

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29TH 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.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE NEW PARISH OFFICE!

This number is for pastoral enquiries and church and hall bookings: 01865 552738

WELCOME TO IRIM!

We welcome Irim Sarwar as our new Church Warden (CW), taking over from Sarah Scheele. Sarah will remain on the PCC. Irim will be officially welcomed into the Anglican fold during the 10am Eucharist. Irim will be ably assisted by Doreen.

BAPTISM OF CHLOE AND OLIVER CHANT

The baptisms take place at 12.00 noon today. It is a joy to welcome Chloe and Oliver into the family of faith. Please pray for them and the godparents in the responsibility of nurturing the Christian faith.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

An enormous thank you to everyone who made the lunch such a special occasion. The whole parish seemed to make a contribution of some sort, and we were able to entertain our guests in style. Our kitchen proved its worth, and I hope you approve of the new equipment that you bought. Sarah and Doreen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Climate Justice Talk by Revd Canon Rachel Mash St Michael & All Angels Church, Summertown 7.15pm. Don't miss this chance to hear from an inspirational and knowledgeable environmentalist and theologian.

MUMS' SPIRITUALITY & FAITH GROUP

The new Mums' Faith and Spirituality Group will meet on Tuesday 1 May at 7.30-9pm at Susie's house. An informal opportunity to chat and reflect on life, work, parenting, faith and spirituality as a mum—with wine or tea and nibbles. Email Susie on susanna.snyder@roehampton.ac.uk for more info.

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!
“... an uplifting sacred space perfect for devotional music, which, for me, is at the heart of the worship”

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

This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, alleluia!
And I will raise them up on the last day, alleluia alleluia!
(John 6:40)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8: 26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the

Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO John 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus (Franck)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

NEXT WEEK: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 10:44-48 / John 15: 9-17

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Rodney Hill

10am - Celebrant & All Age Presentation: Gavin Knight