

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17TH SEPTEMBER 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.

THRESHOLD PLUS - CREATING A BUZZ

The Brief: 'How can the Threshold space serve the community differently/ additionally?' How can we staff any new initiatives so that they have a chance to succeed? We have already envisioned promoting music/arts and activities which involve 'wellbeing.' But what are the needs in our local community which have not been met? I would like you to consider these questions and encourage conversations with neighbours and friends to create a buzz about future possibilities. Please respond by the end of September, however long or short, to: vicar@stmichaels-summertown.org.uk

SUNDAY CLUB - OCCASIONAL HELP NEEDED

As we prepare to use the Threshold space for a Sunday crèche for the little ones, we will need more helpers to oversee this and Children's Church. Can you help?

SAVE THE DATES & INVITE OTHERS

Exciting things are happening this year, place them in your diary now!

- ◆ 24th September 2017, 6.30pm Choral Evensong
- ◆ 1st October 2017, Michaelmas Patronal Festival, refreshments after 10am Eucharist
- ◆ 5th November 2017, 6.30pm All Souls' Service
- ◆ 19th November 2017, 10am Homelessness Sunday
- ◆ 17th December 2017, 6.30pm Candlelight Lessons & Carols
- ◆ 22nd April 2018, Opening ceremony for the Threshold Project with the Bishop of Oxford presiding & preaching at 10am Eucharist.

SUNNYMEAD MINNOWS STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS RETURN!

Sunnymead Minnows launches with regular stay and play sessions on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm in Cutteslowe Community Centre, starting Thursday 7th September, with more weekly sessions and occasional structured activities planned. Parents, grandparents and carers are all welcome to come along with their babies and toddlers for free drop-in play and light refreshments.

LEARN A NEW SKILL AND MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL

Would you like to foster your creativity? Why not join the Flower Team. Training and guidance provided. Please contact Ann Zacheis 07748 355373

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAIRPLAY TEAM...

...who organised the social justice fair on Saturday. This was a great opportunity to network and recognise the amazing work which goes on in our community, making a difference to peoples lives. More information will flow from this event; keep an eye out for the FairPlay newsletter out soon.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... .. when the Eucharist ends, our service begins!"

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 Contemplative Prayer
In the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAYS

Silent Prayer
9.00am

Morning Prayer
9.30am

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 (term time only)

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he has opened for us. (Hebrews 10: 19-20)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Call to Remembrance (Farrant)



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings: Jonah 3: 10 - 4:11 / Matthew 20: 1-16

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant: Gavin Knight; Preacher: Nicholas Bradbury