

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 21ST 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.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS

The church has received the faculty for the Threshold Project - work can begin in June. We have also found a house for a curate and family in Cutteslowe, alleluia!
Please see the back of the reading sheet for more information.

COLLECTING PLEDGES & PROMISES

Many of you generously promised to support the Threshold Project financially. Now that the scheme is going ahead and the contractors will arrive shortly, we need to realise those generous promises. Please email jonathan.scheele@viginmedia.com; sambickersteth@gmail.com; or Willie Black treasurer@stmichaels-summertown.org.uk to complete your pledge. Thank you.

THE LICENSING OF WILLIAM WHYTE

The Revd Professor William Whyte will be licensed to the Parish of St Peter's Wolvercote this evening at 6.30pm during choral evensong. William has agreed to serve at St Michael's also, once a month. Please support him this evening.

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH

This is a climate justice. Climate justice is presently a hot topic but what is the Christian understanding of climate change? The FairPlay network advocates that this is a deeply moral and spiritual issue. Gavin has agreed to devote a Sunday's worship to this topic. If people are minded, we could register the church on the Eco Church scheme, demonstrating how we care for God's earth. Contact Helen Dodd for more information on greening the church. More details to follow.

SAMANTHA'S LICENSING IN NORTH DEVON

A group of hardy travellers represented the parish to support Samantha. The Bishop of Exeter conducted the service which included a local school choir. Various dignitaries welcomed Samantha to her new place of ministry. Samantha sends you all her love and thanks for your prayers.

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.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... a remarkably open and friendly community"

SUNDAYS

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
Traditional Language

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



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21ST MAY 2017

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God has rescued us from the powers of darkness, alleluia! And transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, alleluia, alleluia! (Colossians 1:13)

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 14:15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

If ye love me (Tallis)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

NEXT WEEK: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 1:6-14 / John 17: 1-11

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: James Finnemore

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: William Whyte