

Worship for All: New Service Plan Launches This May

Exciting News: Our New Service Plan Begins in May!

We are delighted to announce that, beginning on the first Sunday in May, we will be introducing a new service plan to better serve our congregation and community. This new structure allows us to offer both traditional and contemporary worship services, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to worship in a way that speaks to them.

On the first and third Sundays of the month at 9.30am, we will hold a traditional service, rooted in the rich heritage of our faith, with hymns, liturgy, and a reflective atmosphere. This service will provide a space for reverence, deep reflection, and connection with God through time-honoured traditions.

On the second Sunday at 9:30am, we will offer a contemporary, informal, and family-friendly service in the Church designed to engage all generations with accessible worship, modern music, and a relaxed atmosphere. On the fourth Sunday, this service will continue to take the form of Church on the Green at 10am in Lord Pirbright's Hall, bringing worship into the heart of our community in a fresh and exciting way.

This new plan allows us to embrace both tradition and innovation, ensuring that everyone, from long-time members to newcomers, finds a place where they feel at home. We are so excited to embark on this new chapter and would love to welcome you to one of these services. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

Revd George Watkinson

St. Michael's Church Pirbright	
NEW WORSHIP TIMES	
1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Service at St. Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
2nd Sunday	8.00am Said Communion 9.30am Contemporary Worship Service
3rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion 11.15am Contemporary Worship Service St. Mark's Church GU3 2DA
4th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall
5th Sunday	10.00am Joint Service with St. Mark's Church (location: see website)
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New Email Address for Pirbright Village Newsletter

Pirbright Village Newsletter now has a new email address! Please send all content to editor@pirbrightvillagenews.org.uk instead of sending it via Julia.

Huge thanks to Julia for all the support during this transition.

St. Michael's and All Angels Church
Church Lane Pirbright GU24 0JJ

St Mark's Church Wyke
Guildford Road Normandy GU3 2DA

St. Michael and All Angels Church

Welcome Tea at St. Michael's, Pirbright

Join us on **Sunday 11th May at 3pm** for a **Welcome Tea** in the church room at St Michael's, Pirbright.

This will be a relaxed and friendly opportunity to learn more about the life of the church, as well as the various groups, services, and activities we offer. Whether you have questions about what we do, are interested in future courses, or would simply like to meet some of the team, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Children are very welcome, and a selection of hot and cold drinks will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Explore, Discover, and Enjoy Pirbright Open Gardens Returns!

Pirbright Open Gardens 14th June from 11am to 5pm
(including a Family Nature Day in the churchyard)

It's back, by popular request, a highlight of the summer, and a chance to sneak a peek into the hidden gardens of Pirbright!

Another red-letter weekend for your diary, so make a note of it now. These are not show gardens, but labours of love, and visitors are not looking for perfection, just enjoying creativity, natural beauty and a different view of the village we live in. If you think you would like to share your little bit of Eden, contact Helen Whitworth (07777659138) to find out more.

To add to this event there will be fun activities for all in the churchyard during the day, including insect and flower idents, scavenger hunt, hedgehog house building, as well as learning more about how Pirbright church is striving to be greener. This will be led by our Eco team. We'd love you to join us and, just so you know, cream teas will be on sale during the day!

Calling all gardeners!

Join us on **Saturday 10th May, from 11:00am to 2:00 pm**, for the **Annual Church Plant Sale** at St Michael's churchyard. Find a fantastic selection of locally grown annuals, perennials, fruits & vegetables. New this year – a raffle with great prizes!

Treat yourself to homemade cakes, preserves, a cuppa, or sausage in a bun. All proceeds go towards maintaining our beautiful church and supporting community work.

St. Michael and All Angels Church



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH PIRBRIGHT

Everything we do at St Michael's Church is made possible by your praying, by your serving, and by your giving. In order to allow us to continue the work we are doing in the community please consider making a donation via the QR code or visit the church website:
pirbrightchurch.org.uk/parishgivingscheme.htm

Thank you for your generosity.



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V& Day 80th Anniversary Pirbright Remembers

The parish commemorations on Thursday 8th May will begin by raising the Union flag at 9am and conclude by the church bells ringing at 6.30pm.

At 10am, the Parish Council and Lord Pirbright's Hall will be collaborating with the W.I., Country Market and RBL to host a special coffee morning.

Do please join us – everyone is welcome.



Pirbright Village Fair: Best of British

With a 'Best of British' theme the annual village fair will take place on **Saturday 30th August**. Come and celebrate the best of us with lots of entertainment planned for the day including Morris dancing, crazy golf, vintage cars, a dog show, dog agility demonstration, local bands, field day style children's races, craft stalls, jiu jitsu - and more! If you would like to lend a hand on the day or perhaps you're a local business who would like to advertise in the programme please do drop us a line on pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com.



**PIRBRIGHT
VILLAGE FAIR**
- 2025 -
BEST OF BRITISH
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

Brookwood Scouts Triumph in Woking District Lightweight Challenge

Brookwood Scouts emerged victorious in the **Woking Scouts District Lightweight Challenge**, held on **March 24th and 25th**. The competition, which tested navigation, teamwork, and outdoor skills, saw Brookwood compete against eight other teams from the district.

Over the weekend, the Scouts navigated independently between checkpoints using a map and compass covering a total distance of 25 kilometres. They were judged not only on their navigation skills but also on their ability to pitch a tent, prepare nutritious food and maintain a tidy campsite. These skills are a testament to the training they receive from our dedicated team of volunteer Scout Leaders every Friday night.

We extend our congratulations to all the Scouts who participated, for their outstanding representation of both the Scout group and the wider community.



Discover Adventure and New Friends at 1st Brookwood Beavers!

Looking for engaging activities for your child aged 5¾ to 8? 1st Brookwood Beavers offers a wonderful opportunity to explore new interests, develop skills, and forge lasting friendships within a supportive environment, we meet **every Friday during term time** at the **Memorial Hall in Brookwood at 5.15pm**

Our program contains a diverse range of activities, including exploring the outdoors, creative crafts, skill-building, and group games. Under the guidance of our volunteer leaders, Beavers participate in experiences designed to build confidence and a sense of belonging and our Beavers earn badges for their accomplishments as they learn new skills.

We are currently open for new members, if you would like to try it out to see if it's right for you please get in touch with **Joe our Lead Volunteer** at gslbrookwood@gmail.com or visit our website <http://1stbrookwood.scoutsites.org.uk>.

French Conversational Language Classes in Pirbright

Would you like to brush up on your French for your next trip to France, or feel more confident when chatting with French speakers, visiting shops, or ordering food and wine?

Pirbright Twinning Association is delighted to offer a 12-week Conversational French Course, designed for a maximum of 12 participants. The course will be led by Fiona, a fully qualified and highly enthusiastic language teacher, who delivered a hugely successful programme for us last year. A good working knowledge of secondary school French (GCSE, O Level, or CSE) is required.

The classes will be held at Lord Pirbright's Hall, The Green, Pirbright, GU24 0JE, running from 3rd September to 10th December 2025, with a break for October half term. Sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The course fee is £120, payable in advance. Please note that once the course has commenced, fees are non-refundable in the event of non-attendance. Participants are also required to hold family membership of the Pirbright Twinning Association, which costs £10 per year. To book your place or for further information, please contact Jonathan Lopez on 07780 066142 or email jon.lopez@btinternet.com.

Community Groups

Twinning Association

Cagny Trip 2025 Friday 23rd May to Sunday 25th May. We're excited to be visiting our friends in Cagny, France this month, and we'd love to welcome new people and families to join us. It's always good fun and the only self-funding part is the foot passenger ferry costs.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact **Jon Lopez** at **07780 066142** or email **jon.lopez@btinternet.com**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Pirbright WI

The meeting this month will be our Birthday meeting. Members are invited to submit entries for the Birthday competition, which this year is for something blue. We will also be discussing the **proposed resolution for the NFWIs Annual Meeting on Tuesday 20th May at 7pm** in The Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI serve refreshments every Thursday morning from 10:00am to 11:15am. If you're visiting the Country Market, why not join us for a warm drink and a chat?
For more information, contact **Irene Dredge** on **01483 233279** or email

Pirbright Country Market

The Country Market is open **every Thursday from 10:00am to 11:15am** in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Come along and enjoy a variety of local produce and goods!

Rawlins Club

This month's trip will be to the **Liberty Owl, Raptor and Reptile Centre** on **Thursday 8th May**. The **coach will depart** from the back of Lord Pirbright's Hall at **10:00am**.
For further details, please contact **Denise Granger** on **01483 472070**.

Pirbright Horticultural Society

Join us for our monthly talk on **Tuesday, 13th May at 7:30pm** in **The Club Room at Lord Pirbright's Hall**. Jill Arthur will be speaking on **'What a Cookery and Preserves Judge Looks For!'** and will be judging at the PHS Annual Show on Saturday 19th July, so this is your chance to get some tips so your entries will be prize winners. No need to book, just come along! For more information, please email **secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk**.

Also coming up is the **Society's Annual Plant Sale on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 5 West Heath, Pirbright**, by kind permission of Pauline and Michael Allen. You can find more information on our website at **pirbrighthort.co.uk** and on **Facebook at Pirbright Horticultural Society, Pirbright Village, Surrey**.

