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Mothering Sunday

POSY MAKING

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
10.30AM

ALL WELCOME

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ST MICHAEL'S, VERWOOD



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Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 10th March
10am



Palm Sunday

This year the **10am** service on **Palm Sunday 24th March** will begin at **Liederbach Green** (next to the Churchyard) for the **Liturgy of the Palms** followed by a procession to church.



Passover Meal

Tuesday 26th March

We are holding a Passover Meal on **Tuesday 26th March 6.30pm** in the Parish Centre. There will be a hot supper.

Tickets are £10.00 each and are on sale from the Parish Office. Only 60 tickets available!

ST MICHAEL'S, VERWOOD

ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR PRESENTS

Olivet to Calvary

for
Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March
6pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

11.00am Service of Witness at Ferrett Green

The cross will be carried from St Michael's to Ferrett Green as usual. Volunteers to help to carry the cross are needed. The procession will leave from the church at 10.45am.



Monday 25th March

7.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Compline

Tuesday 26th March

6.30pm Passover Meal in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 27th March

12noon Stations of the Cross
8.00pm Compline

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by the Vigil until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

12 Noon The Way of the Cross
1.30pm Time for personal prayer
2.00pm Solemn Liturgy

Easter garden making

Please come to our Family Event

Saturday 30th March 2024
2pm – 4pm

at St Michaels Church

Tea, hot cross buns and cakes !

Everyone Welcome

ST MICHAEL'S, VERWOOD

Easter Day

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

5.00am Easter Vigil & Service of Light

10.00am Holy Communion
including an Easter Egg hunt

6.00pm Together@Six
Easter Worship

Easter Sunday

Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt

St Michael's Church
Easter Sunday Service, March 31st, 10am

All Welcome To Join Our Easter Bonnet Competition
Get Creative With Your Hats And Bonnets
Followed By An Egg Hunt

Please Email To Confirm :
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Together @Six Calendar For March

Sunday 3rd March

The final week of our series 'Building blocks of faith' – The Journey

Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 17th March

Passion Sunday

Sunday 24th March

No Service—Palm Sunday

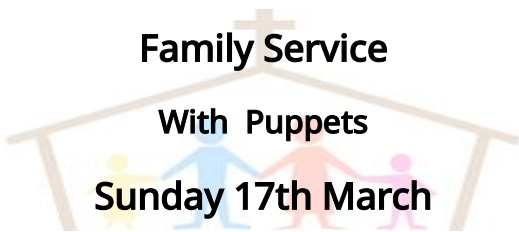
Sunday 31st March

Easter Day Celebration with refreshments

Family Service

With Puppets

Sunday 17th March



Electoral Roll

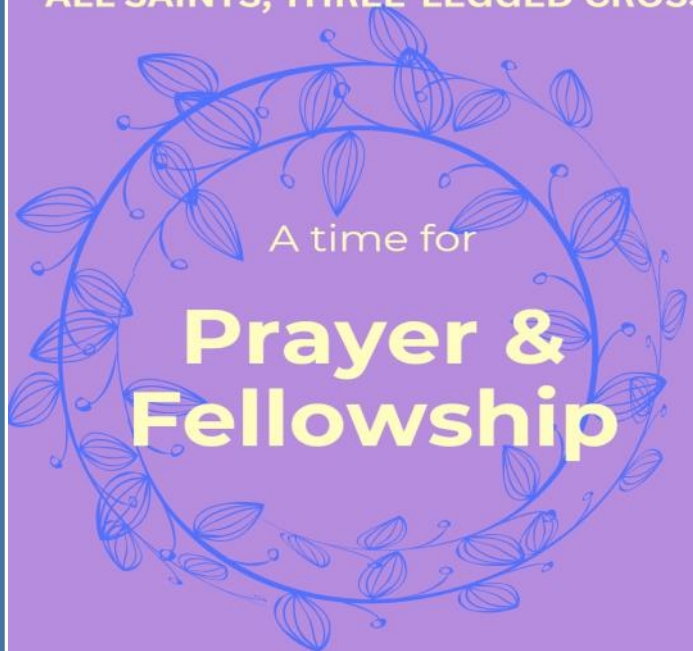
Are you on the Church Electoral Roll? You can check on the list in St Michael's Meeting Room or by contacting the Parish Office.

If you want to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or stand for election to the PCC, or you are a sidesperson, you need to be on the Electoral Roll

You can ask for your name to be added at any time, but if you wish to attend the APCM and participate in votes, the closing date this year in this parish is Sunday 14th April.

If you wish to apply, please contact the Parish Office (by email or telephone) or the Electoral Roll Officer at ERO@st-michael.org.uk

ALL SAINTS, THREE-LEGGED CROSS



A time for

Prayer & Fellowship

To draw closer to God during Lent
Seek His guidance
To pray for the Three Legged Cross community

Wednesdays

28th February, 6th & 13th March

At 10.30 am until 11.00 am
(refreshments afterwards)

At All Saints Church Three Legged Cross

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, THREE LEGGED CROSS

Coffee Morning



Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for coffee and conversation.

