



St Michael & All Angels Church
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HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY ON 27th MARCH

POSITIVELY PARKINSON'S Saturday March 26th

A day of events celebrating the art of the possible for everyone living with Parkinson's. All profits from these events will go to Parkinson's Disease Charities.

In the morning a workshop 'Make a Move! Feel the Beat!' led by the wonderful music animateur Sarah Freestone and Parkinson's dance and movement specialist Kate Finegan. Everyone is invited, and if you have Parkinson's we hope you will not only join in yourself, but bring members of your family along with you. It will be a highly creative, fun morning, ending with a short performance of our music and dance ideas. If you'd like to bring a musical instrument please do, but if you can't manage that, all you really need

is your sense of fun and enthusiasm. This event is FREE to everybody.

Go to pirbrightarts.com for information.



At 7pm we welcome Paul Mayhew-Archer MBE, comedy writer, performer and Parkinson's ambassador. He will present his one man show "Incurable Optimist" in which he takes a funny and moving look at his own life with Parkinson's.

Go to pirbrightarts.com for more information and to buy tickets.

ANGEL TOTS

Calling all babies and toddlers under 3 years. Would you like a weekly playdate with other children, with plenty of space to toddle and toys and games to play with? Then bring your Mummy, Daddy or Carer along to the Church Room on Monday mornings in term time, 10am to 11:30. You can let your grown-up relax and chat to other grown-ups, with refreshments to keep them happy, whilst you get on with the serious business of playing and socialising. Angels Tots is free though a small donation for teas and coffees is welcome. To find out more ask your grown-ups to contact Barbara or Joy at angeltots@pirbrightchurch.org.uk or to look at <http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/angeltots.htm>



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, INTO THE FUTURE



Important decisions need to be made about the future of our church, as we search for a new, long-term priest to lead us into the future. See page 2 for more information. We are blessed with a beautiful church and an active church community which strives to support the whole community, not just regular churchgoers. Please support your church so that generations to come can enjoy it we do.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

St Michael's Into the Future – the latest news!

It has been a long time (June 2019) since our much loved priest Chris Musser retired. Since then, amidst the restrictions and challenges of Covid, the PCC has been considering the future of ministry in Pirbright and has made several decisions about how we should move forward:

- * that we could only afford to continue with a half time priest;
- * that we should explore the possibility of sharing a full-time priest with St Mark's in Normandy to give both parishes a strong leader to help us realise our exciting plans;
- * and that we should recruit an Interim Priest for St Michael's while that exploration was carried out.

Rev Bev has been the Interim Priest-In-Charge for nearly two years and the moment has now come when both parishes are separately considering the options before them:-

1. for each parish to continue with a half time priest;
2. to create a United Benefice of both parishes led by 1 full time priest where we will work in partnership, and share resources but maintain separate PCCs and finances;
3. to create a United Parish led by 1 full time priest with 1 PCC and financial unit from day one.

After prayerful and full discussion at a recent Away Morning, the PCC agreed, by an overwhelming majority, to recommend Option 2 to our church members at a consultation meeting at the end of February, chaired by our Area Dean. Further details will be explained, and questions/concerns addressed before a final discussion and a decision made by the PCC at their meeting on 15 March.

The PCC believes that this recommendation will help to send us strongly into the future and firmly at the heart of the community we wish to continue to serve. We will keep everyone in touch as we move through this process via our website - pirbrightchurch.org.uk and church weekly bulletins. If you have any queries, please contact Rev Bev, Catherine or Helen. Your prayers and continued support will be very welcome!



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CHURCH CAFÉ CLUB

One of Pirbright's best kept secrets is out! On the first Wednesday of every month there is a special Communion service in the church, followed by refreshments with home made scones with jam and cream. This friendly and sociable service is at 10:15, do give it a try.



CHURCH PLANT SALE

Make a note in your diary for the church plant sale on Saturday 14th May, with all kinds of plants grown by green fingered locals, so you know they will thrive in your garden. Throw in refreshments, a cake stall and the traditional sausage sizzle and you have the perfect village morning out!



