

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**YOUTH MASS SUNDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM**  
AND EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH DURING TERM TIME

**FAMILY MASS 5TH OCTOBER AT 10.30AM**  
and every First Sunday of the month during term time—Do come and join us

### **ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL WEEKEND**

27<sup>TH</sup>—29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Services, talks and events to celebrate

St Michael's feast day and the life of the parish

Including Wine and Cheese evening on Friday 27th.

The return of our craft and produce sale throughout the weekend  
and a shared lunch on Sunday 29th.

Sign up sheet for the shared lunch is available at the back of Church

### **A RAMBLE FOR READING REFUGEES - SATURDAY 5TH, OCTOBER 11.00AM**

A 10km (6mile) walk through our lovely, local Oxfordshire  
countryside starting at St Michael's Church - the route takes about 3hours to  
complete with an opportunity to stop and have  
a drink and a sandwich at the Unicorn pub.

On your return there will be homemade cake and refreshments.

We are suggesting a £5 per person/ £10 per family donation to the charity from  
those taking part and there will also be an opportunity for parishioners to  
support those doing the walk after masses on the Saturday and Sunday  
donations can be made after Masses on the Dona Machine.

A sign up sheet for all those wishing to take part is now  
available at the back of Church

### **THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

THE WEEKEND OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, AT ALL MASSES

**20th OCTOBER** Special Mass for those having a significant  
Marriage Jubilee this year e.g. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING**

Friday 18th October at 7pm. Come and join us for this free event making  
present bags, printing your own Christmas wrapping paper and many more  
craft activities. This is an adult only event and a sign up sheet is  
available at the back of Church—places are limited

### **CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING & SUPPER**

Friday, 22nd November, 7pm

Sign up list and tickets will be available in October

## **Thought for the week** **23rd Sunday of the Year (B)** **8th September, 2024**

Here we are already a week into September. Hopefully we all have fond memories of holidays and relaxation, maybe even a bit of sun! Whilst the joys and hopefulness of spring and summer have gone there is the excitement of autumn to look forward to – that time of year which sees the fulfilment of spring as the harvest is gathered and our gardens and the countryside take on glorious hues of red, yellow and orange. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful area as the Chilterns!

Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of God's coming and the joy and awakening that will result as the world is seen to take on a renewed energy and freshness – '*Courage, take heart*' God says, '*I am coming to save you*'.

In St. James' letter and the gospel reading we are challenged to consider how those less fortunate are treated. Once again Jesus finds a quiet place away from all the onlookers to heal the deaf man, yet he uses a dramatic way of curing him – with spittle: Perhaps he intended to catch the man's attention since he would have been unable to hear whatever Jesus might have said to him. Wherever Jesus goes we experience his humanity and compassion. As St Mark records '*He (Jesus) has done all things well*'.

As we enjoy the fruits that autumn has to offer perhaps we can also take time to think about our own humanity and compassion. We do live in an area blessed in so many ways, but we only have to glance at the news to know that for many even the most basic of human needs are denied. I shall be asking myself today:

*'Am I doing enough to help those less fortunate than myself?' Do I favour some people above others?*

As we return to Church after the Summer recess, let us make a point of trying to reach out to others – especially those in need.

A parishioner



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who need your prayers:**

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan whose Leukaemia has returned and very sadly they say nothing more can be done. Prayers are needed more than ever now.

Please pray for Mary Edwards who is awaiting knee surgery and for her son Ian who is unwell.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Robert Brooks who is now undergoing chemotherapy.

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties ). Please pray that they receive the help they need.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who had Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers that he will continue to improve.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 3 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the children and staff at St Martin's school

Please pray for our parishioners in St Luke's and Abbeycrest Nursing Homes



**Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Josefa Cano, Margaret Walter, Pay Walton,  
Thomas Nevin, Alice Sakala, Peter Baylis, Freda Miller,  
Michael Rehberger, Ron Van Bree,  
Victims of the Twin Towers NY, Alf Wade,  
Christopher Wade, David White, Joyce Rebeiro,  
Joan Bredon, Donald Andrews, Johnny Gaudencio,  
Freda Miller.

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