

WEEKLY NEWS

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

John 13:1

A reminder of our services this weekend:

Maundy Thursday

We have a reflective service at 8pm at St Michael's, which will include Communion and (optional) feet washing.

Good Friday

- **In the morning:** journey through the Good Friday story as you explore a series of prayerful activities. Suitable for all ages. The experience is open from 10am, but you can arrive as late as 11:30am and still have enough time to complete the story at your own pace.
- **In the afternoon:** we have a contemplative, devotional service at 2pm at St Michael's.

Easter Sunday

- **6am sunrise communion**, with a bonfire in the car park at St Michael's, followed by fellowship and hot cross buns!
- **At 10:30am we are TOGETHER** at St Michael's for all-age morning worship. **If you like, you can bring a flower, and there will be an opportunity during the service to place the flower at the cross (some flowers will be available).**
- **And finally, 7pm** we have a worship evening and Easter party! There will be food and joyous celebration!



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.



St Andrew's “Decluttering Day”

Please let us know if you're able to help, even partially, with the St Andrew's “decluttering day” on the morning of Saturday 18th April. We would especially love input from those who have a potential interest in things that we *shouldn't* throw away – whether that's children's resources, technical equipment, or material from old Warfield congregations.



Dreaming Survey Update

Thank you to all who completed our “Dreaming Survey” during Lent. If you missed our update last week, 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 as part of their mental health network to provide signposting for those seeking additional support. 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 ADHIKARIS



Our prayers this week are for the Adhikari family in Nepal. We have supported Milan and Shusma and the Aanandit Church and Charity since 2002. Aanandit have planted many congregations in the Kathmandu area and have established several community projects.

Click to [read their latest newsletter](#) or read [their April prayer diary](#).

Please pray for them on the points below:

- Pray for the political situation in Nepal. After protests last September, a general election was held in the country on 5th March. The election was won by the RSP party with an unprecedented landslide, and there is much hope that the new government will allow greater freedoms and fight against corruption. Please pray for God's wisdom to those in power.
- Pray for the children that Aanandit supports. This includes the 20+ toddlers who attend the Day Care (6 days a week), the 17 girls in the Children's Home, and more. Pray for the students who will be sitting exams later this month.
- And please pray for the wider country of Nepal amidst global turmoil. Many Nepalis find employment in the Gulf countries. Some are now choosing to leave and return to Nepal for their safety, but this increases unemployment. Also, fuel and gas shortages risk further crisis in the country (more than it affects us in the UK!).

NOTICES

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

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

Coming up soon:

- **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!
- **18th April** – St Andrew’s Decluttering Day – 9am-12pm at St Andrew’s
- **19th April** – APCM – 7:30pm at St Michael’s

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