

SERVICES

THIS WEEK—18th October

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

NEXT WEEK—25th October

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

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:

Derek Hobbs, Richard Hubbard, Gina Pitchers and Keith Banyard

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DIARY

Mon 19th

7.30pm, Alpha Course, Zoom

Tues 20th

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

Wed 21st

9.30am, Holy Communion, St. Mark's

Thurs 22nd

Fri 23rd

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

Sat 24th

11.00am, CONTACT, St. Mark's
3:00pm, Christmas Trail Planning Meeting, St. Mark's

Sun 25th

3:00pm, Band Rehearsal, St. Mark's

The BROADS TEAM

The Weekly Newsletter for the Oulton Broad Team Ministry 18th October, 2020



CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

We are currently changing our pattern of worship every two months in the light of the ever-changing Covid restrictions and national guidelines. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we all continue to cope with the uncertainties of these times.

Please be aware that there will be further changes for the November/December Services in that *St. Michael's will move to 10.45am (1st and 3rd Sundays)* and *St. Luke's will move to 9.30am (2nd and 4th Sundays)*. St. Mark's continues at 9am each week and the Contemporary Worship continues online at 10.45am each week.

In addition, after much prayerful deliberation and discussion at Staff Meetings and at PCCs, we are aware that there will need to be changes to our pattern of worship for the longer term as well. In order to make you all aware of what is proposed, and to hear everyone's views, I plan to hold two congregational meetings. The first will be on Friday, 30th October, at 7.30pm in St. Mark's Hall (face coverings required) and then a repeated meeting online on Saturday, 31st October, at 10am (Via Zoom with Meeting ID: 890 9055 3131 and Passcode: 817303. Dial in using +44 203 901 7895). All members of our congregations are invited to attend either meeting so that we can discuss the proposed changes together. – Helen



God's vision for us:

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



PRAY DAY FOR SCHOOLS

We are joining in Pray Day on 17th

November when schools across Europe and around the world are the focus of prayer and we want you to get involved. This year's theme is #saydoprayer and we will be having prayer walks, prayers for you to use at home and a practical way that we can show the schools in our parishes that we care.

We will be making up boxes to take into each staffroom in all the schools within our parishes on 17th November. We need contributions to go in six boxes. There are restrictions on what we can put in but we have asked members of staff who have given suggestions:

Individual sachets of tea, coffee, hot chocolate.

Sealed packets of individually wrapped biscuits and cakes

Small bagged savoury snacks

Sealed packets of pens, pencils and rulers.

Pre-packaged tissues

Packets of antibacterial Wipes

Packets of bulbs for the staff to plant with their class

Whiteboard pens

Antibacterial handwash

There will be a list at the back of each church for you to sign up against the item you intend to contribute and then put in a box at the back of the church or hand into the office at St. Mark's by 11th November.

This is a mission opportunity surrounded by prayer headed by our recently formed MAP group across all three churches. For more information about the Pray for Schools initiative, please visit

<https://www.prayforschools.org/>

PRAY DAY PRAYER WALK

On 16th and 17th November, as part of the national Pray Day for schools, we plan to hold a series of short prayer walks focused on the six schools in our benefice (Dell, Elm Tree, The Limes, Oulton Broad, Westwood Primary and The Warren School). Volunteers are needed to walk (or drive) and pray for each school. Maps marking the schools and surrounding roads will be available, also our November prayer card will include a prayer we can all use to pray for our schools. Please contact Jill Hunting (518200 or jillhunting13@gmail.com) or Debbie Allsop (538573 or alan_debbie@hotmail.co.uk).

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday November 1st,
3:00pm at St. Michael's and
5:00pm at St. Mark's
At St. Michael's and St. Mark's we will be holding our annual services of remembrance for those we have lost. If you would like to have the names of your loved ones read out during the service, please add their names to the lists available. Also, due to social distancing we have limited space and are asking for people to RSVP so we can prepare accordingly, however please feel free to attend either service.

ADAM OUTREACH PROJECT TRUSTEE

A vacancy exists for the position of Trustee based at Hope House. The duties include the active support of the team, being at interviews with the management and other "hands on" duties. Further information from Geoff Ward on 07508 620566.

THE BIBLE COURSE

The Zoom homegroup are planning to start The Bible Course!

The Bible Course is an eight-session course developed by The Bible Society to explore the overarching themes of the Bible starting from the very beginning to the very end as well as looking at how key events, books and characters fit together. It is designed both for those who are very familiar with the Bible and for those who aren't. Dates will be announced soon, but if you would like to sign up or get more information, please speak to Gillie Powell or visit <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/>

SHOE BOX FILLERS

I am sure many of you will recall, for the passed few years we have sold hats scarves and gloves suitable for the shoe boxes and the proceeds have been sent to our friends in Honduras. Helen has very kindly agreed this can happen again this year after the service.

They will be available in the hall after the services on 25th October, 28th October 1st November, and 4th November. All items just £1.50p.

Helen has asked that we remember our social distancing and do not stay for a natter afterwards – it can be so tempting!
- Cynthia



DON'T FORGET...
The clocks go back an hour 24th October!

LOCKDOWN STORIES

The effects and restrictions associated with Covid-19 remain, shaping our lives and activities, including our worship. The invitation remains open to contribute accounts of your experiences of 2020—and into 2021. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed. So far, contributions have ranged from photos and captions to poems and written accounts. This is an opportunity for us all to leave a small legacy of what life was like during the pandemic for future generations. Please keep sending things in to Jill Hunting—jillhunting13@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

The MAP (Mission Action Planning) Team are hoping to arrange a Christmas Trail this year whereby families visit different locations in our parishes and discover different elements of the Christmas story through images and displays either in windows or gardens. If you think you might be interested in taking part, there will be a planning meeting on Saturday 24th October, 3:00pm at St. Mark's.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

MEDIA OFFICER

A vacancy exists for a Media Officer working 2-3 hours per week for this Organisation. Potential applicants must be over 18 years of age and have internet access. The duties include promoting our Christian message in the town and beyond, to build relationships with partner organisations, and to report back to the executive committee of Christians Together. More information from Rev Sharon Lord on 516800.