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Christmas Tree Collection Service



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St. Michaels and All Angels Church

A New Year, A New Beginning

Every January, I find myself asking the same question: What does a fresh start look like? Many of us make resolutions. Some we stick to, many we don't, and others quietly fade by the end of the month. But beneath all of it is a longing every human heart feels: the desire to begin again. One of the most hopeful verses in the Bible speaks right into this moment. In Lamentations 3.22-23 we read:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

New every morning. Not once a year. Not only when life feels tidy. God's mercies meet us daily, even when yesterday didn't go to plan. And this is where Christian hope is different from the usual New Year's optimism. Resolutions rely on our strength. Renewal relies on God's mercy. Resolutions depend on our willpower. New beginnings come from His grace. As we step into this new year as a church family, perhaps the invitation is this: Don't just try harder. Receive God's newness. Ask Him to refresh your hope, renew your faith, and restore the places in your life that feel worn thin. His mercies are already waiting for you.

Speaking of newness, I would love to invite you to a very special **Church on the Green on Sunday 25 January** and for this occasion

will be in the church itself. Our theme will be New Beginnings, and we will even be joined by a small petting zoo with newborn animals. It will be a joyful, family-friendly morning as we explore how God brings new life in Jesus and how He offers each of us a fresh start. If you are looking for somewhere to reconnect with faith, to begin again, or simply to be reminded that God has not finished with you, this will be a wonderful Sunday to come along. As we enter the year ahead,

may you know the God whose mercies are new every morning, and may this be a year of renewed hope, renewed courage, and renewed beginnings. *With every blessing, Revd George*



St. Michaels and All Angels Church



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH PIRBRIGHT

JOIN US IN JANUARY

1st Sunday 10am Joint Service at St. Mark's Church*

2nd Sunday 8.00am Said Communion
9.30am Contemporary Worship Service

9.30am Traditional Holy Communion

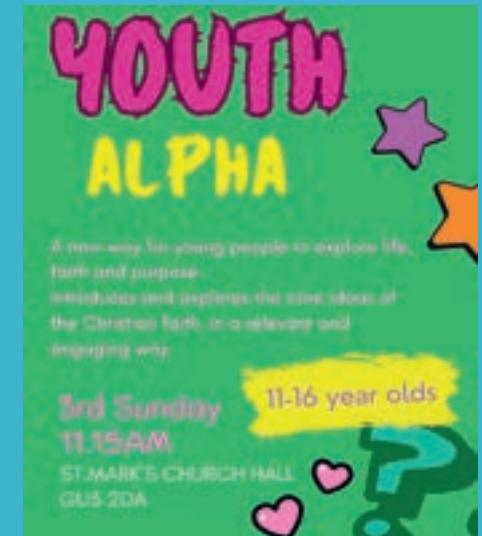
3rd Sunday 11.15am Contemporary Worship Service
St. Mark's Church Hall*



4th Sunday 10.00am Church on the Green
at the Church

11.15am Traditional Communion
Service St. Mark's Church*

*St. Mark's Church: Guildford Rd GU3 2DA
pirbrightchurch.org.uk



In Loving Memory of Eunice Hawkins

Eunice Hawkins lived in and around Pirbright since 1930s and taught for decades in Pirbright School, was connected with the Pirbright players and Twinning Association, went to all the flower shows, made scarecrows, and was part of many other village events over her life.

She was even doing occasional presentations about “the olden days” to the children in the Pirbright school up to her 90s. Also driving her statement white car with pink roses up to the age of 90.

Eunice loved children, nature, culture, chatting and gardening. A colourful, friendly, lively local character who loved to walk across the green or go to the village hall or garden parties and dress up for many social events. I’m sure she touched many people’s hearts with her kindness, curiosity, humour and human interest.

She married twice. Both times celebrated in Pirbright. Eunice absolutely loved Pirbright, the nature, and the people. She held so many fascinating stories about life in the old days in the village.

She died peacefully at the end of November, and her funeral will be in Pirbright Church mid-January. She will be very missed by her 2 children, family and friends.

