

SERVICES

THIS WEEK— 27th September

9:00am, Holy Communion, St. Mark's
9:00am, Holy Communion, St. Luke's
10:45am, Zoom Worship
12:00pm, Zoom Communion

NEXT WEEK—4th October

9:00am, Holy Communion, St. Mark's
10:30am, Holy Communion and Harvest,
St. Michael's
10:45am, Zoom Worship
12:00pm, Zoom Communion
2:00pm, Open Prayer, St. Luke's

Zoom Login Details

ID—588 877 574

Passcode—139509

By Phone—Dial 0203 481 5240 enter the
above ID when prompted followed by the
key and the passcode.

Please pray for the grieving families and
friends of:

Ann Rosemary Sumner, Jill Pirrie, Amy
Bonnamy, Geoffrey Titlow, Joe Almond
and Tony Francis

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DIARY

Mon 28th

7:00pm, Alpha Online—Taster Session

Tues 29th

2-3pm, Private Prayer, St. Michael's

Wed 30th

8:30am, Quiet Time, St. Mark's
9.30am, Holy Communion, St. Mark's

Thurs 1st October

Fri 2nd

2-3pm, Private Prayer, St. Michael's

Sat 3rd

9:00am, Cleaning Day, St. Michael's

Sun 4th

2-3pm, Private Prayer, St. Luke's
3:00pm, Band Rehearsal, St. Mark's

The B R O A D S T E E T

The Weekly Newsletter for the Oulton Broad Team Ministry 27th September, 2020



Our annual Harvest festivals are rapidly approaching for our churches and we are asking for donations for the Lowestoft Foodbank. As always they are grateful for what they receive, however this week they have sent out an e-mail asking for the following:

During the pandemic we received an extraordinary amount of donations which is great, however, our warehouse is only so big. With this in mind we are asking anyone that is collecting for Lowestoft Foodbank this Harvest to work closely with us.

- *If it's suitable, could you ask your congregation to give financially instead of physical items.*
- *Please encourage the giving of only these items:*

Tinned vegetables

Tinned potatoes

Tinned fruit

Tea

Coffee

Tetra Pak/long life fruit juice

They also need our donations to be brought to them.

If this is something you would be willing to do for Harvest (or do this on a weekly or every other week basis for the time being) please speak to Mandy in the office or Helen.



God's vision for us:

**A growing,
Christ-centred community,
led by the Holy Spirit,
worshipping God and
making disciples.**

NHS COVID-19 APP

For those who have downloaded the test and trace app on their phones, you can now check in at St. Mark's, St. Luke's and St. Michael's using any of the QR codes that are displayed around the building.

CONTACT

We will shortly be reinstating 'Contact', which is a fortnightly drop-in for Wedding and Baptism enquiries. Contact takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, between 11am and 12 midday and will recommence October 10th. We will be using St. Mark's Church instead of the Parish Office, due to social distancing, and it would really help us out if, each Contact session, there was an additional person available to welcome visitors and show them where they can sit whilst waiting for the Clergy person to become available. Having a friendly face to welcome and assist those who come to 'Contact' would be one way of taking better care of our wedding/baptism folks. Is this something that you might be able to help with, even on occasions? If so, please get in touch with Helen. Thank you.

OPEN PRAYER AT ST. LUKE'S

Open prayer at St. Luke's **will be continuing** until 18th October on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month between 2-3pm.

CHURCH ARMY

A donation of £95.11 has been sent to the Church Army on behalf of St. Michael's. Thank you to all who gave towards this.

CLEANING AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Debbie Allsop would like to say a big thank you to the small team who worked hard to clean St. Michael's last Saturday. We will need another session to complete the task and this is planned for Saturday October 3rd, 9.30-noon. All are welcome to join in the good clean fun!

LOCKDOWN STORIES

Jill Hunting is still collecting people's stories, recollections, artwork and reflections regarding lockdown. The plan is to collate everything into a booklet to mark this period in the history of not just the world but in our churches. There is still plenty of time to contribute as there is no set . Please contact her on 01502 518200 or jillhunting13@gmail.com to submit an item or for more information.

HARVEST AND ST. MICHAEL'S DAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Sunday 4th October, 10:30am
There will be a harvest service on this day and we will also be celebrating the feast of St. Michael and all angels with a Gift Day. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for the Lowestoft Foodbank and consider making a financial donation towards the work of our church in honour of St. Michael.

We would like to make the church look special for the harvest celebration but are unable to do our usual floral decorations. Instead, we are inviting people to create and donate floral displays. Please bring any display to church on Saturday 3rd in the morning (during the clean) or on the Sunday. Even a simple vase would be appreciated. —

Debbie Allsop

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SHOEBOXES

Pre-printed shoeboxes are now available for purchase (.50p per box) as well as fliers and further information. They are available from St. Mark's.

Alternatively, you can visit

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Where you can pack a shoebox for £20 (this includes the donation towards shipping). You get a large selection of items to choose from to put in your shoebox ranging from toiletries, small toys, large toys, accessories, etc. Essentially you pick and Samaritan's Purse packs and ships saving you a trip to the shops!

ALPHA ONLINE

The Oulton Broad Team Ministry Alpha will begin with a taster session on Monday, September 28th, and will then run for nine weeks from October 12th onwards from 7:30-9:30pm. If you'd like to find out more, or if you'd like to get involved (either as a participant or a helper), Please get in touch via revhelenjary@gmail.com or **01502 561546**.

There's also further info at: <https://www.alpha.org/try-alpha/>

HOME COMMUNIONS

We're aware that not everyone is yet able to return to church buildings for Services and so if you'd like Communion to be brought to you at home, please contact St. Mark's Church Office.

SALE OF PEWS

We have received an offer to purchase a number of the pews that have recently been removed from St. Mark's. This offer is still provisional, but the PCC feel it would be sensible to accept it if possible. If that sale goes through there would still be a limited number of pews available which we could offer to congregation members in exchange for a donation. A few people have already expressed interest in this. If anyone else is interested, please contact St. Mark's Church Office as soon as possible.

THE ZOOM SUNDAY SERIES

CONTINUES

Join us on Zoom as we continue to explore the many ways God describes himself.

This week's theme is:

Not Leaving the Guilty Unpunished

Our Zoom service is contemporary with modern worship songs that have been pre-recorded by our worship band. Service starts at 10:45 am.

JILL PIRRIE

A date has been set for Jill Pirrie's funeral. We are so thankful for Jill who has served at St. Michael's very faithfully over many years. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are limited to a congregation of 30 and so the funeral will be 'invite only'. The intention is to hold a Thanksgiving Service at a later date, which will be open to anyone will be welcome to attend.