

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22ND 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.

THE BLESSING OF THE THRESHOLD

Bishop Steven will be blessing the Narthex, kitchen, office and toilets TODAY (10am). We would like to have a bring and share lunch after the service, to which **everyone is welcome to join!**

PORCH PRESERVES

Delicious jams and chutneys will be on sale on TODAY after the service on behalf of The Porch Centre for the Homeless in Cowley. Please support this very worthy cause if you can.

THE WIVES FELLOWSHIP MEETING MONDAY 23RD AT 2PM

Delighted to be hosting this event at which we will use the new facilities!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29th April—Community Spring Walk Cutteslowe Park, 3-5pm bring your own picnic; meet at Cutteslowe Community Centre OX2 7SX. St Michael's Eco-Church community group

29th April—Climate Justice Talk by Revd Canon Rachel Mash St Michael & All Angels Church, Summertown 7.15pm. There will be an opportunity for questions. Don't miss this chance to hear from an inspirational and knowledgeable environmentalist and theologian.

THE BLESSING OF ELIANA MEGAN BARNES

Parents Susie Snyder and Michael Barnes and brother Linus celebrated the gift of Elia yesterday with friends in church. All the family are looking forward to continuing their journey at St Michael's.

MUMS' 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, Contact Susie Snyder on susanna.snyder@roehampton.ac.uk

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018: 13TH - 19TH MAY

The house to house collection takes place during the week beginning Sunday 13th May. Last year St Michael's raised £3,762.83p to support Christian Aid's work with some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable citizens. This was a fantastic effort and it would be great if we could match this (or surpass it!) in 2018. If you would like to help with this year's collection, please get in touch with Nigel and Debbie Hamilton hamilton@newmailbox.net or Helen Dodd hedodd@gmail.com

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!
“... a remarkably open and friendly 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

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





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven. (Genesis 28:17)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."
There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms)

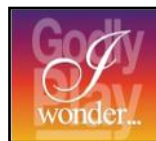
The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome for the local community



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO John 10: 11-18

'Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'



Godly Play takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month at Children's Church.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 8: 26-40 / John 15: 1-8

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