churches Together in England, and in Myland
- Thurs 30 St. Michael’s church family as we prepare for Advent & Christmas

**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.

## Christmas Sheep

Once again we are seeking help to knit the hundreds of sheep for the Posadas for our local Schools. It’s a huge task, so if you enjoy knitting & would like to help you can find the pattern at the back of the church, or speak to Ivy.

## Christmas Prize Draw

A reminder that tickets are on sale after Sunday service and from the office. We’re raising funds to put towards the £55,000 plus needed for church restoration & organ repair.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone involved with our special service of Harvest Thanksgiving & the ‘Ploughmen and Puds’ lunch. A bountiful selection of gifts were presented to Beacon House & Colchester Foodbank; and the Ploughmen & Puds raised £215 for church funds.

## Autumn Coffee and Cake

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and attended. We raised £137.50 for the restoration funds.

## St. Michael’s Church Christmas Puddings & The Real Advent Calendars

We will be selling our Christmas puddings to help raise funds for our church. Three different sizes:

Individual £2.00

Medium (4 portions) £6.00

Large (8 - 10) £12.00

Gluten Free (4portions) £6.50

Advent Calendars are also on sale for £4 each.

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www.mylandparishhalls.org.uk

**Next deadline**  
**Friday 17th November**



**Wednesday 1st November All Saints' Day**

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

14:30 Mothers' Union, in Myland Parish Halls

**Thursday 2nd November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

19:30 Bible Study Group, in the Small Hall

**Friday 3rd November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

**Saturday 4th November**

10:00 Stmixkids

**Sunday 5th November 4th Sunday before Advent**

10:15 Commemoration of All Saints & All Souls

10:15 Meerkats

**Monday 6th November**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 7th November**

08:30 Morning Prayer

14:00 Bible Study Group (home group)

19:30 Family Service Planning Team

**Wednesday 8th November**

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

**Thursday 9th November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

**Friday 10th November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

**Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday**

10:15 Remembrance Service with parade

16:00 Said Communion in Celtic or Taize style

**Monday 13th November**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 14th November**

08:30 Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 15th November**

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

14:30 Senior Moments

**DIARY  
FOR  
November  
2017**

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

**Thursday 16th November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Comms Meeting

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

19:30 Bible Study Group, in the Small Hall

**Friday 17th November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

**Saturday 18th November**

10:00 Coffee Morning at Mile End Methodist Church

**Sunday 19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent**

10:15 Shoebox Collection and Thank You Service for all the Family

16:00 Hymn Singing at Tall Trees Care Home

**Monday 20th November**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 21st November**

08:30 Morning Prayer

14:00 Bible Study Group (home group)

**Wednesday 22nd November**

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

19:45 PCC

**Thursday 23rd November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

**Friday 24th November**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Friendly Friday

**Sunday 26th November Christ the King**

10:15 Holy Communion with Baptisms

**Monday 27th November**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 28th November**

08:30 Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 29th November**

09:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Knit & Natter

**Thursday 30th November St. Andrew**

10:00 Morning Prayer

10:30 Thirsty Thursday

19:30 Bible Study Group, in the Small Hall