

TRINITY SUNDAY

11TH JUNE 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.

ECO JUSTICE – GREENING THE CHURCH

Next Sunday 18th 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. (See posters about this service). 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.

KIMBERLEY & KURUMAN CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

Fly to South Africa, joining Jan Cook, as representative to our link parish in Taung for a conference on Discipleship, Care for Creation & Responding to Inequality. £600 is available as a travel and accommodation grant. Meals are provided. Spend some time in South Africa before returning home.
Contact Jan – jancook720@gmail.com or Sue Smith - susan@sharetoo.co.uk

SUPPORTING NOREEN'S KIDS IN ROMANIA

There will be a cake sale on Sat 24th June at the URC at 10am for this charity. It is a much-needed residential and community project. Can you supply cakes, bread, pastries, biscuits, preserves..? Leave contributions with Juliet Field 552640 or bring them to the URC on the morning. Many thanks, Sue Smith and Janet Kennedy.

GROUNDBREAKING: THE THRESHOLD UPDATE

Sunday 2nd July 2017: All age Eucharist at 10.00am; sod-turning ceremony at 11.15am with drinks to follow.

To mark the beginning of the construction work for the west end extension and the completion of our church, we are inviting donors, dignitaries and the local community to the turning of the first sod! We will gather on the west lawn immediately after the final blessing. Please come to this historic celebration. The work will begin on Monday 3rd July. Information regarding access to the church and through church gardens will be put on the noticeboard in the south transept. It is not anticipated that church services will be affected by the works.

CHURCH HALL CAR PARK

The developers, Cantay Estates, will begin their building works in July. The church hall car park will therefore not be in use from July onwards. It is hoped that the building work will be completed in 7-8 months.

PCC MATTERS

An offer has been agreed and accepted for the purchase of a house in Cutteslowe. A building survey has been undertaken and conveyancing is under way. This property will be used by a church worker for the mission of God in this parish.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... a strong sense of community shaped by the love for God and neighbour."

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





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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the
Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities;
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

2 Corinthians 13:11-end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Commentary:

Paul travelled to Corinth (modern day Greece, 45 miles west of Athens), on various missionary journeys. His two Letters to the Corinthians emphasise his personal knowledge — he knew the place and its people. Corinth, in Paul's day, was recently re-built by Julius Caesar and reflected the infrastructure of a civilised trading port and metropolis under Roman control. Paul's relationship with this formative Christian community is intense and subject to many quarrels and theological disputes (see Hans Fror's depiction of life in Corinth, **You Wretched Corinthians** (SCM Press, 1994). In this passage we see Paul signing off with a blessing. It seems that despite the differences, the wrongful behaviours, the divergent doctrines and misplaced practices, Paul leaves his fellow Christians, the Body of Christ in that part of the Mediterranean world with a blessing. This sign of God's love and peace is the Christian way of repairing differences which should be upheld today, it is a sign of truth and peace. Jesus leaves his disciples with the same sense of wellbeing in the Gospel. Let us do the same, in the Trinity of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO Matthew 28:16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

NEXT WEEK: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings: Romans 5: 1-8 / Matthew 9:35-10:8

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant: Susie Snyder Preacher: Gavin Knight + Guest speakers