

WEEKLY NEWS

Last week we asked God to “bring us to life” – mentally and spiritually, by empowering our imaginations. The story of Lazarus is a demonstration of a time when Jesus was fully human – as he wept for his friend.

This week is the final Sunday of Lent, **Palm Sunday**, and we pray: Lord, keep us faithful to you. The crowds on Palm Sunday bowed down and laid down their cloaks, because they knew the sovereignty of Jesus and were faithful to him.

Our services are all-age this week, and we meet at our usual locations.

Don't forget that the clocks move forward!

Some of the activities from our Lent series are available in the **prayer cabin** and Holy Week is the perfect time to come and reflect. [Book your slot](#) for the prayer cabin.



Holy Week and Easter Services

Click to see [full details of our Holy Week services](#). There will be prayer and reflection, as well as joy and celebration, with a variety of service styles across the week.

- **Monday and Wednesday:**, we meet to pray [online via Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 536 583 2947, Pass Code: 654503) with [this liturgy](#)
- **Tuesday:** we will meet at St Michael's for a contemplative service focusing on Jesus' anointing at Bethany
- **Maundy Thursday:** we have a reflective service at 8pm at St Michael's
- **Good Friday morning:** journey through the Good Friday story as you explore a series of prayerful activities. Suitable for all ages, arrive any time from 10am-11:30am and experience this at your own pace.
- **Good Friday afternoon:** contemplative devotional service at 2pm.
- **Easter Sunday:** we have 6am sunrise communion, at 10:30am we are TOGETHER at St Michael's, and at 7pm we have a worship evening and Easter party!



PCC and Deanery Synod – could this be you?

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is coming up on Sunday 19th April, 7:30pm at St Michael's. At this meeting, we elect new members to our PCC (the church

council), and this year we also elect members to Bracknell Deanery Synod (our local group of CofE churches). We have 5 vacancies to fill on both councils (10 in total).

We've prepared a leaflet [explaining more about PCC and Deanery Synod](#). These roles are not about "expertise", they are about being willing to play a part. We'd love to have a group of people that expresses variety – of ages, backgrounds and from different congregations. Most importantly: please talk to us! If you are interested or have questions about either role, please talk to Guy or Ruth, or Phil or Katie.



Dreaming Survey Update

Thank you to all who completed our "Dreaming Survey" during Lent. The PCC met on Sunday to look at the responses, and in this video Guy explains what will be happening next:



Happiness Hub and C4 Coffee Morning – WE NEED YOU!

We have an amazing opportunity to run a Happiness Hub alongside C4 once a month at St Andrew's. Bracknell Forest Council has set up these hubs across the borough to provide signposting for those seeking additional support as part of their mental health network. There is currently no hub running in the Priestwood area. We feel this strongly aligns with our vision of St Andrew's as a community space. However, to be able to run the Happiness Hub **and** maintain C4 we need another volunteer at least once a month. We either need

- A volunteer to lead the Happiness Hub (training is provided)
- Or, a volunteer to help with C4, so that one of our existing team can step into the Happiness Hub lead.

The Hub is planned for the 4th Thursday of each month. Is this you? If you could commit to one Thursday a month from 09:30 – 11:30am, or want to know more, please contact Jane Potts (St Andrew's) or Emma Roberts (St Michael's) for more information.

MISSION PARTNERS: THE VALKOVS



Our prayers this week are for Yuri and Plamy Valkov in Sliven, Bulgaria. They lead the Aleteia Baptist Church and work with the vulnerable and poor people in Sliven. This is done through the Women and Young People's Safe Houses, Men's Institutes, Older Peoples home, Orphanages and Gypsy Villages, and more.

Click to [watch a short introduction](#), or [read their latest newsletter \(November 2025\)](#).

We are excited to say that Yuri and Plamy will be visiting Warfield soon, and there is a chance for us to meet them! Please save in your diaries **the afternoon of Sunday 24th May**, and we'll confirm more details nearer the time.

This week, please pray for them on the points below:

- Please pray for the upcoming election in Bulgaria on 19th April. It is the 8th parliamentary election in Bulgaria since 2021, following a heavy period of political instability.
- Please pray for Yuri as he tries to deal with a dispute regarding parking in front of the church. This has involved local police and a commission who are trying to help find a solution to the issue.
- And please pray for the church ahead of the Easter season! The church have various visits planned to towns and institutions, and some students are also travelling with the church this time as they are on school holidays.

NOTICES

Click to see the [full slideshow of rolling notices](#) for this Sunday.

[Join the WhatsApp Channel](#) for regular updates and more details.

Details of our Holy Week and Easter services can be found on our [Holy Week poster](#).

Coming up soon:

- **30th March** – Night Prayer – 8pm, online via Zoom (link above)
- **31st March** – Anointing of Bethany service – 8pm at St Michael's
- **1st April** – Night Prayer – 8pm, online via Zoom (link above)

- **2nd April** – Maundy Thursday Service – 8pm at St Michael’s
- **3rd April** – **GOOD FRIDAY** (all services at St Michael’s)
 - All-age “Journey through Good Friday” – arrive any time from 10am-11:30am, for a 30-45 minute experience with prayerful activities
 - 2pm devotional service
- **5th April** – **EASTER SUNDAY** (all services at St Michael’s)
 - 6am Sunrise Communion (followed by hot cross buns!)
 - 10:30am TOGETHER service
 - 7pm Worship Evening & Easter Party!
- **19th April** – APCM – 7:30pm at St Michael’s

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