

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 19TH NOVEMBER 2017

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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.

10 am EUCHARIST ON HOMELESSNESS

Welcome to our guest preacher at the 10am Eucharist, Revd Mary Gurr, chaplain to the homeless in Oxford. Afterwards, during coffee time, there will be a short talk by a Gatehouse representative in the Lady Chapel. Gatehouse is a charity for the homeless, which we are supporting this year and next. A collection will be made at the end of the service, please give generously.

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL - CHRISTMAS EDITION

The community newsletter will be ready for bundling on 1st December and then to be distributed to the households of the parish. We will be combining the partnership Christmas card with the Guardian Angel delivery. Please make space in your diaries to help with bundling and deliveries. Many hands make light work.

ECO CHURCH TEAM MEETING

26th November (Christ the King) we will meet after church to plan ahead, agree our strategy and hopefully find out who our facilitator/enabler is!

CLEANING THE CHURCH

We plan to clean the church for Christmas on Friday, December 8th. Many hands make light work, so we need a large team. Please spare 2 hours between 10:00 and 12:00 to get rid of the cobwebs. Sarah and Doreen

2017 CHRISTMASTIDE QUIZ - OUT NEXT SUNDAY!

Copies will be on sale from 26 November from Partnership churches at £1 a copy. Last year's raised £120 for charity. Asylum Welcome is this year's charity - but what will the theme be? The Quiz closing date is 6 January. *Jenny Gerrard*

NEW WEST WINDOW

The church might feel a little chilly this week with the old window being taken away and the new window, with cruciform mullion, fitted. The louvre at the top of the gable has also been replaced with the use of a giant cherry picker!

A THEOLOGICAL NOTE — THE KINGDOM SEASON

This kingdom season is a relatively modern inclusion to our liturgical year. It represents the end of our annual pilgrimage, climaxing with the Feast of Christ the King. This is a time of remembrance, forgiveness, reconciliation and healing. Red poppies are used as a symbol of remembering those who died in conflict. The season lasts throughout November, from All Saints' to Christ the King.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"...there is a palpable feeling of welcome experienced at St Michaels"

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

Silent Prayer
9.00am

Morning Prayer
9.30am

Holy Eucharist

Thursdays 10.00am

1st Thursday of the month: Healing - the laying on of hands and anointing.

Adult 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

