



# ANGELS & SAINTS

## MONTHLY PARISH NEWS

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### Happy New Year to St Michaels and All Saints

After the wonderful Christmas services and celebrations, I hope we are ready to begin the New Year with renewed passion and enthusiasm for all Christ calls us to do in his name in Verwood.



There will be many exciting challenges and things to look forward to this year. Revd Ruth Wells will be spending more time with us in the next few months and I am looking forward to her ministry amongst us.

Our plans for recruiting a Youth and families worker are progressing and we are hoping to finalise the recruitment and selection process before Easter.

In January we begin a new family service at St Michaels at 9.30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. This will take a while, but with prayer and enthusiasm we hope to welcome families and children who would like a slightly shorter Eucharistic service with some modern hymns. If you would like to be involved in any way with this 'new' venture I would be very glad to hear from you.

After Easter, St Michaels is planning to hold a Music Festival, ending with a Songs of Praise on the Sunday. This final event will give you an opportunity to choose your favourite hymns and worship songs and the most popular will be included. We are hoping that all our music leaders, choirs and singers and instrumentalists will be taking part along with other local musicians. Please get involved and make sure that you save the date in your diaries—**Saturday 25th May**.

The PCC will be getting together in the early part of the year to pray about our vision and discuss the way forward for our church, so please speak to me or a churchwarden or PCC member if you have anything you would like to contribute to our discussions.

There will be lots of other events happening throughout the year and I ask for your support and prayers for each of them. I look forward to the next year with you in the service of Christ and I thank each one of you for your part in this community.

With love and prayers for you all as we begin the new year together.

Deborah



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January.

Although we are called to pray for unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the year, during these 8 days we are called to intensify our prayers and pursue Justice.

The Churches Together in Verwood will be having a United Service at **6pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

This year it will be the turn of the Methodist Church to host this act of worship.

I encourage as many of you as possible to come and take part to show our solidarity.

Barbara Walton  
Chair of Churches Together in Verwood

## Fundraising Initiative



2018 has been a great year for fundraising in the parish and I'm very grateful to all of you who have contributed to this in any way.

After such a wonderful talent challenge last year which brought in £3,278.12 . it's clear that you all have some wonderful gifts and talents.

It would be lovely if you would be willing to use your gifts again this year to raise additional funds for our church.

As we begin 2019, we have received another generous offer to match 'pound for pound', any income from new fundraising activities that take place.

Please let us know if you have any fundraising ideas or any activities that you would like to plan.

Our fundraising co-ordinator is Ali Milward and she can be contacted on 01202 827636.

There were two **90th Birthday Celebrations** in the parish in December 2018.

On Christmas Day Chris Gibbons celebrated her 90th birthday. Wishing you **many happy returns Chris.**



Chris is pictured here with an example of the wonderful flower displays that she produces for our church.

**Eric Hammond** also reached his milestone birthday, when he was 90 years young on 8th December. Eric regularly attends All Saints Church and has served in many capacities over the years, including the role of Deputy Churchwarden. The occasion was celebrated on the following Sunday with Marie - his wife - and his friends at Church. Cake and biscuits were enjoyed by all together with a fine glass of sherry. We wish Eric and Marie many more happy years.



## Prayer & Fellowship Group

At their December meeting, the Prayer & Fellowship Group were entertained by John and Mark who came along to play Christmas music and carols for us.

We enjoyed a sing-along to get us in a festive mood and that was followed by mince pies and shortbread biscuits with our afternoon tea.

**On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 we will hold our AGM.** Part of that meeting will be set aside to hear what ideas everyone has as we put together our 2019 programme. Please bring along your thoughts and ideas to help make our programme as interesting and varied as possible.

Everybody is welcome – especially any new members. Many thanks – Jenny Burge  
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## Parish Posada

Thank you to everyone who took part and looked after the Posada statue during its journey. Many found it a very moving and thought-provoking experience. Here are a few photographs of its journey.



There was also a knitted children's posada that travelled around the parish and was enjoyed by the younger members of our church.

There was a story book that travelled with the nativity and the children enjoyed putting out the nativity whilst listening to the story .

# All Saints Church

Coffee, Company and  
Conversation

with occasional speakers and themes

Thursday 17th January 2019 at 10.30 am  
Everyone welcome



REST IN PEACE

Joyce Timpson  
Harold Broadley  
Gilbert Cross  
Dereck Orman

## Calendar of Events for January

Tuesday	8th	Coffee Morning (weekly )	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	9th	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	9th	Ladies Group	2.00pm	27 Belmont Close
Wednesday	9th	Christian Confidence Committee	7.45pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	10th	Standing Committee Meeting	7.30pm	Potterne Farm
Tuesday	15th	Messy Church	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Tuesday	15th	PCMC meeting	7.30pm	3 Holly Grove
Thursday	17th	Prayer & Fellowship	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	17th	All Saints Coffee Morning	10.30am	All Saints
Thursday	17th	CTiV Meeting	7.45pm	St Michael's
Sunday	20th	Parish Sunday Lunch	12 noon	Parish Centre
Sunday	20th	Service for Christian Unity	6.00pm	Methodist Church
Tuesday	22nd	HFC Committee Meeting	7.15pm	Meeting Room
Wednesday	23rd	Kingdom Prayer Group	7.30pm	St Michael's
Sunday	27th	Big Brunch	11.15am	Parish Centre

### Service Times

Monday–Thursday : Morning Prayer - 08.00 St. Michael's  
Tuesday : Holy Communion - 6.30pm St. Michael's

### Sunday Services

Holy Communion : 8.00am, 9.30am & 10.00am (All Saints)  
Networks : 11.15am  
Evening Worship : 6.00pm

### Parish Office

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm  
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Vicar: Revd. Deborah Matthews - 01202-823707 (Day off - Friday)



### Services this month

6th Networks Praise  
13th Holy Communion  
20th Puppets  
27th Big Brunch