

Pirbright Village News

A Christmas Message of Hope and Welcome from St Michael's

Christmas reminds us of something beautifully simple yet deeply reassuring: you are loved.

In the birth of Jesus, God stepped gently into our world, not with noise or fuss, but with a love that brings hope, peace, and light into every circumstance. Whether this year has felt joyful, heavy, or anything in between, the message of Christmas is the same: God is with us, and His love is for you.

Here at St Michael's, we want you to know that we are here for you. Our church is a home for the whole village, a place to breathe, to pray, to find comfort, and to rediscover the hope that Christ brings. Whether you come every week or have never been before, you are so welcome.

This Christmas we have something for everyone. Carols in the pub, Carols in the churchyard, and our beautiful candlelit services in church including the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols. Please do check our Christmas service times and join us for something that is right for you and your family.

We are here for you as your church.

We welcome you.

We love you.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful Christmas filled with the hope of Jesus.

With blessings,

Revd George Watkinson

Vicar of St Michael's, Pirbright

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St. Michael's and All Angels Church



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH PIRBRIGHT

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 7th

9.30am Christingle Service

Saturday 13th

2pm Remembering Loved Ones Service

Sunday 14th

8.000am Said Communion (BCP)
9.30am Contemporary Worship Service

Friday 19th

6pm Carols in the Churchyard

Sunday 21st

6pm Nine lessons and Carols
(no morning service)

Wednesday 24th

3.30pm & 5pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th

10am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 28th

10.00am Joint Service

Church Ln Pirbright GU24 0JJ/ pirbrightchurch.org.uk

Flower Fund Coffee Morning

Please support this event which helps to pay for the lovely flowers that decorate the church all through the year, including the wonderful displays at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. As well as coffee and mince pies, there is a raffle, a home-made Christmas cake to be won, and a gift stall.



Christmas
AT ST MICHAEL'S

NOVEMBER

Thursday
27

Carols at the White Hart 7pm

DECEMBER

Sunday
07

Christingle Service 9.30am

Thursday
11

Carols at the White Hart 7pm

Friday
19

Carols in the Churchyard 6pm

Sunday
21

Nine Lessons & Carols 6pm

Wednesday
24

Crib Service 3.30pm & 5pm
Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Thursday
25

Christmas Day Service 10am

St. Michael's and All Angels Church



THE REV'S ROUND

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH AT
THE WHITE HART
(The Green GU24 0LP)

7pm

Got a question for the Rev?
Get a free drink!

pirbrightchurch.org.uk



Nine Lessons
&
Carols

Sunday 21st December 6pm

St Michael's Church, GU24 0JJ

pirbrightchurch.org.uk

Carols in the Churchyard
St Michael and All Angels Church would like to invite you to community carol singing on Friday 19th December, at 6pm, in Pirbright churchyard. There will be festive refreshments to warm you, all your favourite carols to sing your heart out to, a visit from someone special, and all proceeds will go to Crisis at Christmas.



19 FRIDAY
DECEMBER

Carols

IN THE CHURCHYARD
6PM

St Michael's Church GU24 0JJ

festive drinks and a special visitor
in aid for **Crisis**

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Pirbright Parish Council

Seasons Greetings

Wishing all our incredible residents a joyful and Merry Christmas! May your holiday season be filled with fun, laughter, and peace. We are grateful for the strong community spirit in our Parish and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all residents and community groups who support those in the village with kindness and care. Merry Christmas!

A Heartfelt Thank You to The Pirbright Institute for their Generous Christmas Tree Donation

The Parish Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to **The Pirbright Institute** for their generous donation of the Nordman fir Christmas tree, which is now proudly standing at the heart of our community at LPH.

This thoughtful contribution has brought festive cheer and a welcome boost to community spirit as we head into the dark winter season. The donation reflects the Pirbright Institute's continued commitment to supporting the local community and fostering a sense of togetherness. At a time when community connection and positivity feel more important than ever, their kindness has helped brighten the village both literally and figuratively.

We hope the tree will bring joy to residents of all ages, whether admired on a daily walk, during festive gatherings at the hall, or simply as a symbol of unity and goodwill throughout the holiday season.

Christmas Tree Collection Point

Once again, the village hall car park will act as a Christmas tree recycling point once you have finished with your Christmas Trees. Collections will start on 22nd December (bah humbug) and run right through to the end of January 2026. Please place your trees only in the designated area on the grass. Thank you.

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Looking for a Venue This Festive Season?

With the Hall bookings filling up fast, don't worry if you've not yet secured a space for your Christmas party or family gathering.

