

EPIPHANY SUNDAY 2018

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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.

OXFORD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER (OWNS)

We are helping St Alban the Martyr in Charles Street with our prayers and financial support in order to sustain the OWNS from now until the end of March. Please contribute 50p—£1 each week to finance towels, flannels etc. 10 homeless people will be given shelter each night. Thank you.

SUNNYMEAD MINNOWS NEEDS YOUR HELP...

...in launching an exciting programme of activities. These need volunteers but also donations 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!

PCC MEETING 7/1/18 at 11.30am

Agenda items focus on finance, governance, future mission, Threshold update etc.

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





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7TH JANUARY 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A bright light will shine to all the ends of the earth; many nations will come to you from far away, bearing gifts in their hands for the King of heaven. Tobit 13:11

COLLECT

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 / John 1: 43-end

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your
light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Threshold Project
Building a place of welcome
for the local community