For tributes or any questions regarding the funeral, please contact her beloved son, David at david.roberts15@gmail.com.

With love from

Jane Roberts and David Roberts, her loving daughter and son.

Pirbright Parish Council

New Year Message from Pirbright Parish Council

Pirbright Parish Council would like to wish all residents a **very Happy New Year**. As we begin 2026, we'd like to thank everyone in the village for your continued support, community spirit, and involvement in parish life. From local events and volunteering, to simply looking out for neighbours, you all help make Pirbright such a welcoming and vibrant place. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead on the issues that matter to our community and to seeing many of you at parish meetings and village events. With warmest wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful 2026.

Rights of Way on Public Land

If you need to report a blocked footpath or bridleway, there is a quick and easy way. Simply type into your browser: “**Surrey County Council report a right of way problem online**”. This will take you to the SCC portal where more detailed information can be uploaded and the problem sorted. The telephone number to report is **0300 200 1003**.

Pirbright Parish Council

Lord Pirbright's Hall & Pavilion

Lord Pirbright's Hall and the Community Sports Pavilion would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming back all our local clubs, societies and fitness classes for 2026 and we are also excited to host anyone wishing to hold birthdays, family celebrations, or other special events at the hall.

We would also like to let Parishioners know as from 1st April 2026, our hall hire rates will increase slightly. Even with this adjustment, we continue to offer some of the lowest rates compared with neighbouring halls, the rise in general operating and utilities means we must review our prices accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and continued support of LPH.

Pirbright Village Sign

Unfortunately, the Village Sign came down in a storm last month. It has been stored safely and is in the process of being repaired and re-erected. Thanks to Catherine and Nic for their help.



Save the Date: Parish Council Annual Assembly Friday 20th March 7.30pm

Residents are warmly invited to the **Parish Council's Annual Assembly on Friday 20th March 2026 7.30pm in Lords Pirbright Hall**. This is an opportunity to hear about the Council's work over the past year, plans for the year ahead, and issues affecting our village, as well as to ask questions and share ideas. The evening will include guest speakers on local topics, with further details to follow. Light refreshments will be provided, with time to chat informally with councillors and neighbours. Please put the date in your diary, we look forward to seeing you.

Support Local Community

We often get more enquiries about Cunningham House in January, when families have spent Christmas together, and realise that an older relative is lonely or struggling to cope on their own. Cunningham House is Pirbright's hidden gem for older people! Not a care home, as many people presume, but supported independent living. We don't provide care, but do offer companionship, home cooked meals; bills are included in rent, and maintenance is taken care of. Some residents employ a carer to help with basic bath/showering and laundry and residents have a 24-hour care line pendant to call for help in an emergency. So, if an older person isn't ready for a care or nursing home but needs more support and companionship than living alone offers, we may be the perfect option! Ring 01483488751 or visit cunninghamhouse.co.uk for further information.

Community Groups

Pirbright Historians

The online house-by-house history of Pirbright has continued to grow over the last few months. There are new sections on St Michael's Church, Stanford (East section), the Aldershot Road and Rowe Lane, complete with details of the previous occupants of each house, photos, maps, newspaper cuttings etc. You can see these either by going to www.pirbright.info/ then clicking on Pirbright Properties or by going to pirbrightpropertieshistory.com

We expect a further 80+ houses to appear online over the course of the next 6 months in several batches, with more to follow later.

We are always keen to see new historical records, so if you have any old deeds, family photos or other material you don't mind sharing, please let us know at:

richard@pirbright.info

Cunningham House

Scrabble Afternoon on Wednesday 7th January at 2.30pm at Cunningham House. All welcome.

Pirbright Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub> www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub

Happy New Year! If you haven't already done so, join our friendly tennis club, whatever your standard of tennis. We have regular activities, coaching, tournaments and league matches. Every Tuesday, from 6.30, is Club Night when anyone can come and play and have some fun – join the Pirbright Tennis WhatsApp group to see who's playing. For more information on anything about the club contact info@pirbrighttennisclub.com

Rawlins Club

On Friday 9th January between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. We are very pleased to have Arabella Segar from the Surrey Wildlife Trust talking about their "Red Deer Project on Pirbright Ranges".

