

## Thought for the Month, March

### Family

It was a pleasure to be able to join Claire for her confirmation back in 'wintry' February. What a joy to be able to share in her celebration of what God means to her!

In some churches baptism is the public declaration of people's decision to accept all that Jesus has done for them. In our church, more often than not, confirmation is when we 'confirm' that the claims and promises made at our baptism, normally by our parents and Godparents, are for real. We, as 'grown ups', are saying 'yes' to God and all he has done and will do for us.




Occasions such as the service in St. Michael's, Hamworthy, remind me what a privilege it is to be part of a church family. I was baptised at just over 7 weeks so don't remember a lot about it! However, although confirmed when I was 14 years old, it was only once I was seventeen that I could confidently acknowledge a faith in Christ. Events like Saturday 9 February are therefore a great opportunity to renew those promises.

May I encourage us all to review where we are with God and if we have not 'confirmed' that relationship, one way or another, please look out for opportunities – maybe an Alpha course, maybe a home group or discipleship course could get us a step closer.

In the meantime let's rejoice with Claire and pray that in our own lives we will find the chance to declare and keep on declaring our confidence in all that God has done and is doing for us.

With love in Christ, Hank

<b>March Networks Services</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Networks Christening</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Creative Church In the Parish Centre</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Praise with Puppets</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Raise the Roof</b> Deepening the life of prayer
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	 <b>Big Brunch</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Combined Service</b>

## Women's World Day of Prayer

This will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 2pm to 3pm in St Michael & All Angels Church.



Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

Through Women's World Day of Prayer women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community.

Please come along and support us. Tea and Biscuits will be served after the service.

## **LIFT Ladies in Faith Together**



2019 Schedule of LIFT Events:

1st March - Movie Night @ Babs House  
5th April - NO LIFT  
3rd May - Drinks and Nibbles @ Sue Hancocks House  
7th June - Scavenger Hunt (start and finish TBA)  
5th July - Family BBQ @ 54 Woodlinken Drive  
2nd Aug - NO LIFT  
6th Sept - Drinks and Nibbles & Christmas Market Planning @ Tansy's House  
4th Oct - Christmas Craft @ Ali's House  
1st Nov - Sugar Paste Cake Decorating @ TBA  
6th Dec - Wreath Making and Christmas Party @ TBA  
Don't forget to get them in your diaries now.  
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## **The Bible Course**



Food for Thought Tuesday!

... is the name for the Home Group which meets at Rachel & Ady's House during term time.

The name has nothing to do with the cakes provided! 🤔

Now studying the Bible Course from the Bible Society.

All very welcome - contact Rachel or the Parish Office  
01202 813256 for more details.

### Lenten Reflections



From 10/03/2019 for the First 5 Sundays of Lent  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm to include time to share our  
response with each other after the service with a hot drink.

Poems and reflections at Evening Prayer during lent using material from the book  
'The Word in the wilderness', by Malcolm Guite.

Through prayer and poetry, The Bible and music we will delve into the depths of  
the season together.

On the third Sunday of March (17th) at the Raise the roof service, the theme will  
continue within the usual structure of songs and hot chocolate! (for those of us  
who haven't given up chocolate for lent of course!)

I hope that you will decide to join me for this time of reflection and preparation  
for the glorious season of Easter.

Sunday evenings 6pm - 7pm 10th March Journey and pilgrimage

17th March Deepening the life of prayer

24th March Companioned journey

31st March Know thyself

7th April Prayer that pierces

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March,  
9:30am to 10.30am

Please come along and join us  
for our **Family Service, 9.30am**  
**at St. Michael's.**

This will be a monthly service  
planned for the third Sunday of  
each month.

We hope that the shorter service  
and all age talk will ensure that  
families feel welcome.

All welcome!





**19<sup>th</sup> March  
3.15 - 5.30pm  
Theme - Moses**

**The Memorial Hall  
Food provided - usually jacket potatoes and fillings.  
Churches Together, Verwood**

**Our Mission Statement: To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known**

A collection of white mugs with the 'networks' logo. One large mug is on the top left, and several smaller mugs are arranged in rows around the central text. The mugs feature the 'networks' logo and the tagline 'reaching out Personally - Locally - Globally'.

**Big Brunch**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
in the Parish Centre.

Please spread the word and invite your friends & neighbours.

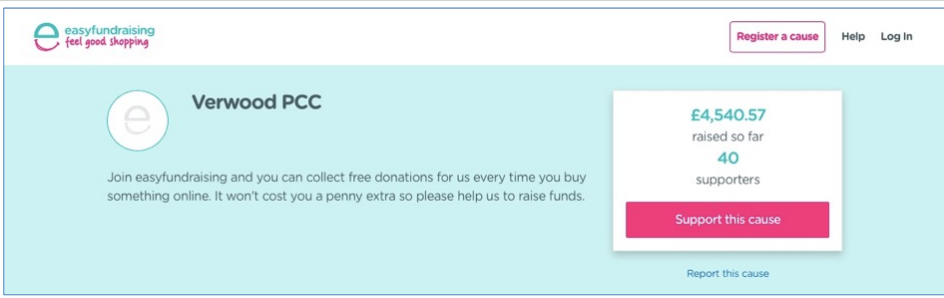
Offers of help on the Saturday evening to set up and Sunday for clearing away, gratefully accepted.



St Michael's Music Festival is happening on Saturday May 25th. If anyone would like to run a stall on the day, please can you let Carol Sampson or the Parish Office know. Thank you.



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**Doing some on-line shopping?**

Please consider joining the portal [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and find your on-line shop from the list of retailers.

Make Verwood PCC your beneficiary & a percentage of what you spend will then given by the retailer to Verwood PCC for much needed church funds.

It's as "easy" as that!

**Ringwood and Verwood FoodBank**

**URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS**

(Mar 2019)



**UHT MILK**

**COFFEE**

**MASH**

**SPONGE PUDDING**

**FRUIT JUICE**

**NON TOMATOES BASED SAUCES**

**CUSTARD**

**TAMPAX**

**TOILET ROLLS**

**WASHING UP LIQUID**

**CLEANING CLOTHS**

(The foodbank is not able to use out of date food or opened packets.)