

MICHAELMAS PATRONAL FESTIVAL 1ST OCTOBER 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.

WE WELCOME OLIVER BLAISE ON PLACEMENT

Oliver is an ordinand at Ripon College Cuddesdon, training for full time stipendiary ministry. Recently married to Mariama, Oliver will be assisting in our services, serving, preaching... and shadowing me in various tasks. We should celebrate that St Michael's is seen as a good place to train ordinands and curates for ministry.

OXFORD HALF MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES

Next Sunday, 8th October, the Virgin Sport Half Marathon will take place. This will cause a number of road closures in the area including Banbury road (from Marston Ferry road to A40/Elsfield Road) and Banbury Road between St Giles and Marston Ferry Road. For more information on road closures visit: <https://uk.virginisport.com/event/oxford-2017/faqs>

UPDATE ON THE THRESHOLD BUILDING WORK

The narthex is taking shape with the brickwork forming the distinctive elipse shape. The substructure is complete. The timber for the roof is being fixed and the copper drum which surrounds the huge skylight will be manoeuvred into position soon. The radiators on the west wall are being replaced with new (and hopefully more effective) systems. The wooden screen inside the church will prevent dust from encroaching inside the sacred space whilst the west window is replaced and the works to join the new extension to the church building are completed. Save the date: 22nd April 2018, for the opening ceremony for the Threshold Project with the Bishop of Oxford presiding & preaching at 10am Eucharist.

CUTTESLOWE PAVILION SERVICE

The October Service (Harvest) originally planned for today, 1st October, will now take place next week: Sunday 8th October, 3.30pm as usual.

KNITTERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT

We need as many knitted poppies as we can make to attach to the hedge by the War Memorial in the Church Hall garden on Remembrance weekend, 11th & 12th November. Pick up a pattern in Church or contact Sarah Scheele 01865 435076

ALL SOULS' COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On 5th November at 6.30pm we will mark All Souls' with a special commemoration service. Please write the names of the departed on the sheet provided so that we can remember them during the service.

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

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"...children, people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds are all included"

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

"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Genesis 28:17)

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 28: 10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 1: 47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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: Philippians 3: 4b-14 / Matthew 21: 33-end

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant: Gavin Knight; Preacher: David Smith (RTU in India)