For further details, please contact Denise Granger on **01483 472070**.

Royal British Legion

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and send our best wishes for health and happiness in this New Year.

Our first meeting in 2026 will be on Monday, 12th January so please come and meet us if you would like to hear about the Legion.

For more information, contact Anne Hawkins on **01252 404276**.

Community Groups

Pirbright WI

Our meeting this month will be a talk on Reflections of a Research Vet by Dr Tony Garland on Tuesday 20th January at 7.00pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI will be serving coffees and teas again from 22nd January Thursday morning from 10.00am to 11.15am in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

If you're visiting the Country Market, why not join us for a chat?

We have a coach going to The National Archives at Kew, on Wednesday 25th February 2026, Cost £21 Pick up at Glaziers Lane or Goldworth Park. If you are interested in family history or just history then why not join us.

For more information, contact Irene Dredge on **01483 233279** or email irenedredge@outlook.com. We'd love to see you there!

January Eco Tip

Porridge made the original way uses the natural heat generated by expanding starch grains for cooking purposes and so is very eco friendly, also far more tasty than the quick cooking versions. Today the cooking can be done in a thermos flask for heat conservation; in the past the hot cooking mixture would have been insulated by a covering of straw kept in a cardboard box. Use rolled oats, not the quick cooking varieties. Heat a mixture of rolled oats with slightly more than their volume of milk to boiling, and then pour the whole into a heated thermos flask. Leave overnight, they will remain hot and be cooked as porridge.

January Gardening Tips

January may feel quiet in the garden, but it's a valuable month for setting the tone for the year ahead. Use these short, chilly weeks to review last year's successes, choose new seeds and plan where everything will go. A little preparation now pays off in spring. Top up feeders with high-energy food and break any ice on bird baths or ponds. Encouraging birds now helps keep garden pests down later. Check that fleece, cloches and coverings are still secure after winter winds, and gently shake snow from shrubs to prevent them bending or snapping. Clear away soggy leaves, clean pots and give tools a sharpen. It's satisfying work and gets you garden-ready for spring. If you have a warm windowsill or propagator, you can start chillies, aubergines or sweet peas this month.

Wishing you a peaceful start to the gardening year!

Pirbright Players

Robin Hood, Robin Hood, riding through Pirbright! Tickets for our panto on 25th/26th January 2026 are now on sale via our website or Lucy at the Country Market.

If you need help in buying tickets via the internet please contact David Greenland. Tel: **07583768139**.

Tickets are £16 and £8 for children. Saturday and Sunday matinee and Saturday evening. Wine, tea, coffee, ice cream and raffle.

Come and cheer up those January blues with a panto full of laughter and fun!

Pirbright Community Calendar January 2026

Date	Time	Event
Sun 4th	10.00am	Joint Service at St. Mark's Church GU3 2DA
Wed 7th	2.30pm	Scrabble Afternoon at Cunningham House
Fri 9th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Rawlins Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 10th	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright The Rev's Round at The White Hart Pirbright
Sun 11th	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am	Said Communion (BCP) at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Holy Communion Service at St. Mark's Church GU3 2DA
Mon 12th	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox at Fox Corner
Sun 18th	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St. Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Tue 20th	10.15am - 11.15am 7.00pm	Midweek Communion at St Michael's followed by Café Club Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall Club Room
Sun 25th	9.00am 10.00am 11.15am	The Parish Dash at St. Michael's Pirbright Church On The Green at St. Michael's Pirbright Holy Communion Service at St. Mark's Church GU3 2DA
Every Mon	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group at St. Michael's Pirbright Church Room (term time only)
Every Wed	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Pirbright Gospel Choir at the Pirbright School in the Stefanetti Music Suite (term time only)
Every Thur	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Bellringing Practice in the Church Tower

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