

## Our Community



### Are you worried about bullying?

Sadly, bullying is something which occurs throughout society but it is often first experienced by children in the school playground.

### Are you worried about the commercialisation of children?

Children today are subjected to a significant and bewildering amount of marketing by companies who view them simply as commercial opportunities.

### Mothers' Union has published booklets to address these issues.

The first, called *Tackling Torment: Information about bullying for concerned parents*, provides guidance on what to do if your child is being bullied or is bullying others. Children won't always admit to being in such situations, so the booklet suggests the changes in behaviour to look out for in a child and gives advice on what to do to help prevent or resolve a problem. Bullying is not just physical, it can be verbal, social (exclusion) or psychological (including via social media); and its impact can last a long time, affecting the feelings and self-image of children through to adulthood.

The second booklet, called *Labelled for Life: Managing the commercial world as a family*, provides an overview of how the commercial world interacts with children and suggests ways in which to help children manage it well.

These booklets are free and copies can be found in the foyer of Myland Parish Hall, in a display rack on the window sill. They are also available from the MU Myland stall (see below).

**Your local branch of Mothers' Union, MU Myland**, runs a stall at the back of the church after most Sunday services. Items are donated by MU members and church members. All proceeds from this stall are given to St. Michael's Church to help with essential costs. In 2017, the stall raised £276.33 for church funds. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support.

*Mothers' Union is an international charity with over 4 million members in 83 countries. It is a 'grassroots' organisation, meaning that through the collective action of its members it can effect change where it is most needed. The charity's focus is on helping families and children, especially those living in the most difficult situations. Please speak to Ivy Dix for more information.*



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## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2018



### Are you ready?

So this month is covered by Lent and Holy Week, you'll wake up in April and it will be Easter Day, for now we content ourselves with our Lenten reading (I hope), and our Lent course: what an eye opener on one side of modern life. What a talent Ken Loach is, in bringing us a masterpiece of a film in: "I, Daniel Blake". It tugs at so many emotions as we look at the final year of Daniel's life, killed by a heartless bureaucracy that is the system used by the Department of Work and Pensions; but Daniel is a work of fiction created by the author, Paul Laverty.

However, 2,000 years ago, Jesus of Nazareth, Emmanuel, God with us, was stamped out of existence as a human being by a heartless, totally ruthless system employed by the Jews and the Roman Empire working in collusion: that was real.

Eternal Life? Victory over Death? Resurrection? These themes are part and parcel of the Easter story; but many would rather have chocolate eggs and bunnies than be confronted with the earth shattering and life changing reality of Jesus rising from the tomb on the third day after his death. So, get ready, celebrate Lent, and use it to prepare yourself for this Easter. Don't be an April fool, be a fool for Christ instead, and get yourself ready to hear the bible readings of surprise and wonder and get in tune to sing the songs of victory over death. Perhaps it's time to truly listen to the story of God's intervention and transformation, and learn that death doesn't ultimately have a sting, and live your lives as victors not as the vanquished. For Christ will Rise, Hallelujah, He will rise indeed!

*Rev'd. Ray Gibbs, Priest-in-Charge*



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)

## Fish and Chip Supper

Thank you for your support on what was a truly great evening. Well done to the quizmaster! We raised **£206.90!**



## Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily (in memory of a loved one) to help decorate the church for Easter, please sign the list in church.

The cost is £2 per lily.

If you could help with arranging the flowers please see Ivy.

## Valentine's Coffee & Cake

Thank you to everyone who helped with the coffee morning, and to those that came along to support it. We raised **£92.26.**



## Family Service

**11th March 2017, 10.15am**

## Church Spring Clean

**Saturday 24th March, 9am**

It's time once again to dust the cobwebs away and make the church sparkle & shine!

Please make a note of the date above and come along if you can.



## The Real Easter Eggs

For sale at the back of the church; £4 each.



## Children's Easter Service & Egg Treasure Hunt Good Friday - 30th March at 3pm

A short service followed by our much loved **Easter Egg Treasure Hunt**. This event is for children up to school year 6. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £3.50 each and are available from the Church Office.

## Easter Groups

**Church Mice** will not meet during the Easter holidays; they will return 16th April. There will be no Morning Prayer or coffee morning on Good Friday. For other groups, please check with your leaders.