Pirbright Tennis Club

On **Sunday 11th May at 12:00 PM** we will be holding an **American Tournament a fun round robin competition and social event with a BBQ and refreshments**, entries must be received by 11th May.

We offer a range of regular activities and coaching sessions. For more information and to download the latest annual newsletter, please visit our website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Pirbright-TennisClub>
www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub
For further details, please contact Fiona Robotham at **info@pirbrighttennisclub.com**

Friends of Pirbright Surgery

You are invited to **Fundraising Coffee Morning at Mulberry Cottage, Chapel Lane on Saturday 17th May from 10.00am to 12.00pm**.

Come along and enjoy a selection of homemade treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

Community Groups

Royal British Legion

This month marks a significant occasion for veterans, serving members of the Armed Forces, and the general public to commemorate the **80th Anniversary of VE Day**. There will be a variety of events taking place locally, and we encourage you to join.

On **Thursday 8th May at 10:00am** in the **Club Room at Lord Pirbright's Hall, a special RBL display commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe**. The exhibition will feature information and photographs highlighting events in Pirbright 80 years ago, along with memorabilia courtesy of Jane Halton.

If you would like to learn more about the Royal British Legion, please join us at **The Fox** at Fox Corner, on **Monday 12th May at 8:00pm**. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact **Anne Hawkins** on **01252 404276**.

Pirbright Players present Ladies Day

For one day only on **Saturday 7th June** join us at **Pirbright Village Hall for a light-hearted afternoon at 2:00pm or evening of entertainment at 7:30pm**.

Dust off your best hat and get ready for a day at the races as we present our comedy about four women who take a day off from a Hull fish plant, dress up in outrageous outfits, and visit York Racecourse. Here they find out secrets about each other, place an accumulator bet, discuss love and meet various dubious characters. This is a **funny and heart-warming play about four ordinary women having an extraordinary day out**.

Tickets will be on sale through **Ticketmaster**, further information can be found on our website: **pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org**.

May Gardening tips

Mow lawns regularly now but think about leaving some areas long for wildlife and to encourage flowers to bloom. Reseed bare patches or lay turf. Tie in climbing and rambling roses, sweet peas and clematis as they climb. Summer bedding can be planted out towards the end of the month. Stake any herbaceous plants that will flop over or be damaged by high winds. Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as Choisya and Ribes after flowering. Watch out for nesting birds when starting to trim hedges and shrubs. Keep on earthing up potatoes, and finish planting any potatoes that you have left to plant. Beans, sweetcorn, squashes and pumpkins can be planted outside now. Hang pheromone traps in apple trees to check for codling moths. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs. Keep bird baths topped up with clean water. Remove blanket weed and duckweed from ponds. Tadpoles will be starting to emerge now, and newts will be laying their eggs. Apply a liquid fertilizer to spring bulbs as they are dying down to feed the bulbs for next year. Let the leaves die off naturally. Hoe borders and vegetable patches regularly to keep on top of the weeds.

Pirbright Community Calendar May 2025

Date	Time	Event
Sun 4th	9.30am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright All Age Service at St. Mark's Wyke Church Hall
Thu 8th	10.00am	Parish Council, WI, RBL and Counrty Market VE Day 80th Anniversary Coffee Morning at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 10th	11.00 - 2.00pm	Annual Church Plant Sale at St. Michael's Pirbright
Sun 11th	8.00am 9.30am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Said Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Worship Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Welcome Tea at St. Michael's Pirbright church room Taizé service at St. Michael's Pirbright
Mon 12th	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox at Fox Corner
Tue 13th	7.30pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 17th	10.00-noon 10.00-noon 10.00-3.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright Friends of Pirbright Surgrey Fundraising Coffee Morning at Mulberry Cottage, Chapel Lane Pirbright Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale at 5 West Heath
Sun 18th	9.30am 11.15 am 10.00-3.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Worship Service at St. Mark's Wyke Pirbright Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale at 5 West Heath Prayer meeting St. Mark's Wyke
Tue 20th	7.00pm	Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Wed 21st	7.00 - 8.00pm	Pirbright Surgery New Triage System to Patients Q&A
Sun 25th	10.00am	Church on The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Tue 27th	10.00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat Church Room at St Michael's Pirbright
Every Mon	10.00 - 11.30am	Angel Tots at St. Michael's Pirbright (during term time)
Every Thur	10.00 - 11.15am	Refreshments with WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Every Thur	10.00 - 11.15am	Pirbright Country Market at Lord Pirbright's Hall

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