



Occasional Notices – December 2018 / New Year 2019

There is **no service** at St Michael's on **Sunday 30th December**, but all are invited to St Mary Widford for their last service of 2018 at **10am**

A Message from Revd David Cattle.

Many thanks to all those people who have given Christmas cards to me, Kirsty and Sophia. It is much appreciated. Rather than send Christmas cards to everyone in the church, we have decided to give a donation to charity instead. So we will be giving some money to the Tearfund Christmas Appeal. Tearfund is a great Christian charity that does wonderful work in various parts of the world. Kirsty, Sophia and I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and a blessed 2019!



Prayers at St Michael's resume on **Thursday 4th January 2019 at 9.15am**

And then on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15am**

Monthly social at St Michael's will be held every second Thursday of each month (Table Tennis optional!) at 7.30pm.

Next one is on Thursday 10th January

All are welcome.



VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY to CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

On: Sunday, 13 January 2019 at 3.30 pm – Invitation and more details (over the page)

Prayer Breakfast, which is happening on **Sat 19th Jan** at **Church of the Holy Spirit**, Forest Drive, Chelmsford, CM1 2TS. The theme is "The Shepherd Loves His Sheep". The time is 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cost is £3. To book, call Jen on 07940 429063, or e-mail jengaskin1@yahoo.com

INVITATION

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On: Sunday, 13 January 2019 at 3.30 pm



To the parishes and communities of the Chelmsford Deaneries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is coming to preach at Evensong here at Chelmsford Cathedral on **Sunday, 13 January 2019 at 3.30 pm**. His theme will be **'Making Better Lives'**. The service will last about an hour and will be followed by a reception hosted by the Cathedral and the Mayor of Chelmsford.

Everybody is warmly invited, and I am specifically writing to churches in the two Chelmsford Deaneries to encourage people from our local communities to come and both hear the Archbishop preach and have the opportunity to meet him informally afterwards.

In a sense this will simply be a normal Sunday Evensong - and it happens that it is the day when the Calendar celebrates the Baptism of Christ, so the readings and prayers will already invite us to think about our response to the Gospel as followers of Jesus. And although the Archbishop is coming, we are keeping the ceremonial simple, so it will not be an occasion for long processions of robed people!

It would be great to welcome people from across the Chelmsford Deaneries on the day to share in this celebration and respond to Archbishop Justin's message. There is no need to RSVP.

With my thanks and best wishes.

Nicholas Henshall

Dean of Chelmsford

