

PALM SUNDAY

25TH 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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We follow Jesus' journey to the cross on **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 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.**

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.

REACHING THE UNREACHED

115 adults attended Choral Evensong last Sunday to celebrate the opening of the Threshold. We raised £303.50 For Reaching the Unreached, the Indian charity we are supporting which seeks to give orphaned children a home and an education.

ST MICHAEL'S PCC MEET TODAY

We will convene in the office in the Threshold at 11.30am. Our main agenda items focus on the proposal for paid children's and youth work in the parish.

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!

"... I felt this was a welcome place for me and everyone"

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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna on the highest heaven!
(Matthew 21:9; John 12:13)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon
him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community



THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at
Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he
sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the
village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it,
you will find tied there a colt that has never been
ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you,
“Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord
needs it and will send it back here
immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied
near a door, outside in the street. As they were
untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What
are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what
Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then
they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks
on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches
that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went
ahead and those who followed were shouting,
‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor
David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;
and when he had looked around at everything, as it
was already late, he went out to Bethany with the
twelve.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

NEXT WEEK: EASTER SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 / John 20: 1-8

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Rodney Hill

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight