

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 24TH 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](mailto:vicar@stmichaels-summertown.org.uk)

### 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.

### CHORAL EVENSONG THIS SUNDAY AT 6.30PM

Choral Evensong is a jewel in the throne of Anglican liturgy. Cranmer's prayer book literally sings for God's pleasure. Our choir are delighted to be extending their Sunday repertoire, so, please come and share the beauty of this service.

### PARKINSON'S CYCLE RIDE — A HUGE THANK YOU...

...to our congregation for their very generous donations towards our 350 mile GOING NORTH cycle ride. Over £250 has been collected by St Michael's. We are expecting a total of more than £3K (including Gift Aid).

### 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 last 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. Thanks especially to Helen Dodd and Michael Taylor, the chief engineers!

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... it has a lovely contemplative service on Sunday evenings"

## 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



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Stand firm in your faith and let all that you do be done in love.  
(1 Cor 16: 13-14)

**COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

**Jonah 3:10 - 4:11**

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO**

**Matthew 20: 1-16**

Jesus said: 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Lord for thy Tender Mercy's Sake* (Farrant)

**PRAYER**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Threshold Project**

Building a place of welcome for the local community



**NEXT WEEK:** ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
Readings: Old Testament: Genesis 28: 10-17 / Gospel - John 1: 47-end  
8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Rodney Hill  
10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight