

## Services 2025

Every Sunday a service:

**9am St Michaels**  
Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**10.30am All Saints**  
Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**10.30am St Nicholas**  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 5pm**  
Prayer and Praise at St Michael's

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 5pm**  
Parish United Service at All Saints  
with the Bishop of Colchester

For more information, please visit  
our website

[www.harwichparish.co.uk](http://www.harwichparish.co.uk)

or use the QR code below,



visit our Facebook pages  
<https://www.facebook.com/>

All Saints Church Dovercourt  
St Nicholas Church Harwich  
St Michael's Church Ramsey

or take a look on  
[achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)

On Thursdays and Fridays at  
8.45am St Michaels Church is open  
for private prayer.

If you or someone you know is  
housebound and would like to  
receive a home visit, please  
contact Canon Smith by phone on  
01255 502033 or by email at  
[trharwich@gmail.com](mailto:trharwich@gmail.com).  
If requesting a visit for someone  
else, please ensure that you have  
their permission to share their  
details.

Items for the Welcome Sheet  
should reach Liz by 8am  
Wednesday. Phone or email them  
to 0776 2253132 or  
[harwich.peninsular@gmail.com](mailto:harwich.peninsular@gmail.com)

## Notices

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.30am  
Coffee Morning,  
Millennium Room

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10-11am  
Volunteer Coffee Morning,  
Millennium Room

For more information on the  
Churches Together Lent Services,  
please look for the posters in each  
of our churches and on Facebook

The bingo session held on 28<sup>th</sup>  
February was enjoyed by all and  
made a wonderful £95.

**Leprosy Lent Boxes are in each  
church. Please take one and put  
coins/notes in to help the many  
thousands of people with leprosy.  
Boxes need to be returned at  
Easter please. Any problems,  
please contact Enid Godfrey on  
01255 551132**

### Weekly Planner

#### Monday:

9.30am Citizens Advice  
2pm Monday Club  
7.30pm Dovercourt Choral  
Society  
*All in the Fryatt Room*

#### Tuesday:

2pm Knit & Natter –  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week Millennium Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week Esplanade Hall  
3pm Tea & Toast Fryatt  
Room (term time for families)  
7pm The Lounge  
Esplanade Hall

#### Wednesday:

11am Yoga @ Fryatt  
Contact Kate on 07481 404084 or  
[katkinson108@gmail.com](mailto:katkinson108@gmail.com)  
7.30pm St Nicholas Bell  
Ringers for more  
info call Janet on  
01255 886189

#### Thursday:

10am The Lounge  
Esplanade Hall  
9.30am Little Saints  
Toddler Group  
Millennium Room (term time)

*Our churches have induction loops.  
Hearing aid users should use the T  
setting on their device*

## Getting in touch

### Churchwardens:

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**'Light up the Tower'**  
*to mark a special occasion:*  
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# Sunday 16 March 2025

## Second Sunday of Lent

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the  
light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of  
righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are  
agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

**Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18**

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

The word of the LORD came to Abram  
in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I  
am your shield; your reward shall be very  
great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD,  
what will you give me, for I continue  
childless, and the heir of my house is  
Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said,  
"You have given me no offspring, and  
so a slave born in my house is to be my  
heir." But the word of the LORD came  
to him, "This man shall not be your heir;  
no one but your very own issue shall be  
your heir." He brought him outside and  
said, "Look towards heaven and count  
the stars, if you are able to count them."  
Then he said to him, "So shall your  
descendants be." And he believed the  
LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him  
as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I  
am the LORD who brought you from Ur  
of the Chaldeans, to give you this land  
to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD,  
how am I to know that I shall possess it?"  
He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three  
years old, a female goat three years old,  
a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a  
young pigeon." He brought him all these  
and cut them in two, laying each half over  
against the other; but he did not cut the  
birds in two. And when birds of prey came  
down on the carcasses, Abram drove them  
away. As the sun was going down, a deep  
sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and  
terrifying darkness descended upon him.  
When the sun had gone down and it was  
dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming  
torch passed between these pieces. On  
that day the LORD made a covenant with  
Abram, saying, "To your descendants I  
give this land, from the river of Egypt to  
the great river, the river Euphrates."

### PSALM Psalm 27

**R** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers came upon me to eat up  
my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,  
who stumbled and fell. **R**

Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him. **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple. **R**

For in the day of trouble  
he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his  
dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock. **R**

Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me;  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling  
an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek  
my face."  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R**

You have been my helper;  
cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
Though my father and my mother  
forsake me,  
the Lord will sustain me. **R**

Show me your way, O Lord;  
lead me on a level path, because of  
my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my  
adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice. **R**

What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong and he shall comfort your heart;  
wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

### SECOND READING

**Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians.*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,  
and observe those who live according to  
the example you have in us. For many live  
as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have  
often told you of them, and now I tell you  
even with tears. Their end is destruction;  
their god is the belly; and their glory is in  
their shame; their minds are set on earthly  
things. But our citizenship is in heaven,  
and it is from there that we are expecting  
a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will  
transform the body of our humiliation  
that it may be conformed to the body of  
his glory, by the power that also enables  
him to make all things subject to himself.  
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I  
love and long for, my joy and crown, stand  
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### GOSPEL Luke 13:31-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.*

At that very hour some Pharisees came  
and said to him, "Get away from here, for  
Herod wants to kill you." He said to them,  
"Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am  
casting out demons and performing cures  
today and tomorrow, and on the third day  
I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow,  
and the next day I must be on my way,  
because it is impossible for a prophet to  
be killed away from Jerusalem.' Jerusalem,  
Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets  
and stones those who are sent to it!  
How often have I desired to gather your  
children together as a hen gathers her  
brood under her wings, and you were not  
willing! See, your house is left to you. And  
I tell you, you will not see me until the  
time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**Or Luke 9:28-36** (RCL only)

### POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of  
ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all  
adversities which may happen to the  
body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.