The Community Sports Pavilion still has availability!

The pavilion offers a welcoming and versatile space, perfect for festive celebrations, family get-togethers, or community events.

We'd be delighted to host your occasion and help make it a memorable one.

To find out more or to make a booking, please get in touch with Catherine, we look forward to welcoming you to the Community Sports Pavilion this festive season!

Tel: 07494485056
Email: lp@pirbright-pc.gov.uk



Support LPH for free while you shop online!

Sign up to Easy Fundraising, choose Lord Pirbright's Hall as your cause, and every time you shop online, we'll receive a donation at no extra cost to you. With just a few clicks, you can help preserve and improve our hall for the whole community to enjoy. Since our launch in August, £92.97 has been donated — all at no cost to anyone.



Pirbright Parish Council

Alexander Barracks, Pirbright – Construction Works Update

The Defence Estate Optimisation (DEO) Army Programme, part of the Ministry of Defence, is continuing to work on plans for proposed construction works at Alexander Barracks, Pirbright. These will provide improved living, working and training buildings for personnel. The team are working on the design and the masterplan, which is nearly ready for submission to the local authority for planning approval.

At the moment, much of the focus is on the enabling works which will be completed over the course of 2026. These are important to prepare for the rest of the project and include upgrading utilities and demolishing empty buildings whose occupants have already moved to other facilities as part of the barracks redevelopment.

The team will continue to share updates as the project progresses. For more information search 'Defence Estate Optimisation' on gov.uk
Update provided by the Defence Estate Optimisation (DEO) Army Programme.

A Note to Our Readers: Have Your Say

It's coming up to a year since the Pirbright Newsletter welcomed a new editorial team. Our aim is to produce a publication that truly represents the community, and we want to continue creating a newsletter that you enjoy and find useful.

To help us do this, we'd love to hear your feedback. Please email us at editor@pirbrightvillagenews.org.uk.

Support Your Local Community

G i f t s a n d C r a f t M a r k e t

Lord Pirbright's Hall Clubroom
Saturday 6th December
10am - 6.30pm

Jewellery, Cards and Christmas Decorations
Wood work Gifts
Ballet Gifts
Plants
Candles
Cashmere Gifts
Jams and Chutneys
Face Painting
and much more....

Waffle Van
Mulled Wine
& More



Get hands-on at our craft table
make something to take home - fun for all ages!

Christmas Lights Turn-On
Saturday 6th December 5pm
Lord Pirbright's Hall



Visit Father Christmas
in his Grotto from 5.15pm
Free Entry

Mulled Wine, Waffles
& more available



A Christmas to Wish For

The Great Little Orchestra's
gift to you of sumptuous
Christmas music with
guest soprano Daniella Sicari

Saturday, 13 December. 7.30pm

St Michael & All Angel's Church, Pirbright

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pirbrightarts/1894071>



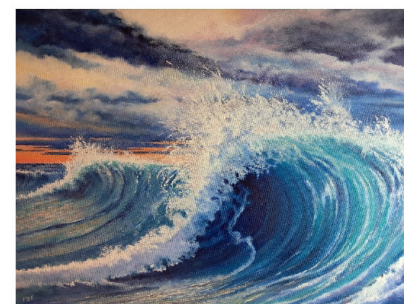
Luxurious mix of classical and popular tunes
Audience vote to choose & sing your favourite
carol with the GLO
Christmas Surprises
Delicious pre-concert & interval wine

HATCH MANSFIELD

UK Specialists in Premium Wine



PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB



Saturday 6th December
10am to 6.30pm



ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2025



Artists' original
paintings, prints
& cards for sale
Perfect for Xmas gifts!

Gifts & Craft Stalls
~ Café & Raffle ~

Free admission
& parking!



Lord Pirbright's Hall
Pirbright, Surrey GU24 0JE

**HALL XMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON!
COUNTDOWN AT 5PM**

Community Groups

Pirbright Country Market

As another year draws to a close we would like to wish our loyal customers a very peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Just a quick reminder that the last Market in Lord Pirbright's Hall before Christmas will be Thursday December 18th and we re-open in the New Year on Thursday January 22nd 2026.

Pirbright WI

There will be no meeting at Lord Pirbright's hall in December, but we will be enjoying Christmas Lunch at Drumming Snipe on 15th December. This is for members only –if you have not already done so, please remember to let Bev have your food choices as soon as possible.

The WI serve refreshments every Thursday morning from 10.00am to 11.15am in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

If you're visiting the Country Market, why not join us for a warm drink and a chat?

