



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 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.

### THE ORDER FOR THE 10AM EUCHARIST

In order to witness the 2 minute silence at 11am, the intercessions will be said after the silence. The sermon will be reduced to a short homily and we will process to the war memorial immediately after the administration of the Eucharist.

### A THEOLOGICAL NOTE — THE KINGDOM SEASON

This kingdom season is a relatively modern inclusion to our liturgical year. It represents the end of our annual pilgrimage, climaxing with the Feast of Christ the King. This is a time of remembrance, forgiveness, reconciliation and healing. Red poppies are used as a symbol of remembering those who died in conflict. The season lasts throughout November, from All Saints' to Christ the King.

### 19TH NOVEMBER—SPECIAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

Our guest preacher at the 10am Eucharist will be the Revd Mary Gurr, chaplain to the homeless in Oxford. Afterwards, during coffee time, there will be a short talk by a Gatehouse representative in the Lady Chapel. Gatehouse is a charity for the homeless, which we are supporting this year and next. A collection will be made at the end of the service, please give generously.

### NEW WEST WINDOW ARRIVING NEXT WEEK

The church might feel a little chilly next week when the old window is taken away and the new window, with cruciform mullion, is fitted. The louvre at the top of the gable will also be replaced with the use of a giant cherry picker!

### CLEANING THE CHURCH

We plan to clean the church for Christmas on Friday, December 8th . Many hands make light work, so we need a large team. Please spare 2 hours between 10:00 and 12:00 to get rid of the cobwebs. Sarah and Doreen

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Each year, Jenny Gerard produces a quiz for a bit of festive fun. For more details about the 2018 CHRISTMASTIDE QUIZ See joint side of the *P-Link*.

### FOOD BANK — A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated recently, this meant we had a very full box at the All Age service last week. We are also thankful to have found a driver in the congregation to take the box up to the Food Bank in Cowley each month.

### ECO CHURCH TEAM MEETING

On 26th November ( Christ the King) we will meet to agree on responsibilities and hopefully find out who will help facilitate the skills and resources of the team.

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

*Comments from those in the know!*

"... people remember your name and all about you; shows they really care"

## 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



# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

12TH NOVEMBER 2017



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.  
(Ephesians 2: 19)

## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome  
for the local community



## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

### Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus said: 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

## CHOIR ANTHEMS

**Nearer, my God, to thee** (arr. Archer)

**For the Fallen** (Guest) - to be sung at the war memorial

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the  
world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



**NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 /Matthew 25: 14-30

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant : Gavin Knight / Preacher: Mary Gurr