

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 6TH MAY 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.

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.

ARTWEEKS EXHIBITION AT ST MICHAELS

GROUP SIX - Artweeks exhibition at St Michaels from 12th - 20th May, open 12 - 6 daily. Private View on Friday 11th 6 - 8. All are welcome.

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

MONTHLY FOODBANK COLLECTION

This is an all-the-year-round collection, and suitable items always needed are listed on the lid. In addition personal care items (soap, shampoo, women's hygiene products, loo rolls) are always acceptable. Please try to bring something to put in the box for the first Sunday of the month at the All-Age service. Contact maryclarew@mac.com if you have a question.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Please make this intention a daily devotion. The church remembers the lives of those who have lived the Christ-life. We also pray for our parish, a road and its residents are named each day for God's blessing. Each new day we pray a special intention for a cause or people or an event. Let's join together and make this our common task, pick up a sheet today. By praying we learn how to pray!

MUMS' SPIRITUALITY & FAITH GROUP

The new Mums' Faith and Spirituality Group will meet on Thursday 7th June 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.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... the sense of community, social commitments ..."

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

God has rescued us from the power of darkness, alleluia! and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved son, alleluia, alleluia! (Colossians 1:13)

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 15: 1-8

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community

NEXT WEEK: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 / John 17: 6-19

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant & All Age Presentation: Gavin Knight

