

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 14TH MAY 2017

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WELCOME TO OUR INCLUSIVE, GROWING CHURCH FAMILY

St Michael & All Angels is a church where people are called to come together to explore the mystery of God's love. All of us, without exception, are called by God. A special welcome to all visitors and newcomers. May God bless you this day and every day. Please help yourself to a *Welcome Pack* before you leave.

PARTNERSHIP BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Come and support the candidates for baptism and confirmation, tonight at 6pm. Bishop Steven is will celebrate the fostering of vocations within our community of faith. This is such an important occasion that I would like to ask for your attendance and prayerful support. Let's have an Easter feast and share in the significance of our faith journey together. Please pray by name for: Caroline Cartwright, Elizabeth Crowley, Jonathan Scheele, Abigail Starkey, Isabella Crockett, Gabriel Knight, Fabian Knight, Gilbert Payne, Theo Knight and Mumbi Muiruri who is being baptised.

"Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom."

PCC MEETING TODAY AT 11.30AM

Please pray for wisdom and encouragement for the PCC's membership.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14TH-20TH MAY 2017

This year's theme focusses on the refugee crisis. Sign up today to help with the house to house collection.

THE LICENSING OF WILLIAM WHYTE

The Revd Professor William Whyte will be licensed to the parish of St Peter's, Wolvercote on Sunday 21st May at 6.30pm during choral evensong. We are delighted that William, a close neighbour, has agreed to serve at St Michael's one Sunday each month. It would be good to have a group of supporters from St Michael's to support William for his licensing at St Peter's.

WELCOME PACKS AVAILABLE FOR NEWCOMERS

If you are new, welcome! Please take away a welcome pack and learn more about our family of faith and the plans we have for mission and ministry in this place.

WANTED: STEWARDSHIP RECORDER - OVERSEEING OUR GIVING

This key role involves the planning of stewardship campaigns with Gavin and the PCC. It undertakes to raise awareness about Christian giving through the weekly envelope scheme, standing orders legacies. See Gavin for more information.

DEVELOPING OUR CHURCH FOR MISSION

St Michael's has completed the sale of part of the church hall car park. The deal, worth nearly £1 million pounds, will be re-invested in accommodation in Cutteslowe for a long line of curates in the coming years. The funds will also finance the Threshold development at the west end of the church hopefully beginning this spring/summer.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... the emphasis on God as love and faith as a journey."

SUNDAYS

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
Traditional language, no hymns

10.00 am Parish Eucharist
1st Sunday of the month:
All-Age Family Eucharist
5th Sunday of the month:
Rotation with partnership churches

6.30pm Taizé Prayer
30min worship in the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAYS

Silent Prayer
9.00am in the Lady Chapel

Morning Prayer
9.30am (for 25min)

Holy Eucharist
Thursdays 10.00am
1st Thursday of the month: Healing -
the laying on of hands and anointing.

Adult Choir Practice
Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm
Contact Steve Allen - 07717 852020

Men's Breakfast
1st Saturday of the month
Contact Steve Hunter - 01865 552475

For information on courses
Contact Gavin - 01865 556079

FOR CHILDREN

'Children's Church' on Sunday
meets in the vestry during
10.00am Parish Eucharist

Godly Play
every 4th Sunday
at 10am with a crèche provided

St Michael's Choristers Age 3+
practise Thursdays in church
in term-time at 5.30 pm and sing on the
1st Sunday of the month
Contact Alice - 07791 328108

Baby & Toddler Group
Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 noon
Play for children and chat for carers
Contact Juliet - 01865 552640



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14TH MAY 2017

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, alleluia!
And I will raise them up on the last day, alleluia, alleluia! (John 6:40)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 7: 55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Teach me O Lord (Attwood)



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

NEXT WEEK: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 17: 22-31 / John 14:15-21

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: James Finnemore

10am - Celebrant / Preacher: Gavin Knight