## Bible Readings for March

Thurs	1	Genesis 45: 1 – 15; Hebrews 3: 1 – 6
Fri	2	Genesis 45: 16 – end; Hebrews 3: 7 – end
Sat	3	Genesis 46: 1 – 7, 28 – end; Hebrews 4: 1 – 13
Sun	4	Exodus 20: 1 – 17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25; John 2: 13 – 22
Mon	5	Genesis 47: 1 – 27; Hebrews 4: 14 – 5: 10
Tues	6	Genesis 47: 28 – end of Ch 48: 1 – end; Hebrews 5: 11 – 6: 12
Wed	7	Genesis 49: 1 – 32; Hebrews 6: 13 – end
Thurs	8	Genesis 49: 33 – end of Ch 50; Hebrews 7: 1 – 10
Fri	9	Exodus 1: 1 – 14; Hebrews 7: 11 – end
Sat	10	Exodus 1: 22 – 2: 10; Hebrews 8
Sun	11	Exodus 2: 1 – 10; 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7; John 19: 25b – 27
Mon	12	Exodus 2: 11 – 22; Hebrews 9: 1 – 14
Tues	13	Exodus 2: 23 – 3: 20; Hebrews 9: 15 – end
Wed	14	Exodus 4: 1 – 23; Hebrews 10: 1 – 18
Thurs	15	Exodus 4: 27 – 6: 1; Hebrews 10: 19 – 25
Fri	16	Exodus 6: 2 – 13; Hebrews 10: 26 – end
Sat	17	Exodus 7: 8 – end; Hebrews 11: 1 – 16
Sun	18	Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34; Hebrews 5: 5 – 10; John 12: 20 – 33
Mon	19	Isaiah 11: 1 – 10; Matthew 12: 18 – end
Tues	20	Exodus 8: 20 – end; Hebrews 11: 32 – 12: 2
Wed	21	Exodus 9: 1 – 12; Hebrews 12: 3 – 13
Thurs	22	Exodus 9: 13 – end; Hebrews 12: 14 – end
Fri	23	Exodus 10; Hebrews 13: 1 – 16
Sat	24	Exodus 11; Hebrews 13: 17 – end
Sun	25	Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a; Philippians 2: 5 – 11; Mark 15: 1 – end
Mon	26	Lamentations 1: 1 – 12a; Luke 22: 1 – 23
Tues	27	Lamentations 3: 1 – 18; Luke 22: 24 – 53
Wed	28	Jeremiah 11: 18 – 20; Luke 22: 54 – end
Thurs	29	Leviticus 16: 2 – 24; Luke 23: 1 – 25
Fri	30	Genesis 22: 1 – 18; Hebrews 10: 1 – 10
Sat	31	Hosea 6: 1 – 6; John 2: 18 – 22

**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

*Please pray for:*

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

- Thurs 1 Prayerful and thoughtful discussions at the Lent course sessions
- Fri 2 Those attending Women’s World Day of Prayer services today
- Sat 3 All creatures great and small (*World Wildlife Day*)
- Sun 4 People with physical, mental or emotional challenges
- Mon 5 Stillness for those who feel particularly ‘stressed’
- Tues 6 Hospital inpatients and those receiving outpatient treatment
- Weds 7 Residents of care homes & those receiving care in their own home
- Thurs 8 Doctors, nurses, health workers, paramedics and care givers
- Fri 9 Those serving and attending the Lent lunches
- Sat 10 Those in need of food, clothing and/or shelter
- Sun 11 All the special women in your life (*Mothering Sunday*)
- Mon 12 Parents who are bereaved or whose children are unwell
- Tues 13 Children who are bereaved or whose parents are unwell
- Weds 14 Guidance and comfort for those facing challenging situations
- Thurs 15 Those who have been leading our Lent course
- Fri 16 Christian Aid and other charities helping the poor and needy
- Sat 17 Police officers, fire officers and all who work to keep us safe
- Sun 18 Our Meerkats, Church Mice and stmixkids children and leaders
- Mon 19 The bible study groups, book club and art group
- Tues 20 Our puppet ministry, band, singers & keyboard players/organists
- Weds 21 The members of the PCC meeting this evening
- Thurs 22 Knit & Natter, Mothers’ Union & Young at Heart
- Fri 23 The pre-school, toddler group and uniform groups
- Sat 24 Everyone who is spring cleaning in church today
- Sun 25 The lonely, the betrayed, the suffering and the dying
- Mon 26 Strength and endurance in faith for yourself and others
- Tues 27 The opportunity to be of service to someone every day
- Weds 28 All parishes and benefices in the Diocese of Chelmsford
- Thurs 29 All clergy in our Diocese as they gather today at Chelmsford
- Fri 30 God’s love to be revealed to all at our Easter Treasure Hunt
- Sat 31 Peace, as we remember Christ’s suffering for our sins

**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.



## Good Friday, 30th March 12 noon Hour at the Cross

A quiet hour of music & readings.

