

## THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT — PASSIONTIDE BEGINS 18TH 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.

### CHORAL EVENSONG TO CELEBRATE THE THRESHOLD PROJECT

6.30pm this evening. Please bring friends, neighbours, family. Refreshments served afterwards with a walk around the new facilities. On Saturday 24th March local residents are also invited for a coffee, chat and a tour.

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We follow Jesus' journey to the cross on the Saturdays of Lent at 5pm as well as **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week at 7pm**. Come, watch and pray.

### MUM'S SPIRITUALITY & FAITH GROUP

A new informal evening get-together is starting up once a month for mums; an opportunity to chat about life, parenting, and our faith and spirituality—accompanied by wine or tea and cake! First Wednesday evening of the month, 7.30-9pmish, starting on Wed 4th April. Contact Susie Snyder on [susanna.snyder@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:susanna.snyder@roehampton.ac.uk) if you're interested in coming along. All mums welcome!

### 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.**

### OXFORD WEEKLY NIGHT SHELTER...

... is due to finish at the end of March and we have now sent the final tranche of money collected at St Michael's to St Alban the Martyr, Cowley. We have collected a total of £408.10 – a wonderful amount and thanks to everyone for their continuing generosity.

### EASTER FLOWERS

As in previous years, if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers in church - simply to enjoy their beauty or in memory of someone - please contact. See Gavin or Ann Zacheis if you would like to give the Flower Fund a donation.

### ECO-CHURCH: A 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.

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

*Some recent comments from those in the know!*

*"... the worship and liturgy and its relevance to discipleship"*

## 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



# 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT (PASSIONTIDE) 15TH MARCH 2018

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.  
(Philippians 3:10)

## COLLECT

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the  
cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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

### Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis)

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

### John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome  
for the local community

### NEXT WEEK: PALM SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a / The Passion according to Mark  
8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight  
10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

