

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8TH APRIL 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.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

I would like to thank all those who have made this Holy Week & Easter so special. For your devotion to the church and community —thank you! Gavin

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.**

THE BLESSING OF THE THRESHOLD

Bishop Steven will be blessing the Narthex, kitchen, office and toilets on April 22nd (10am). We would like to have a bring and share lunch after the service, to which **everyone is warmly invited**. Please sign the list in church to say if you would like to bring a quiche, a salad or a dessert. Thank you: Sarah - 435076

ELIZABETH PRYOR'S FUNERAL

This will take place at St Michael's on 17th April at 1.30pm. A reception will be held in church after the funeral. Please come and support Willie and his family.

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.

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!

"... an uplifting sacred space"

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

Let us celebrate the festival, alleluia! with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia! alleluia! (1 Cor 5:8)

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 20: 1-18

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19 / Luke 24: 36b-48

The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