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Cunningham House residents enjoy feeding the birds, and watching their to-ing and fro-ing from their rooms. However, our poor little birds are lucky to get a look in as they have big competition in the shape of humongous squirrels and pigeons, who guzzle the feeder empty in a flash. Many a conversation has been had over coffee time about how to see off these greedy guzzlers so that the little ones have a chance. Then one morning, one of our residents proudly announced that her family had bought her a gift which was the perfect solution to deterring these guzzlers, and was over the moon that it worked! This gift was a rather large water pistol, with which our 94-year-old lady has perfected the art of projecting a light spray of water* at the squirrels to send them on their way! We certainly have a laugh (or three) in this house!

Lucy

* Note: no squirrels were harmed in Operation Beat the Guzzlers; they just experienced some very rainy days for the sake of the little birds being able to fill their tummies!



RAWLINS CLUB



At our meeting on Friday 11th March Tom Morath of the Hawk Conservancy Trust will talk on 'A Good Day to Fly a Kite'. 2 to 4pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

Denise Granger 01483 472070

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We remember with gratitude the lives of Penny Privett, Ian Wallis and Judith Smith who passed away recently.

CHURCH SERVICES

All of our normal Sunday services are held in church, with access via Zoom for those unable to attend at church. Please contact Caroline Bews on 01483 289123 or email services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk if you would like to attend a service either in church or on zoom on a Sunday. Further information is also available from Catherine or Helen (contacts page 2), or on our website: www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thursday 2nd June 2022

To commence a weekend of celebrations, Beacons across the country will be lit at 9.45pm. Pirbright will once again be joining in and the village Beacon will be erected on the roof of Lord Pirbright's Hall and lit by Steve Fidgett. The Gospel Choir and Pirbright Singers will accompany the lighting and join a nationwide recital of 'A Song for the Commonwealth' to set things alight. We hope you will come and support this event and the choirs.

Sunday 5th June 2022

Big Picnic on the Green

The Parish Council invite the whole community to come together to picnic on Pirbright Green. Local catering vans, drinks stalls and live entertainment from our very own local singers will all be on the Green with the National Anthem and a toast to Her Majesty the Queen all being part of this lunchtime line-up.

Queen's Jubilee Lunch

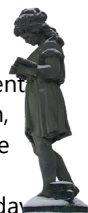
The Parish Council will also host a complimentary two course lunch inside Lord Pirbright's Hall for residents of the



parish aged over 70. Live entertainment and a toast to Her Majesty the Queen, whilst enjoying the pudding voted the winner of this years' Jubilee Pudding Competition will be the order of the day. We hope this will be an opportunity for our valued seniors to come together and enjoy good company and good food. To receive a personal invitation to this unique lunch and to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Vacancy for Hall manager /secretary

After 20 years of service Lindsay Graham is retiring from official parish duties. The Parish Council are looking to recruit a part-time manager/secretary to manage Lord Pirbright's Hall on behalf of the Trustees. This varied role would suit someone familiar with the hospitality sector who can ensure the delivery of high quality services to the public while complying with Health & Safety legislation. Managing hall staff, an online bookings system, invoicing, accounting and budgeting are all part of this role. Bringing new ideas to increase the client base and working with existing and prospective hirers to ensure their needs are met are key aspects of the position. Training will be given. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk.



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Parish website www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk

A SAFE ROUTE THROUGH PIRBRIGHT ARCH.

The petition has now received over 630 signatures and 50 responses sharing people's experiences of the route. The highways team have agreed to add improvement works to the list, but the project needs to make the top 20 of over 60 county wide projects. Whether a pedestrian, cyclist or car user, your comments and experiences of the route will help. You can send them via <https://www.facebook.com/SafeRouteBrookwoodPirbright/> or <https://saferoute.wixsite.com/pirbrightbrookwood/contact>. Thank you.



PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE SUMMER FAIR

Last year's All At Sea Fair was a wonderful success, our thanks to everyone who put in the work to plan, organise and deliver such a terrific day.

Because of the Queen's Jubilee Celebration this June, it has been agreed that there won't be a village summer fair this year, but it will be back in 2023, with a provisional date of Saturday 17th June. So put that date in your diary now, and start thinking about what theme we might have, and how you can participate next year.



PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our March 8th Meeting will be preceded by our deferred AGM, starting promptly at 6:45 for 7pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall. The Chairman's report was sent out in December. The Treasurer's report will feature the need to adjust the rates of membership fees. Do please come if you can. Refreshments will be provided during the evening and David Standing will talk on 'Old fashioned flowers'.



TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Crepe Supper on Sunday 20th March at 7pm. A delicious home cooked meal followed by pancakes with lots of different fillings! Raffle and wine bar. Tickets £16 (£18 for non members) from James Grimshaw (trocha@clara.c.uk)

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PIRBRIGHT WI.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 15th March is on 'Continental Chocolates'. Peter Whelpton will also bring chocolates to sell! 7.00 pm in the Clubroom in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Coffee and Teas at 10 am - 11.15 am in the Clubroom on Thursday mornings when you visit the market.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Did you know we have been part of the community for over 30 years? By supporting local producers you are helping the environment with zero air miles and little carbon footprint.. Our cooks, crafters and gardeners always look to produce something a little different just for you. A fresh approach to traditional skills.

Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday between 10am and 11.15am.

Rosemary Richmond

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

If you would like to learn more about the Royal British Legion and how the Legion can help its members and veterans, please join us at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner at 8pm on Monday, 14th March.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

At our next meeting on 8th March in Normandy Village Hall, Douglas Skeggs will speak on The Artists of Montmartre Pilgrims of Babylon. For details contact memdfas@gmail.com or 01276685293

ALDERSHOT FLOWER CLUB

Come along to Normandy Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month, at 7.30 pm, for flower arranging demonstrations and workshops. All are welcome. More details from Dee Kelly (Chairman) at deeandpatkelly@sky.com



My racing snail took his shell off, hoping it would let him go faster. But if anything, it just made him more sluggish.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

JESSICA ELIZA

Mothers' Day is coming, and what Mum doesn't love to receive flowers? Jessica is based in School Lane and she creates stunning, naturally styled arrangements using locally sourced seasonal flowers, they really are beautiful!. Check out her website at www.jessicaelizaflowers.com and you'll see her exquisite wedding creations at, or contact her on info@jessicaelizaflowers.com



J Burch Tree Care & Grounds Maintenance With Spring on the horizon, it's time to start thinking about sprucing up our gardens and this local company are here to help. Jonathan grew up in the village and is based on Dawney Hill. His team cover all aspects of tree work, hedge cutting and planting, domestic and large scale grounds maintenance. They also do all aspects of fencing (panel, stock and wildlife).

Call Jonathan on 01483 800156 or email jburchtreecare@hotmail.com

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com



AGM 23rd March, 8pm,

Clubhouse, come along and hear the club's latest news. All welcome.

Mix-In Club Night Tuesdays 6:30pm.

Men's Competitive Tennis: Wednesdays from 8pm. **Ladies' Competitive Tennis:** Wednesdays 6-8pm.

Quiz Night: Friday 25th March, to book a table ali.williams03@gmail.com

Ladies' Morning: every Monday 9am.

Woking Men's Doubles Winter League.

If you're a PTC member and interested contact jameshirth@hotmail.co.uk

Box leagues: organized internal club matches. pkelly_whiterabbits@sky.com

Cardio Tennis: Thursdays (term time) 9.45

Ladies Drills and Match Play Tuesdays 9:30-11-10.45am.

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Youth Activities for 2022 season

Mixed Sc Yr R&1 Saturday mornings 8:30-9:15am (starts 30th April for 12 weeks) Match groups season starts week beg 18th April – 1st August

Girls Sc Yr 2-6 Friday 5:15-6:15pm

(matches Sat & Sun am)

Girls Sc Yr 7-10 Friday 6:15-7:15pm

Boys Sc Yr 2 & 3 Friday 5:15-6:15pm (matches Sat & Sun am)

Boys Sc Y4 Friday 6:15-7:15pm (matches Sat am)

Boys Sc Yr 5 & 6 Softball Friday 6:15-7:15pm (matches various)

Boys Sc Yr 5 & 6 Hardball Friday 7:15-8:15pm (matches Sun am)

Boys Sc Yr 7-9 Hardball Monday 6:30-8pm (matches Sun am)

Contact pycmembership@yahoo.com for more info

Adults Teams & Training

Women's softball – Tuesday 6:45-8pm (matches some Sundays and Tuesdays)

