



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood

What's On in January 2023

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<http://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/>



Sunday 1st January – New Year's Day

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10.00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Cesca Watkinson
Preacher: Fiona Selden – “Naming and Circumcision of Jesus”
Readings: Psalm 8; Luke 2:15 – 21

Sunday 8th January – 1st Sunday of Epiphany

- 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader and Communion President: Rev David Cattle
Preacher: Travers Harpur – “Epiphany”
Readings: Isaiah 60:1 – 6; Matthew 2:1 – 12

Sunday 15th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Geoff Windus
Preacher: Rev David Cattle – “Rest”
Readings: 1Thessalonians 5:12 – 24; Matthew 11:25 – 30

Sunday 22nd January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany and Visit of Bogi Kozma

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10:00 am Service of the Word – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Jane Harpur
Preacher: Bogi Kozma – “The Gospel in the Passover”
Reading: Mark 14:12 – 26

Sunday 29th January – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:30 am BCP Communion – in-person only
- 10:00 am Service of the Word and Baptism – in-person and live-stream on Facebook
Leader: Rev David Cattle
Preacher: Jane Harpur
Readings: Luke 2:22 - 40

Services During the Week

Weekly Morning Prayer on Tuesdays via Zoom at 9:30 am

Important dates in January

Wednesday 11 th	9:00 am – Informal prayer in church
Sunday 15 th	12:00 pm – 150 th Anniversary Planning Team (Vicarage)
Sunday 15 th	4:00 pm – Licensing of Suzanne McAllister as Associate Priest (St Luke's Moulsham)
Wednesday 25 th	9:00 am – Informal prayer in church
Wednesday 25 th	7.30 pm – MMU Lynchpins meeting with Archdeacon Mike (St Luke's)
Sunday 29 th Jan	10:00 am – Baptism of Harrison, Elliot and Edison Loates
Tuesday 31 st Jan	6:00 pm – Fundraising Team meeting (via Teams)

Future dates

Wednesday 1 st February	2:15pm – Wednesday Fellowship (in Church)
Wednesday 22 nd February	– Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent
Sunday 12 th March,	10:00am – Baptism of Alexander Edwards

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Make Lunch – Wednesday 4th January

Please pray for Make Lunch, which is taking place on 4th January at St Michael's school, led by our new Make Lunch leader Alice Loates. Many thanks to Alice for taking on this very important role, and thanks once again to Sue Kitson for all of her hard work over many years serving our community in this way.

New e-mail addresses

From 1st January, the Vicar and Churchwardens will all start to use new Church e-mail addresses. For example, David can now be contacted on vicar@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk. All the new addresses appear on the back page of this What's On. We will keep checking our old e-mail addresses for the foreseeable future, so we don't miss anything, but please start to use the new addresses from now on.

Prayer Chain

If anyone has an urgent need, please be aware the Church has a small group of committed members ready and willing to support you in prayer. Please contact Jane Windus, the Prayer Chain Coordinator (janevindus@gmail.com), who will circulate your request amongst the team. Furthermore, if you would be willing to join the team and commit to supporting others in this important and privileged ministry, again please contact Jane.

Homegroups – would you like to join one?

Lots of our Church members are already part of a homegroup. Homegroups are small groups that meet in people's homes, perhaps once or twice each month, where we study the Bible, pray, support each other, and enjoy ourselves with friends. They are places where people grow in faith, and find encouragement for the journey of life. We have a variety of styles of homegroup – some lean more towards serious Bible

study, while others more towards friendship and support. Everyone is welcome to join a homegroup, and if we need to start more homegroups we will do that. Travers Harpur is our homegroup co-ordinator. If you would like to think about joining a group, please contact Travers for more details: travers.harpur@gmail.com

Hire of Church Building

Our beautiful church building is a priceless asset within our local community, which we would like to proactively offer for hire to outside groups and organisations. This would build bridges to those outside and also have the benefit of bringing in much needed revenue to support the work of God in the parish. We are seeking a volunteer to be a coordinator for this important role who would act as the focal point between the church and outside groups. If you are interested in taking this on, or would like more information first, please speak to Gavin, our Churchwarden.

Visit of Bogi Kozma, 22nd January

Bogi Kozma will be visiting us from Budapest, Hungary where she works contacting Jewish people and explaining Biblical passages to them and showing them the way of salvation through faith in Jesus, the Messiah.

She will be showing us through a visual demonstration of a Passover meal how the Jewish festival of Passover foreshadows the death of Jesus for us on the Cross. This was the last Passover meal He had with his disciples and why we remember His body broken for us and His blood shed for us in our Communion service.



Thought for the month by Travers Harpur:

Enabled or Disabled?

Let's start with "Enabled" as it less complicated than "Disabled"!

I look back gratefully to Stephanie Gillingham and her time as a curate for the way she enabled me to take funerals. She not only opened the way and guided me along the road but gave me that push that sent me out on my own. It helped me to understand what enabling involved – encouragement, mentoring through the early stages and then giving independence. Think of a child learning to walk; times to help and times to stand back.

Scripture talks of enabling; sometimes God or our Lord Jesus enables and of course, all enabling ultimately comes from God (see 1 Timothy 1:12 and Philippians 4:13 – some translations use "strengthen" but the word is basically enable or empower). We see it in examples like St Paul and young Timothy, Barnabas and John Mark, Eli and Samuel as well as Jesus and his disciples.

Sometimes we not only fail to enable but *disable*- by preventing opportunity, by not encouraging, by not training and by not standing back.

Are we enablers in the church? Am I blocking someone? There is a role for all.

Disabled leads to wider issues. Sometimes we just know we don't have the gift (I know I can't sing!) but sometimes it is circumnavigable. We are encouraged to regard people as 'disabled people', rather than 'people with a disability'. The former opens the possibility of enabling – opening up, for example, for those with hearing or sight needs. A group is starting to think about dementia-friendly measures in our church. We can also be disabled by discouragement, by not being used or by overuse.

We can all seek to enable and to avoid disabling. It means I need to consider the needs of others so that not only do they benefit, but then in turn, more people benefit from them.

The deadline for articles for February is Sunday 22nd January. Please send them to Geoff Windus (geoffwindus@gmail.com).

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