Everyone Welcome

Verwood Parish Retreat

Hilfield Friary

16th – 18th July 2024



I now have some up to date details for our Parish Retreat.

We will be going to [Hilfield Friary](#) from 16th – 18th July this year. This is an Anglican Franciscan Friary in rural Dorset

The cost is £50.00 pp. per day for Full Board. This is a suggested donation and seems to me to be very good value.

I have been in touch with everyone who signed up originally and have 12 people wanting to attend. However, there could be more places available. if you would like to come along, please speak to me as soon as possible. Timings and itinerary will be available nearer the time. I will let you know when I need to have deposits.

I look forward to our time away together,

Love and Prayers, Deborah

SERVERS ROTA

The rotas for May and June are being prepared so please let the Parish Office know if you are unavailable for any Sundays during those months.

Would you like to help out at our Sunday services? In particular, there are vacancies for sides-persons and occasional acolytes, and for help with coffee. Please have a chat with Deborah or the Churchwardens if you would like to know more about any of the servers roles. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CHILDRENS GROUP: PLAY, CUPPA, CHAT

JOIN US FOR TOYS, STORIES, SONGS AND MORE.
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER WITH OTHERS.

FRIDAY'S DURING TERM TIME 10.30AM-11.30AM
FREE AND ALL ARE VERY WELCOME



CONTACT MARINA, CHILDREN'S WORKER:
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A message from our Treasurer

Are we on a Mission?



The 2023 accounts have recently been distributed to the PCC. Last year we unfortunately made an operating loss of £32,044.

This was partly mitigated by an increase in the value of our Shares of £10,986. Meaning that we **only spent £21,058 more than we earned**. This cannot go on, as we will shortly be running out of cash.

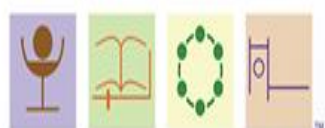
Now is a very good time to review what you give to support the Church in its Mission. If we, the members of the Church fail to support it, who will? Our primary responsibility is to be here to spread the Word, by our actions and deeds. This enables us to sustain each other and to reach out and welcome our wider community.

If you are not giving, please ask yourself whether you can start. If each of us increased our donations by as much as we could afford the effect could be transforming. There are no right answers to these questions: only you and God are involved.

Donating through the Parish Giving Scheme is easy and efficient, especially if you are a taxpayer. Please consider and pray about what you can do to help.

Now would be a great time to speak to Steve Greenhalgh (Donations Secretary) or me.

Thank you, Neil Gibson PCC Treasurer



PARISHGIVINGScheme

A better way to encourage giving in your church

Parish Giving Scheme

To set up a regular donation to our church, you can contact the **Parish Giving Scheme** directly by phone and they will set this up for you.

Just call their dedicated telephone number **0333 002 1271** open Mon - Fri, 9 - 5pm. You will need your bank account details, church name (St Michaels & All Angels) and, importantly, the PGS code **340634318**.

For further help, please contact the Donations Secretary (Steve Greenhalgh) on 01202 824213 or email:

sg.donationssec@gmail.com

We are also now able to accept one-off donations online via the [Fundraising](#) page on our website or by using this QR code.



Donations

At each PCC or Parochial Church Council and its sub-committee, Housekeeping and Finance meeting we spend a lot of time going through our financial situation. Over the last few years, the income has been far less than our expenditure. In 2023 we spent over £2,600 per month more than our income. This is a situation that cannot continue, we will run out of money before the end of 2024.

Over time, we have looked at various ways of reducing costs and in each case put these into practice. Our largest individual expense is the Parish Share, in 2024 that will be £92,314. We have had stewardship campaigns designed to increase the income. Each campaign has been successful in the short term but quickly, as costs rise, we return to a monthly deficit.

At the last HFC meeting we looked at monthly giving in 2023 by household. This is the table. Here you can see that a very small number of households give the majority of donations.

Some individuals or households review their giving every year and, where they can, increase donations, others due to circumstances either reduce or stop. Everyone's position is different and so this is understandable. We are aware that some set up their payment arrangement many years ago and have never reviewed it. Time flies by and possibly they think it was looked at last year. There are others on the electoral roll who give no financial support to the church at all.

Average 2023 monthly giving

Range	Number of Households	Total Household donations
£0.01 - 24.99	28	£3,392.16
£25 - 49.99	20	£8,588.62
£50 - 74.99	12	£8,330.97
£75 - 99.99	5	£4,954.41
£100 - 124.99	4	£5,486.56
£125 - 149.99	1	£1,560.80
£150 - 174.99	4	£7,638.39
£175 - 199.99	2	£4,350.00
£200 or over	8	£24,446.04

Please ask yourself – and preferably check, when did you last review your donation, can you increase it or start giving?

Most clubs or social organisations require their members to pay 'subs' or an annual membership fee. The Church of England is not one that does but trusts and believes that each person will give what they can. We all know the story of the 'Widows mite', the widow that gave a far larger proportion of her income than the rich person did.

