

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 15TH OCTOBER 2017

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WELCOME TO OUR INCLUSIVE, 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.

WELCOME TO DAVID SMITH, TALKING ABOUT RTU

David will share with us his recent experience at Reaching the Unreached charity in south India. The Threshold Project has raised money to build homes for orphans and their new families. RTU's founder Br. James Kimpton died last week. Please keep the charity in your prayers.

THE THRESHOLD RE-SEARCH PARTY

In order to attempt to understand the needs of our community and how the church might respond in the light of the Threshold Project, a re-search party is being recruited. This group will interview key organisations / office holders to glean important local knowledge. Michael Taylor has agreed to facilitate this work and will ask various members of the congregation to help him in this task. Please take the flyer away with you.

CHURCH CONGREGATION AND RELATED MATTERS

Attendance levels have dropped in recent months. Whilst I take responsibility for leading the church into growth, I believe that we have a shared responsibility regarding the health and welfare of our parish. I am asking for help in order to seek out those who may be ill or disillusioned. Let me know if they would like to be visited. Please gather people around you and share the good things that are happening at church—the Threshold Project, the FairPlay network, the Eco-Church group. Our church is for everyone, non-churchgoers alike. Let's make St Michael's the focus of conversation.

We also need to be realistic and honest about what we give to the church in order to support its work in the future. Please seek to review the amount that you give.

FAIRPLAY MEETING AT CUTTESLOWE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Including a discussion of the FairPlay programme and the way forward and a talk by Julia Iball from Oxfordshire Community Foundation.
Thurs day 19th Oct, 7.30-9pm.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS'

At 6.30pm in church on Sunday, 5th November. The choir will be joining us for this service. As in past years, please write the name of those you would like to be remembered on the sheet of paper provided in church.

POPPY KNITTERS NEEDED FOR REMEMBRANCE

In an attempt to make Remembrance Sunday and the War Memorial more accessible, woollen poppies are being made to drape over the hedge on Banbury Road. We hope that these poppies will attract more people to the act of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November in the church hall gardens.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... the worship and liturgy and its relevance to discipleship"

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

Teach me, oh Lord, the way of your statutes and I shall keep it to the end; I will run the way of your commandments, for what you have set my heart at liberty. (Psalm 119:32-33)

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew 22: 1-14

'Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

O for a Closer Walk with God (Stanford)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK: NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10/ Matthew 22: 15-22

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

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