

The Week Ahead

Tues 29	9.15 am	Collective Worship School
	11.00 am	Thanksgiving Service for Francis Evans St M
	7.15pm	Home Group Derek and Maureen 8028 2048
Wed 30	10.30 am	Holy Communion and coffee Nondescripts
	11.00 am	Bellringing AS
	2.30 pm	CC PMAP Meeting Merton Cottage
Thurs 31	2.00 pm	Open Door Community Café AS
	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing AS and St M
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting St M
Fri 1	10.45 am	Funeral of Jim Gailor Test Valley Crematorium
	3.00 pm	Kneeler Group AS

Next Sunday 3rd February 5th Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	Holy Communion AS
10.30 am	YouChurch CC
11.00 am	Holy Communion and coffee St M

Philippians 1. 1-11

GNB NT 235

Luke 2. 22-40

GNB NT 73

*Please note St M is St Michael's Lyndhurst
AS is All Saints Minstead CC is Christ Church Emery Down*

February

10th February

9.30 am	Holy Communion CC
10.30 am	Coffee then Morning Worship St M
4.15 pm	Discussion Group and Tea AS
6.00 pm	Evensong AS

17th February

9.30 am	Holy Communion AS
10.30 am	Holy Communion and coffee St M
6.00 pm	Sunday at Six Extra 'For God So Loved The World' – Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion CC

24th February

9.30 am	Holy Communion CC
10.30 am	Coffee then Altogether Worship St M
10.30 am	Service of the Word AS
6.00 pm	Benefice Taizé Service AS

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND in LYNDHURST & EMERY DOWN & MINSTEAD

Epiphany 4 27th January

Welcome to our service today!

If you wish to know more about the activities of our churches, please talk to one of the welcomers, call the Benefice Office (8028 3175), email us benefice@newforestparishes.com or look us up on Facebook, or the website www.newforestparishes.com

Today's Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion CC
10.30 am	Coffee then Altogether Worship St M
10.30 am	Service of the Word AS
6.00 pm	Benefice Taizé Service St M

Collect

**God our creator, who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8. 1-10 GNB OT 467
As Ezra reveals the long-forgotten Law to the people, their dismay at their own failure is turned to joy when he explains that it is a good gift and that God will not only give the Law, but enable them to fulfil it.

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31 GNB NT 207
This reading stresses that God gives us the gifts we need in order to fulfil what we are called to do.

Luke 4. 14-21 GNB NT 76
After Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue the atmosphere is electric as he tells his listeners, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

2019 Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Christ Church 24th March at noon.

All Saints 10th April at 7.00 pm

St Michael's 17th April at 7.30 pm.

Readings

Beginning on the first Sunday in February we will commence a journey together in search of JOY! So, in preparation for this adventure, David asks that you read through the New Testament Letter of St Paul to the Philippians. Reading the whole letter should take no more than 10 mins! Happy Reading!

Homegroups

From Feb 8th, the TUESDAY HOME GROUP at David and Peggy's home, will be discussing Paul's Letter to the Philippians, responding to the previous Sunday's ministry. All are welcome to attend from across the Benefice.

Benefice Taizé Services

Sunday 27th January 6.00 pm St Michael's

Sunday 24th February 6.00 pm All Saints

Sunday 24th March 6.00 pm Christ Church

Open Door Community Café

31st January 2.00 pm at All Saints Look out for posters!!

Communion boxes

will be available for all Home and Hospital Communion Assistants from the office from the 18th January. **Those who haven't completed their training please speak to David to arrange for January.**

Baptisms

If you are thinking about Baptisms this year please contact David.

Concert with the Solent Concert Orchestra

Saturday 9th February at 7.30 pm at St Michael's

Rossini, Britten, Coleridge-Taylor, Liszt, Simon Wilkins

Tickets £10 on the Door.

If you can bring some nibbles for the interval or a prize for the raffle we would be very grateful. Thankyou!

Gluten Free Wafers are available

Please ask if you would prefer them.

'Legs and Co'.

An opportunity to walk our dogs together in the Forest between 9.30am and 11.30am on the **LAST SATURDAY of every month.** Please text or speak to Ann on **07818 434180** so she can add your number to her list of people to contact. See poster on Church Notice Board for information. The first 'Legs and Co' walk will be on **Saturday 23rd February.**

Who in the World is Jesus?

Are you wondering about Jesus? Who he was and what does his coming into the world have to do with you? During the 6 weeks leading up to Easter David will be leading a course called '**UNCOVER**' which we hope will 'uncover' the real Jesus to those who are curious. So that as many as possible can take part, '**UNCOVER**' will be run on Thursday mornings at 10.30am and Friday evenings at 8pm on the following dates:

UNCOVER AM THURSDAY 10.30am March 7,14, 21, 28, April 4, 11
UNCOVER PM FRIDAY 8pm March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12. Venues are yet to be confirmed but It is hoped that the daytime session can be held in a local Cafe and the evening session in a local pub! Poster on noticeboard with details and, flyers available next Sunday. For now, be praying for those who will attend, especially, those you may bring with you! Who knows what God will uncover!

Please pray for St Michael's PCC as they meet on Thursday.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the PCC as it meets on Thursday. We thank you for each member and their sense of privilege in serving. Give them wisdom and grace as they share in the mission of Jesus in our parish community. The PCC's responsibilities, are great and the needs of the Parish are increasing, but you are greater. Give the PCC confidence, joy and success as they work together in resourcing of our ministry here at St Michael's and the spiritual transformation of our parish community. AMEN

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Please remember that David's day off is Monday.

Intercessions

In the name of Jesus we pray for healing for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and for those who care for them.

We remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends.