

## 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](http://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 Andrew Foster** and **Fr Michael Doyle** who will  
celebrate the weekend Masses

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation  
of the family of **Father Jacob Lewis**, who has died.  
He was former parish priest Goring.



**Second Collection** this weekend on behalf of the **The Poor Parishes Fund**

THERE WILL BE **HOLY HOUR** THIS **MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER AT 7PM—8PM**

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** ON **MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER**  
With the opportunity for personal confession

### **ADVENT DISCUSSION LEAD BY DEACON BRIAN**

Thursdays 12th and 19th December at 7pm in Church

**The Nativity through the eyes of Matthew, Luke and John. What about Mark?**

Please bring a Bible or New Testament with you if you have one.

### **New Parish Secretary/Administrator required.**

Please email the office at - [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk) . for more information.

FATHER MICHAEL'S booklet **A POCKETFUL OF PRAYERS**—extra copies coming soon

**The New Missal** Copies are now available to buy at the back of Church at £15

**THE BIG CLEAN IS THIS SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 9.30AM** onwards

Please do come along to help get the Church ready for Christmas.

Please bring your own hoovers.

Please pray for the repose of the souls and the consolation of  
the families of **Henry Belletty** and **June Raynard (Phyllis's  
sister)** There funerals will be at St Michael's Church on  
Friday 20th December at 12 noon



**The Advent Tree** - Once again we ask you to support the elderly of the parish and those  
in need at the Reading Drop-In Centre. Please take a gift tag from the tree, buy and wrap  
the present named, attaching the tag and return to the base of the tree by the 10.30am  
Mass on **Sunday 22nd December**, when they will be collected ready for  
distribution. Many thanks

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8TH DECEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	George Worroll, recently deceased
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
	7.00 pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Mass
Wednesday	2.00 pm	<b>Mass at St Michael's School</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15TH DECEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Bridget McDonnell & Michael McDonnell RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish

Please note the change of time of **Mass on Thursday 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**-any time 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 Learmouth,  
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@smartins.reading.sch.uk](mailto:dwest@smartins.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible

Please would **ALL Red Box holders return their boxes**, even if they are  
empty, to St Michael's by this weekend. please contact Jacqui Watterton on  
07970 692056 or by email [jacquiwatterton@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiwatterton@gmail.com) she can collect.

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the  
family of **Mary Hardiman**. The funeral will be at St Michael's  
on Saturday, 21st Dec. at 9.30am.



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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Entrance antiphon:**

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart..

**Psalm response:**

**What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.**

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**The Apostles Creed** is on page 8.

**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:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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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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2nd December, 2024



John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming  
a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.