



**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

***A warm welcome*** to St Michael's Spearwood. Children are especially welcome. We do hope that you will find the worship uplifting and that your relationship with Jesus Christ is enriched through it.

If you have any questions about what we do here or about the Christian Faith in general I would be happy to make time to discuss them or any other issues with you.

Gluten free wafers are available for Communion, if you require these please speak to the service leader.

***Revd Debbie***

**Prayer of the Day:**

Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***Amen.***



## ***Isn't Alpha just for new Christians?***

Alpha is a great introduction to Christianity but it is also wonderful for those of us who have been around a while to revisit the fundamentals of what we believe and why we do what we do.

### ***Why Alpha?***

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

### ***First up there's Food***

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Most sessions start with food, because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

### ***Then a Talk***

The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they can be given as a live talk or played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us?

### ***Followed by Discussion***

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

## **Church Property**

Now we have embarked on a new church year, our wardens will need to be updating our inventory of all the property belonging to the church. It has come to our attention that there are some church members who have taken church items home in the past for safe keeping and we would now be grateful if these could now be returned to the church. Thank-you.



A fun time for preschoolers mainly music is a fun, interactive music session for parents and caregivers and their young children.

The music session is for 30 minutes and is followed by morning tea for both children and adults. Toys are available to ensure the children have an unstructured social time after the music session. During this time, adults have the opportunity to connect with other adults in the same life stage. There have been some enquiries about starting up mainly music again at St Edwards. If you are interested in being a part of this team and helping in this way please let Revd Debbie know [revd.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:revd.debbie@gmail.com) or phone 0473368268

## **Jumble Sale Items wanted.**

At the Annual meeting at St Edwards this year we discussed the possibility of starting up regular jumble sales to raise funds for the church once Anglicare have vacated the premises. We plan to sell only good quality pre-loved items and would be pleased to start collecting items now. If you have anything that you would like to donate to St Edwards for the sales please would you bring it along to the church or let us know and we will arrange to come and collect. Many thanks.

## **Cleaning Roster**

We are trying to compile a new roster of volunteers who would be willing to help occasionally with the cleaning of the church. If you can help in this way please let Revd. Debbie or one of our Church wardens know. Thank you

## Care Box

We are collecting care items and tins of food, packages etc. for people in need and would be grateful for any donations. There is a box at the rear of church where you can deposit your donations. Thank you

### **Readings**

#### **This Week 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Romans 6:1-11

Matthew 10:24-39

#### **Next Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

<b>Date</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>LA/LPM</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>M/Tea</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Len	Leonie Ann	Maxine	Lorraine Len	Lorraine	Sylvia Merv
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Merv	Audrey June	Bernard	Len Leonie	Lorraine	Maxine

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