

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 28TH 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.

### FROM SAMANTHA

Thank you very much for all the support I have received from St Michaels for my Licensing in the Lyn Valley: for cards and gifts, for the assurance of prayers and for the presence of all those representing St Michaels who made the long journey to the service. It means so much to me. If anyone who came has photos they could share with me please could you send them to [priest-in-charge@stmarylynton.uk](mailto:priest-in-charge@stmarylynton.uk)

### ECO JUSTICE – GREENING THE CHURCH

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Karl Wallendszus and Hilary Rollin, members of Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry, will come and share their experience of promoting a more sustainable and environment-friendly church. Using the A Rocha Eco Church guidelines they have achieved a bronze Eco Church award and are now working towards silver. Our worship and prayers will integrate issues around environmental sustainability.

### PENTECOST IS COMING!

Please refer to the noticeboard for more information about the archbishops' Pledge to Pray initiative. This is an invitation for Christians to pray for God's transforming love to change our Churches, communities and world. We are asked to pray individually and corporately. To find out more: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter>

### THE CHOIR IS ON TOUR THIS SUNDAY

Our wonderful choir is singing at Bath Abbey – our loss, their gain! We hope to have photographs to share on the website.

### PRIESTLY AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

We welcome Revd James Finnemore who will preside and preach at 8am Eucharist and Revd William Whyte who will preside and preach at 10am Eucharist today. In emergency please contact the Church Wardens, Sarah Scheele 01865 435076 or Doreen Barrett 01865 553498

### 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!*

"... A real sense of loving 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



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28TH MAY 2017

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord, alleluia! I am coming to you, alleluia, alleluia! (John 14:18)

## COLLECT

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone  
before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



## The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome  
for the local community

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

### John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### NEXT WEEK: PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 / John 20:19-23

8am - Celebrant & Preacher:

10am - Celebrant / Preacher: Gavin Knight