Please note we are open 18th December, we will then close until 22nd January. Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

Pirbright WI have a coach going to The National Archives at Kew, on Wednesday 25th February 2026, Cost £21 Pick up at Glaziers Lane or Goldworth Park. If you are interested in family history or just history then why not join us.

For more information, contact Irene Dredge on **01483 233279** or email iredredge@outlook.com. We'd love to see you there!

Pirbright Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub> www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub

Saturday 13th December from 9-12am. Come and play tennis or just enjoy the social with bacon, sausage and cheese rolls. Fancy dress optional.

Local Pilates teacher and club member Claire Seager is kindly making a Pilates for Tennis video available free to club members. Members will be informed soon. This will improve our players' Power, Precision and Poise. Pilates classes in Pirbright and online via Claire's Pilatify App: www.claireseagerpilates.com

We have 2 new recycling bins on the courts for your old tennis balls. With income from this, it helps to keep subscriptions low.

Pirbright Horticultural Society

Pirbright Horticultural Society would like to invite all members, and prospective members, to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9 December in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30pm.

There will be a short formal meeting when we will share our plans for next year. We will then challenge your gardening knowledge with a quiz. This will be followed by mulled wine (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and snacks brought by members.

Community Groups

Royal British Legion

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th December at The Fox, Fox Corner and Christmas Jumpers will be worn to get us in the festive season.

For more information, contact Anne Hawkins on **01252 404276**

Rawlins Club

On Friday 12th December, the Christmas Lunch will take place between 12.30pm and 3.30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

For further details, please contact Denise Granger on **01483 472070**.

Wednesday Art Group

The Wednesday Art group is having a break until restarting on 4th February 2026. Anybody interested in joining us, please get in touch Lucy Baker **07815 847 941**.

December Christmas Eco Tip

Choose greener gift wrapping.

Swap shiny or glittery wrapping paper (which can't be recycled) for brown kraft paper, reusable fabric wraps, or even old Christmas sheet music or maps. Add natural touches like holly, twine, or a sprig of rosemary. It looks beautifully festive, reduces waste, and gives your gifts a charming, traditional Christmas feel.

December Gardening Tips

Tidy up fallen leaves from lawns, paths and beds to prevent rot and slippery surfaces. Compost them if dry. Protect tender plants with fleece, cloches, or straw. Bubble wrap pots (especially terracotta) to stop them cracking in frost. Check ties and supports after windy weather. Cut back dead perennials if you haven't already – or leave some seed heads for birds and winter interest.

Mulch borders with compost or well-rotted manure to protect roots and feed the soil. Plant bare-root roses, trees and shrubs while the ground isn't frozen – they'll establish well over winter. Harvest leeks, parsnips, sprouts and kale as needed – they'll sweeten after frost.

Plan next year's crops and rotate beds to avoid pests and disease build-up. Sow broad beans or garlic if soil conditions allow (use cloches or fleece for protection). Feed the birds! Fat balls, seed, and fresh water help them through winter. Prune apple and pear trees on dry days. Inspect tree stakes and ties – loosen or replace as needed. Pile up logs and leaves to make cosy homes for hedgehogs and insects

Pirbright Community Calendar December 2025

Date	Time	Event
Sat 6th	10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 6.30pm	Flower Fund Coffee morning at St. Michael's Church Room Christmas Craft Market and Pirbright Art Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sun 7th	9.30am	Christingle Service at St. Michael's Pirbright
Tues 9th	7.30pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Thur 11th	7.00pm	Carols at the White Hart
Fri 12th	12.30pm - 3.30pm	Rawlins Club Christmas Lunch at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 13th	10.00am - 12.00pm 2.00pm 7.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright Remembering Loved Ones Service The Rev's Round at The White Hart Pirbright
Sun 14th	8.00am 9.30am	Said Communion (BCP) at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St. Michael's Pirbright
Thur 18th	10.00am - 11.15am 10.00am - 11.15am	Refreshments with WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall Pirbright Country Market at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Fri 19th	6.00pm	Carols in the Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright
Sun 21st	6.00pm	Nine lessons and Carols St. Michael's Pirbright
Wed 24th	3.00pm & 5.00pm 11.30pm	Crib Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Midnight Mass
Thur 25th	10.00am	Christmas Day Service at St. Michael's Pirbright
Sun 28th	10.00am	Joint Service at St. Michael's Pirbright
Every Mon	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group at St. Michael's Pirbright Church Room (term time only)
Every Wed	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Pirbright Gospel Choir at the Pirbright School in the Stefanetti Music Suite (term time only)
Every Thur	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Bellringing Practice in the Church Tower

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