

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 14TH JANUARY 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.

OXFORD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER (OWNS)

We are helping St Alban the Martyr in Charles St with our prayers and financial support from now to the end of March. Please slip a 50p or £1 coin into your pocket each week when you come to church. So far we have bought towels, flannels, and tea towels. 10 homeless people will be given shelter each night.

ST MICHAEL'S IS GOING GREEN!

The new Eco-Team is up and running. Facilitated by Jan Cook, the team has divided its focus into several areas of interest including climate justice, teaching and worship, greening our own church and gardens, raising awareness around ecological issues both local and global. St Michael's has joined the A Rocha award scheme in which churches are commended for their 'green' approach to mission and ministry.

I would like to introduce a new perspective to our worship by providing 4 services in the year which focus on the different seasons and issues of our fragile but beautiful world. This new approach will only work if we cooperate and collaborate, addressing the most critical issues in climate justice and becoming green Christians!

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ST MICHAEL'S

Various ways of doing this. Our website is a good way to learn what's on. It has a calendar and the Sunday news sheet is uploaded each week. We also record our sermons and these are stored on the website: stmichaels-summertown.org.uk. If you would like to receive Gavin's weekly blog, please sign up after church or visit, A Blog for All Seasons, Pilgrimage into the everyday: <http://gavinknight.me>

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Please pick up a sheet and join in the prayer intentions each day. This is a practical way of keeping in touch with God and this Summertown parish.

MORNING PRAYER

We will continue to locate the silent prayer (9.00am) and morning prayer (9.30am) in the Godly Play room during the remainder of the building works. It is also the warmest space in the church!

THE THRESHOLD PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The new building should be finished in February 2018, the lawn will be re-laid and the new planting can begin. Full access will be granted once again through King George's Walk.

The Bishop of Oxford is coming to bless the Threshold Project on Sunday, 22nd April at the 10am Eucharist.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent **comments** from those in the know!

"... A real sense of loving 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

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



2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

Readings: Revelation 19: 6-10 / John 2: 1-11

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

John 1: 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
From Faure's Requiem



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community