

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 4TH FEBRUARY 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.

OXCLEAN WEEKEND 2ND - 4TH MARCH

St Michael's now has a group registration to participate in this event. Please sign forms in church to join the group and take an information leaflet. Our litterpick will be from 10am - 12pm, Saturday 3rd March, either outside North Oxford Association, Diamond Place OX2 7DP or outside Cutteslowe Community Association, Wren Road to clean Sunnymead area.

FOOD BANK BOX

Contributions to the Food Bank box will be blessed at the All Age service. A list of suitable items is on the 'Fair Play' board near the coffee table. Please give generously. Contact: maryclarew@mac.com

TWO WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE THRESHOLD PROJECT

The new building is scheduled to be completed by 2nd March 2018. Choral Evensong on 18th March at 6.30pm. Refreshments served afterwards with a tour of the new facilities.

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.

OXFORD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER (OWNS)

An initiative led by central Oxford churches and is providing 10 homeless people safe shelter each night from now to the end of March. We are helping St Alban the Martyr in Charles St with our prayers and support. Please continue to give 50p or £1 each week when you come to church. Additionally we have been asked if we might provide St Alban with some hats, gloves and scarves. If you are able to provide any – particularly any suitable for men – please leave at the back of the church. The blankets we provided were all used and very much appreciated.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... the sense of community."

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

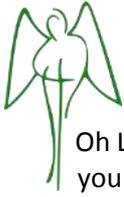
Play for children and chat for carers

Contact Juliet - 01865 552640



PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEE & VISIT OUR
TRAIDCRAFT STALL AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Oh Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Psalm 104:24)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things,
now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1: 15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

ST MICHAEL'S CHORISTERS

*'It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer'*

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 / Mark 9: 2-9

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

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