

CHRISTMAS 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.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

In the week following Christmas Day, Gavin will be taking a few days off. In emergency please contact the Church Wardens, Sarah Scheele 01865 435076 or Doreen Barrett 01865 553498

SUNNYMEAD MINNOWS NEEDS YOUR HELP...

...in launching an exciting programme of activities. These need volunteers but also donations of particular items or money to buy supplies. See <https://www.facebook.com/SunnymeadMinnows/> for more details. Take a flyer from the back of the church.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ST MICHAEL'S

Various ways of doing this. Our website is a good way to learn what's on. It has a calendar and the Sunday news sheet is uploaded each week. We also record our sermons and these are stored on the website: stmichaels-summertown.org.uk. If you would like to receive Gavin's weekly blog, please sign up after church or visit, A Blog for All Seasons, Pilgrimage into the everyday: <http://gavinknight.me>

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Please pick up a sheet and join in the prayer intentions each day. This is a practical way of keeping in touch with God and this Summertown parish.

MORNING PRAYER

We will continue to locate the silent prayer (9.00am) and morning prayer (9.30am) in the Godly Play room during the remainder of the building works. It is also the warmest space in the church!

PLEASE NOTE: during the Christmas week from 26th Dec—1st Jan, silent prayer and morning prayer will not take place. However, please join us in the new year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARDS & GIFTS

From a very grateful vicarage family—Gavin, Jo, Gabriel, Fabian & Theo.

SOME DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2018

The Threshold Project nears completion. The new building should be finished in February 2018, the lawn will be re-laid and the new planting can begin. Full access will be granted once again through King George's Walk.

The Bishop of Oxford is coming to bless the Threshold Project on Sunday, 22nd April at the 10am Eucharist.

Easter comes fairly early this year on 1st April. Ash Wednesday is 14th February. I am planning to put on a short course this Lent, 'Exploring the Beatitudes' written by Bishop Steven and exploring his objective to develop a "Christ-like Church."

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... makes me feel happy; everybody loves and cares for each other."

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.

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



