

St Michael's Betchworth

Thank you to everyone for all you do to support church life financially and through volunteering. There has been a worshipping Christian presence in the village for over 900 years and the role of the parish church is to be there for parishioners if ever and whenever they need it. At St Michael's we are glad that we can support the community and with your help we can continue to do so for many more generations to come.

At St Michael's we seek to:

- ❖ Love God together
- ❖ Care for each other
- ❖ Serve our neighbours

Highlights from the last year include:

- Completion of the new vestry and toilet.
- Installation of "Wings of Faith" glass screen
- Creation of our child-friendly "Four Angels" corner
- Enjoying our new organ in worship and concerts
- The Alternative Christmas Tree Festival
- Welcoming many for baptisms and weddings
- Our monthly drop-in teas



Our vision is that St Michael's would be an inclusive church, that is open to all, relevant to the needs of the community and at the centre of village life. Our joint benefice plan is looking at five priorities to work towards our vision.

Last year it cost approximately **£256 each day** (including fabric expenditure) to resource St Michael's. We are very grateful to your generosity in enabling us to meet these costs.



However, our finances are tight and we face a couple of challenges. As Canon David Eaton mentions in his July magazine article "Passing it on" we make a contribution to the Parish Support Fund to help fund the cost of having a priest in our benefice and at the moment we are not paying our way. We would also like to boost our fabric fund as we know we have some expenses on gutters and repointing.

May I ask you to consider your commitment to St Michael's in terms of money, time and skills. If every member of the electoral roll gave an extra £1 a week we would raise an amazing £8,000!

Please return the forms included in this leaflet - one is on finance, the other about volunteering - before our time of thanksgiving on **September 17th Harvest Festival**. *This form is on our website, and you can email your replies.*

If you have any questions then please do talk to Linda Slater (Churchwarden) or myself.

Revd Canon Carol Coslett 01737 842102
officerectory@btinternet.com



My financial commitment

Please note - All financial information is confidential and is only seen by the Treasurer and Free-will Offering Secretary

Yes I would like to give towards the mission and ministry of St Michael's

I have decided to pledge a gift to St Michael's (General Fund) £..... each week/each month (delete as necessary)

I would like to pay by: *(tick as appropriate)*

- Standing order
- Envelopes
- Other - please specify.....

I pledge to give a one off donation of £.....

- I have decided to pledge a gift to St Michael's fabric fund of £..... each week/each month (delete as necessary)
- Please arrange for me to Gift Aid my giving. I am a UK taxpayer.
- I would like to leave a legacy - please send me details of how to do this

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you. Please detach this form & return to the Treasurer Charles Hardy, Ravenleigh, Station Rd, Betchworth RH37DF or email to bworthtreasurer@aol.com by September 17th

We are extremely fortunate at St Michael's in having many people who do so much - thank you, but we would welcome others to join us

This is a list of some of the opportunities to use your skills and time. Are you interested in activities surrounding one of these areas of ministry? This list is not exhaustiveit is just to help or prompt you

Activities surrounding Worship

Activities surrounding Buildings and Grounds

Bell ringing

Bible study groups

Churchyard and Gardening

Church Cleaning

Contemplative Prayer group

Encouraging others

Flower arranging

Finances

Helping with catering/Drop in Teas

Office support/Publicity/website

Organising events/ Flower Festival/ Concerts

Poetry group

Prayer - intercessory and prayer ministry

Serving on PCC

Singing and Music

Supporting our Fabric

Working with children or youth/Messy Church

Welcoming, Visiting, lifts to church



My commitment of time and skills

Please detach and return this form to
The Rectory

I would like to offer my time and talents in these areas of our life together in Betchworth



Area of interest _____

Name _____

Area of interest _____

Name _____

I have the following time and skills I would like to be able to use to bless the work of our church: _____

I am already serving in these following position(s) and wish to recommit to it (them): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return this Time and Skills form to the Rectory or a Churchwarden in time for our time of thanksgiving at our harvest on September 17th.

You can also email the form to the Rector at officerectory@btinternet.com.

Thank you



St Michael's Betchworth

Still at the heart of the community in 2017

We want to remain
Open to God
Open to All
Open for YOU

“Giving towards the work of
St Michael's Church”

Response Form 2017