When you go to a service, do you have a cup of coffee or tea with or without a biscuit? Ask yourself, how much that would cost in a café? In many a coffee is around £3.00, with a biscuit or cake it's likely to be over £5.00. With at least 4 Sundays in each month, just for that coffee and biscuit each individual could give between £15 and £20.00 and remain cost neutral compared with a café. If, in addition you go to one of the weekday coffee mornings, that could double.

I do not know your income. What you and your household give is between you and God but can you truly say to yourself "I give all I can?" If you cannot, please start doing so now.

If everyone on the electoral roll paid the 'commercial rate' for coffee and biscuits the monthly income would increase to cover the current shortfall.

Stephen Greenhalgh, Donations Secretary.



Routine Maintenance

This is a list of many jobs that are required to either the Parish Centre or St Michaels Church and the grounds around them. These jobs are in most cases the same type of things we all do to our homes. It is not a comprehensive list, If there is something needing doing that you can do whether listed or not, please do it. If you can't do it, mention it to one of the wardens or the office.

Historically there have been a small number of people doing them but there is no reason why others cannot do them. The ones outside could be done by anyone at any time, whilst each job has the usual frequency, if they are done more often, by more people, they are much quicker.

The jobs inside can only be done when the building is open. Besides around service times, every Tuesday morning from 10.00 there is coffee in church so jobs can be done then. On Friday mornings church cleaning takes place so is open. At other times, most keyholders would either lend you their keys or open the building. Just ask!

For jobs inside the Parish Centre, Ellen can tell you when it is not in use and would tell you the keysafe code (changes periodically) so you can let yourself in.

Please look down the list on the Meeting room noticeboard to see what you can do, when you have done it, next time you are in here, simply tick off the job box for the relevant month.

If you think 'somebody else will do it', to everyone else, you are the person they are thinking will do it. So now is your chance!!

Bereavement Tea

On Wednesday 7th February we held an afternoon tea and chat in our church meeting room for those who have been bereaved. All are welcome to attend these informal meetings.

The next meeting dates are:

Wednesday 17th April - 2pm

Tuesday 9th July - 2pm

Wednesday 18th September - 2pm

Wednesday 20th November - 2pm



Calendar of Events in March

Friday	1st	St Michael's Childrens Group	10.30am	Meeting Room
		Choir Practice (Weekly)	4.00pm	St Michael's
Monday	4th	Choral Society (weekly)	7.00pm	St Michael's
Tuesday	5th	BCP Holy Communion	9.15am	St Michael's
		Coffee Morning (weekly)	10.00am	Meeting Room
		All Saints Lent Lunch	12.00pm	All Saints
Wednesday	6th	Dementia Group	11.00am	Meeting Room
		Duncan Moss Prayer Meeting	10.30am	All Saints
		Together @6 Meeting	7.30pm	Vicarage
Saturday	9th	Posy Making for Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Meeting Room
Sunday	10th	Morning Praise	10.00am	All Saints
Wednesday	13th	Duncan Moss Prayer Meeting	10.30am	All Saints
		Dementia Group Film Club	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Sunday	17th	Sunday Lunch	12noon	Parish Centre
Wednesday	20th	Dementia Group	11.00am	Meeting Room
		All Saints Coffee Morning	10.00am	All Saints
		Brian & Lesley Cox Lent Lunch	1.00pm	Meeting Room
Sunday	24th	BCP Holy Communion	8.30am	St Michael's
		Morning Praise	10.00am	All Saints
		Olivet to Cavalry for Palm Sunday	6.00pm	St Michael's
Monday	25th	Music for the Mind	2.00pm	Meeting Room
		Stations of the Cross followed by Compline	7.30pm	St Michael's
Tuesday	26th	Passover Meal	6.30pm	Parish Centre
Wednesday	27th	Verwood First School Easter Service	9.30am	St Michael's
		Stations of the Cross	12.00noon	St Michael's
		Compline	8.00pm	St Michael's
Thursday	28th	Eucharist of the Last Supper	7.30pm	St Michael's
Friday	29th	The Way of the Cross	12noon	St Michael's
		A time for prayer and reflection	1.30pm	St Michael's
		Solemn Liturgy	2.00pm	St Michael's
Saturday	30th	Easter Garden Making	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Sunday	31st	Vigil & Service of Light	5.30am	St Michael's
		Communion Service for Easter	10.00am	St Michael's
		Together @6 Easter Day Celebration	6.00pm	St Michael's

Calendar of Events in April

Monday	1st	Choral Society (weekly)	7.00pm	St Michael's
Tuesday	2nd	BCP Holy Communion	9.15am	St Michael's
		Coffee Morning (weekly)	10.00am	Meeting Room

Regular Service Times

Sunday Services at St Michael's

10am: Holy Communion

6pm: Together @Six

3rd Sunday—10am: Family Communion Service

Weekday Services at St Michael's

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9am: Morning Prayer

See Calendar (above) for services at
All Saint's, Three Legged Cross
and for occasional services at St Michael's

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