

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST — CANDLEMAS 28TH 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.

CANDLEMAS

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas-Epiphany revelation of the incarnation of God in Christ Jesus. The Church now looks forward to preparing for Lent and the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection at Easter. The words of dismissal today sum up this time of 'bitter-sweet'. We gather at the place of purification, the font, in the light of the paschal candle symbolising Jesus' as the hope to all nations.

THE THRESHOLD PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The new building is scheduled to be completed by 2nd March 2018. The path to King George's Walk will be widened and re-surfaced and opened by the end of February. Apologies for the inconvenience.
The Bishop of Oxford is coming to bless the Threshold Project on Sunday, 22nd April at the 10am Eucharist.

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). 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.

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. For more information, we will be setting up Eco Church pages on our web site. Watch this space!

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.

NIGEL EVANS RIP

Nigel died last week after a brave fight with cancer. Nigel's funeral will be in church on Friday, 9th February at 2.30pm. A reception will take place in church immediately after the funeral.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... a sense of holiness and reverence"

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



