

## CHRIST THE KING 26TH 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.

### CAROL SINGING

Dates have been arranged with Green Gates Nursing Home and the Lady Nuffield Home for St Michael's to sing carols with the residents.  
Monday 18th December Green Gates Nursing Home 6-15pm for a 6-30pm start  
Tuesday 19th December Lady Nuffield Home 7-15pm for a 7-30pm start

### 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

Today 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 (again), 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 TODAY!

Copies will be on sale from today 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*

### PROMOTING ST MICHAEL'S TO A WIDER AUDIENCE

Can you help publicise the church's news and events such as special services or courses for the curious? I will be producing flyers and posters in a bid to improve communications to the local community. I am also looking to resurrect the communications group. Can you help us in our campaign to promote the church?

### A THEOLOGICAL NOTE —THE CHURCH'S SEASONS

This Kingdom Season is a relatively modern inclusion to our liturgical year. It represents the end of our annual pilgrimage, climaxing today with the Feast of Christ the King. Advent and the new church year begins next Sunday. Advent is depicted by the colour purple, a royal colour of penitence and waiting. How will you prepare well for the great feast of Christmas?

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... friendship and help when you need it."

## 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.

**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

Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!  
(Revelation 5: 11)

## COLLECT

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Ephesians 1: 15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow)



## The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome  
for the local community

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

### Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9 / Mark 13.24-37

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Rodney Hill

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight