

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 21ST JANUARY 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 St with our prayers and financial support from now to the end of March. Please slip a 50p or £1 coin into your pocket each week when you come to church. So far we have bought towels, flannels, and tea towels. 10 homeless people will be given shelter each night.

GAVIN'S SABBATICAL NEWS

Please see an update on this on the back of the reading sheet.

ST MICHAEL'S IS GOING GREEN!

The new Eco-Team is up and running. Facilitated by Jan Cook, the team has divided its focus into several areas of interest including climate justice, teaching and worship, greening our own church and gardens, raising awareness around ecological issues both local and global. St Michael's has joined the A Rocha award scheme in which churches are commended for their 'green' approach to mission and ministry. The Eco-Team meets today after church.

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!

SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

The PCC revises the Electoral Roll before the APCM every year (and renews it every six years, next in 2019). The Electoral Roll is a formal record of the members of our church community; it is used by the Diocese and the national church to compile attendance statistics. Being on the ER in this parish enables you to attend the APCM and vote for members to serve on the PCC. There is a copy of the current ER displayed at the back of the church; please check that your name is on it. If you would like to be added please complete a pink ER form and give it to PCC Secretary Emma Wilkinson. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY DONATION BOXES

If you have been collecting for the Children's Society and have donations, please give in the boxes to Sue Smith who will send the money direct to the charity.

THE THRESHOLD PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The new building will be finished on 2nd March 2018. The kitchen is already installed and looks amazing!
The Bishop of Oxford is coming to bless the Threshold Project on Sunday, 22nd April at the 10am Eucharist.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... we received a warm welcome."

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jesus of Nazareth was attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders and signs that God did through him among you. Acts 2:22

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Revelation 19: 6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure' —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

NEXT WEEK: **CANDLEMAS**

Readings: Hebrews 2: 14-end / Luke 2: 22-40

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Parry)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community