

MARTLESHAM & BRIGHTWELL



7th March – 3rd Sunday of LENT

Services:

Today: 8 am Holy Communion - Brightwell
9.45 am Family Communion & Junior Church - St. Michael's
11 am Holy Communion (BCP) - St. Mary's
6.30 pm **United Lent Evensong – Newbourne**

Monday: 10.30 am “Bright Stars” - St. Michael’s

Wednesday: 10 am Holy Communion - St. Michael's

Next Sunday (Mothering Sunday):

8 am Holy Communion - St. Mary's
9.45 am **All Age Worship - St. Michael's**
11 am **All Age Worship - St. Mary's**
6.30 pm **United Lent Evensong – Brightwell**

Common Worship Readings (Year C):

Today: Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

Next Sunday: Joshua 5.9-12; 2 Cor. 5.16-end; Luke 15.1-3,11b-end

Barn Dance –

The first annual Fusion 3:16 Barn Dance on **Saturday 20th March**, at Ropes Hall, Kesgrave Community Centre, from 7.30 pm onwards.

We will have a live band - 'No Spring Chicken' - who we have used before, and are fabulous. Tickets are £10, and will be available from Karen Turnbull. The cost of a ticket includes a Ploughman's meal, and drinks will be available from the bar at the Hall

For Prayer



- As the season of Lent continues, we pray that we may continue to grow in our knowledge and understanding of God, and in love & compassion for our neighbours near and far
- With *Christian Solidarity Worldwide* we pray again for the people of Burma – 2,000 are held as political prisoners, and democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi remains under house arrest – pray for justice
- Pray for the people of Chile, as they recover from the earthquake, and continue to pray for the people of Haiti and Madeira, after the disasters there, and for all the relief efforts
- We continue to keep in our prayers hostages in different parts of the world - Alan McMenemy, whose fate is still unknown; Paul & Rachel Chandler, still held by Somali pirates, separated from each other, and now in poor health
- Pray for those serving in our armed forces, especially in Afghanistan
- Pray for all who serve in local government, especially for John Kelso & Chris Blundell, and our parish councillors
- Pray for the world-wide mission of the Church –
 - for our Queen and the Royal Family
 - for Rowan, our Archbishop
 - for Nigel and Clive, our Bishops
 - for our link diocese of Kagera, and Bishop Aaron
 - for the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship
 - for Ayanda Jacobs and her work in South Africa
 - for Ian, our Ministry Team, & those who help with our church music
- Pray for all who are unwell, in hospital or at home, among them Sid Oldfield, Ida Nichols, Ada Newman, Jim Harvey, Jack Donkin, Debbie Niven, David Stinson, Karen, Robert Dunnett, and others you know
- Commend to God all who have died, and pray for all who mourn

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LENT HOUSE GROUPS

Theme: "Preparing through the Core"

- Mondays, 1.45 pm** 17 Lark Rise
Tuesdays 2.30 pm 9 Angela Close
Tuesdays 7.30 pm Dairy Farm, Brightwell
Wednesdays 7.30 pm 17 Lark Rise

All groups are meeting for five weeks

Posies for Mothering Sunday

We need small posies of flowers for giving out at our Mothering Sunday services. If you can make some, they would be most welcome

The "East Anglican" -

is the Diocesan monthly Newsletter. The March issue is now available in our churches. It is free of charge.

Elizabeth Corker has written in the March issue about the Women's World Day of Prayer. Whether or not you went to the service last Friday, please get your copy & read her article

Mothers' Union – supports Mission to Seafarers

Request for Readers Digest, jigsaw puzzles for any age, and wool to knit hats for the seafarers.



Thank you. Contact Ann Berg 01394 387049

Fairtrade Fortnight ends today
but the need for Fair Trade continues



When shopping, look for the Fair Trade Logo
and please support our Fairtrade stall at Church

Help needed!

As Martlesham Annual Meeting looms we thank everyone for their dedicated help last year. There are several people standing down from their posts, and these posts need to be filled. Chris Howard is stepping down as Martlesham PCC Treasurer; Lewis Curie is stepping down as Martlesham PCC Secretary; and John Symes wants to take more of a back seat as St. Mary's Churchwarden.

So we need a Treasurer, or people to join a treasury team, a Secretary and two Churchwardens (one for St. Mary's and one for St. Michael's). If you want to know more please contact Ian Naylor 01473 622424

Church Music

We have reached a crossroads in our church music both at St. Michael's and St. Mary's. In St. Mary's we have been served faithfully for many years by Sid Oldfield, but Sid's health is failing and he is back in hospital. In St. Michael's we are relying on the goodwill of several different organists and our music group, but this is not a permanent arrangement, only a short-term arrangement.

So I am asking all who are interested in the music we play in our churches to come to a meeting on **Sunday 7th March at 3.00 pm** at St. Michael's. If you cannot make this meeting and want your voice heard, please drop me a line.

Ian Naylor