Walking Cricketers – Wednesday 9-10:15am (matches various)

100 & 20:20 social – Wednesday 6pm (matches Wednesday eve)

Saturday League team & Sunday friendly – Thursday 6-8pm

Contact Pirbrightcricket@yahoo.co.uk for adult cricket



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Sorry, can't stop, I've got some packing to do. My cousin Harry just sent a message to say he is planning to visit, and I suddenly remembered I have urgent business somewhere else. I'm not sure where yet, but I'll think of somewhere. Don't get me wrong, most of the time I get on well with Harry, even though he is a hare and quite a bit bigger than us rabbits. But, for some reason, between 28th February and 1st April, hares can be difficult. The last time he visited in March he taught all the birds to sing new melodies, unfortunately it was something called 'heavy metal', which did nothing for the peace and tranquillity of the churchyard. He taught the young rabbits to play football until they realised the 'ball' was a nest the harvest mouse had just spent hours making. The last straw was when he started a fight with the squirrels (admittedly not difficult) which took a week to calm down. So I'm going into hiding until Harry has stopped being a Mad March Hare. See you in April!

Yellow Rabbit



MOTHERS' DAY 27th March

What's the difference between Superman and Mothers?

Superman is just a superhero now and then.

Mums are superheroes all the time.

MARCH GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Dead head daffodils as they fade, but allow the foliage to die down naturally. Plant in the garden any forced bulbs that you had growing indoors such as hyacinths and daffodils so that they can add more colour to your garden next year. Feed borders with a general purpose fertiliser, but feed acid loving shrubs such as azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias with an ericaceous fertiliser. It is best to get supports into borders early, so that plants can grow up through them. Shrubs can be moved now and should re-establish quickly. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials that were not split in the Autumn. Overcrowded clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites can be lifted and divided after they have finished flowering. This is the last chance to prune wisteria before it starts to grow. Apply a high nitrogen spring/summer lawn fertiliser in late March. Rake lawns with a spring tine rake to remove any moss and thatch. Remove net coverings placed over ponds to protect it from autumn leaf fall. Plant

first early potatoes now. Lettuce, rocket, carrots and peas can be sown outside when the soil has warmed up.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2022

2	Wed	10:15am	Communion for Ash Wednesday and café club in the church
6	Sun	10:00am	Family service with baptisms in church and on zoom
8	Tues	10:00am 6:45pm	Arts Society Woking, Normandy Village Hall Horticultural Society AGM and club meeting, LPH
11	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, talk 'A Good Day to Fly a Kite' LPH
13	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church
14	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn
15	Tues	7:00pm	WI talk 'Continental Chocolates' LPH
20	Sun	10:00am 7:00pm	Holy Communion in church and on zoom Twinning Association Crepe Supper LPH
23	Wed	8:00pm	Tennis Club AGM, Clubhouse
25	Fri		Tennis Club Quiz night
26	Sat	10:00am 7:00pm	Pirbright Arts, Positively Parkinson Day - Feel The Beat, - Incurable Optimist
27	Sun	10:00am	Mothering Sunday All Age Communion in church & on zoom

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

For almost 10 years we have been trying to identify Ernest Cole, the only soldier named on the 1st World War Memorial with no regiment. In spite of our best efforts, we had been unable to trace any Ernest Cole with a Pirbright connection. However, thanks to the perseverance of British Legion member John Warden, the mystery has been solved. An online family tree listed Ernest Cole (1914 - 1986) born 11 April 1914 in Gole Road, Pirbright. The birth certificate confirmed that his father was also called Ernest Cole, he was a Lance Serjeant in the 2nd Battalion, the Grenadier Guards, who died of wounds in a Boulogne hospital on November 15th 1914. Ernest Snr had enlisted in 1909 at Tonbridge, his home town, and married Honor Hardy at Windsor in 1912. Like many service wives, she would have followed her husband and lived in digs close by the Guards Depot. The Sussex Courier reported his death with this photo. Ernest's biography will be added to the Memorial book in the church. Motto – never give up....



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Stop press from last month. Mary Pearce, nee Lawson, identified herself as the skater 2nd from right and Sandra West the taller girl on the right. Photo probably taken in 1957.

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