## 3pm Children’s Easter Service (see page 2)

## Holy Saturday, 31st March 8pm Easter Fire and Vigil

We light the Paschal Candle and reflect on God’s saving love through the Light of the World.

## Easter Sunday, 1st April 10.15am Family Communion

We celebrate the joy of Christ resurrected! The service will be followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children.

The **Church Office** will be closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday.

## Military Wives Choir

The Military Wives Choir will be performing here on

## Saturday 16th June 2018.

Tickets will be available from Thursday 1st March.

Ticket price £12.50 each.

Please see Sarah in the office.

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**Next deadline**  
**Friday 16th March**



**Thursday 1st March** *St. David*

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Thirsty Thursday  
14:00 Lent Course  
19:30 Lent Course

**Friday 2nd March** *Women's World Day of Prayer*

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Friendly Friday  
12:00 Lent Lunch  
14:00 Women's World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church

**Saturday 3rd March**

10:00 Stmixkids

**Sunday 4th March** *3rd Sunday of Lent*

10:15 Meerkats  
10:15 Holy Communion with Prayer and Healing

**Monday 5th March**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 6th March**

08:30 Morning Prayer  
14:00 Bible Study Group (home group)

**Wednesday 7th March**

09:30 Holy Communion  
10:30 Knit & Natter  
14:30 Mothers' Union, in Myland Parish Halls

**Thursday 8th March**

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Thirsty Thursday  
14:00 Lent Course; 19:30 Lent Course

**Friday 9th March**

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Friendly Friday  
12:00 Lent Lunch

**Sunday 11th March** *Mothering Sunday*

10:15 Family Service  
16:00 Said Communion in Celtic or Taize style

**Monday 12th March**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 13th March**

08:30 Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 14th March**

09:30 Holy Communion  
10:30 Knit & Natter

**Thursday 15th March**

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Thirsty Thursday  
14:00 Lent Course; 19:30 Lent Course

**DIARY  
FOR  
MARCH  
2018**

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.

**Friday 16th March**

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Friendly Friday; 12:00 Lent Lunch

**Saturday 17th March** *St. Patrick*

10:00 Coffee Morning at Mile End Methodist Church

**Sunday 18th March** *5th Sunday of Lent*

10:15 Holy Communion with Big Issue sermon  
16:00 Hymn Singing at Tall Trees Care Home

**Monday 19th March** *St. Joseph of Nazareth*

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 20th March**

08:30 Morning Prayer  
14:00 Bible Study Group (home group)

**Wednesday 21st March**

09:30 Holy Communion  
10:30 Knit & Natter  
14:30 Young at Heart  
19:45 PCC

**Thursday 22nd March**

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Thirsty Thursday  
14:00 Lent Course (in the church); 19:30 Lent Course (in the church)

**Friday 23rd March**

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Friendly Friday; 12:00 Lent Lunch

**Saturday 24th March**

09:00 Spring Clean in Church

**Sunday 25th March** *The Annunciation/Lady Day Palm Sunday*

10:15 Holy Communion with Baptisms

**Monday 26th March**

13:30 Church Mice

**Tuesday 27th March**

08:30 Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 28th March**

09:30 Holy Communion  
10:30 Knit & Natter

**Thursday 29th March** *Maundy Thursday*

10:00 Morning Prayer  
10:30 Thirsty Thursday  
11:30 Woodland View - Communion  
18:30 A Simple Remembrance Meal & Communion at the Methodist Church

**Friday 30th March** *Good Friday*

12:00 Quiet Hour  
15:00 Children's Easter Treasure Hunt - advance ticket only

**Saturday 31st March** *Easter Eve*

20:00 Easter Eve Vigil