

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.
All Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found at
www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk

If you would like a home visit please call Deacon Brian Theobald
Tel: 07484332580 or email the parish office.

This weekend we welcome **Fr Meehan** who will celebrate all the Masses.
We also welcome **Fr Glover** who will be celebrating our Christmas Masses.

*Deacon Brian and The Priests of Deanery
wish a very Happy and Holy Christmas
to all our parishioners and their families and friends.*

ALTAR SERVERS,

Please don't forget to collect your Christmas present from the Sacristy

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

Offerings donated will be for Fr Michael Sharkey.
Envelopes are now at the back of Church or you can use the Dona card reader.

PARISH CARDS giving the times of Christmas services and activities are now
available at the back of Church. Please do take some for others.

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING for Fr Michael Sharkey's pastoral care of our
parish, will be celebrated **on the 12th January** at 10.30am . Please save the date.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

with a service on January 19th at 6pm here at St Michael's

FATHER MICHAEL's booklet **A POCKETFUL OF PRAYERS**—is now available again
The price is slightly increased at £3.50 as we had to incur delivery charges.

THE ADVENT TREE

Please return all presents to the base of the tree by the end of
10.30am Mass on **Sunday 22nd December**,
when they will be collected ready for distribution to the elderly of the parish
and those in need at the Reading Drop-In Centre.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses
policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Mary Lewis** who can be contacted at:
sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be
contacted by telephoning: 0121 230 6240 or emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22ND DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday	9.30am	Funeral Mass for Mary Hardiman
Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Carmel Barker RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00 pm	Christmas Mass for families with young children
7.30 pm	Carols
8.00 pm	Christmas Night Mass Stephen Aldworth and Cotter Deceased

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.30 am **Christmas Day Mass**

Thursday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service - St Stephen
Friday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service - St John the Apostle

THE HOLY FAMILY

29th DECEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish

Please note the change of Mass and Eucharistic Service Times this week

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the
Sacristy before and after each of the weekend Masses.

The Sacrament of the Sick - on request, telephone 0118 972 3418

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Robert Brooks, Liz Bouchier,
Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Mary Edwards, Mary Hagger,
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learthmouth,
Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz.

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

First Holy Communion 2025

If you would like your child (Year 3 and above) to receive their First Holy Communion
in June 2025 and he/she **does NOT** attend St Martin's Primary school, please email
Mrs Deborah West at dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk as soon as possible

New Parish Secretary/Administrator required.

Please email the office at - stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk . for more information.

Entrance antiphon:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Psalm response: Bring us back, O God;

let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let it be to me according to you word.

The Apostles Creed is on page 456.

After the Bidding Prayers:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

To conclude the bidding prayers:

May He support us all the day long,
til the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in His mercy,
may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel

The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk
If you do not need to take this one home, please do return it to the console at
the back of Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.

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22nd December, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent



**“Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”**