

MOTHERING SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 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.

ECO-CHURCH - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Sunday evening April 29th at 7.15 pm, St Michael & All Angels, Summertown
Revd Canon Rachel Mash (Environmental Coordinator at Anglican Church of Southern Africa) will be talking about Climate Justice. There will be opportunity for questions. Don't miss this chance to hear from an inspirational and knowledgeable environmentalist and theologian.

KITCHENWARE UPDATE

We have had a wonderful response to the appeal to replenish our new kitchen. There are still items on the list if you would like to contribute.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Gavin is offering his time to visit you at home for an hour to talk about prayer, social action, community engagement – the agenda is yours! Also, as we continue the Lenten fast, please pray about your offering to the church at a time when costs are increasing.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the Cross will be led in Saturdays of Lent at 5pm. This is an important Lenten discipline. Please diarise these dates: 17th, 24th March.

THREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE THRESHOLD PROJECT

Choral Evensong on 18th March at 6.30pm. Refreshments served afterwards with a walk around the new facilities. On Saturday 24th March local residents are invited for a coffee, chat and a tour. Finally, 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 is revising the Electoral Roll this year before the APCM. 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM is on Sunday 15th April (after church). This meeting gives an account of the church's activity in the last year. The financial accounts are presented and the PCC is re-elected. The APCM is an opportunity for church members to share in all of the year's joys and sorrows. Your attendance is really important.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!
"Unconditional love for all of us"

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

9.00 am Silent Prayer
In the Godly Play room

9.30 am Morning Prayer
In the Godly Play room

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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; as a mother comforts her child so I will comfort you says the Lord: you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
Isaiah 66:10,13

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 1 Samuel 1: 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO John 19: 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Magnificat in G (Stanford)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and
drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord



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NEXT WEEK: THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 / John 12: 20-33

8am - Celebrant: GRK; Preacher: Ollie Blease

10am - Celebrant: GRK; Preacher: William Whyte