

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25TH FEBRUARY 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.

### ST MICHAEL'S ECOCHURCH SUPPORTS OXCLEAN WEEKEND

Please see literature and sign up to our group on the form at the back of church. Our litter pick will be on Saturday 3rd March from 9.30-11.30am and we'll meet at NOA Diamond Place OX27DP at 9.30am. All equipment is provided.

### KITCHENWARE UPDATE

We have had a wonderful response to the appeal to replenish our new kitchen. There are still items on the list if you would like to contribute.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

We are sending representatives to Bishop Steven's 'conversations' on catechism.

### LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Gavin is offering his time to visit you at home for an hour to talk about prayer, social action, community engagement – the agenda is yours! Also, as we continue the Lenten fast, please pray about your offering to the church at a time when costs are increasing. Remember, also, the Lent Course starting this week.

Samantha recently reflected on her own Lenten memories:

*'Please give my love to all, I frequently remember last Lent with you all, with so much gratitude'*

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the Cross will be led at 5pm on Saturdays 24th February, 10th, 17th, 24th March. **It will not take place on 3rd March.**

### THREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE THRESHOLD PROJECT

The new building is scheduled to be completed by 2nd March 2018.

Choral Evensong on 18th March at 6.30pm. Refreshments served afterwards to walk around the new facilities. On Saturday 24th March local residents are invited for a coffee, chat and a tour. Finally, the Bishop of Oxford is coming to bless the Threshold Project on Sunday, 22nd April at the 10am Eucharist.

### SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

The PCC revises the Electoral Roll before the APCM every year (and renews it every six years). The Electoral Roll is a formal record of the members of our church community; it is used by the Diocese and the national church to compile attendance statistics. Being on the ER in this parish enables you to attend the APCM and vote for members to serve on the PCC. There is a copy of the current ER displayed at the back of the church; please check that your name is on it. If you would like to be added please complete a pink ER form and give it to PCC Secretary Emma Wilkinson. Thank you.

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

*Some recent comments from those in the know!*

"... the emphasis on faith as a journey."

## 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

Send out your light and your truth;  
that they may lead me; and bring me to your  
holy hill and to your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your  
truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the  
same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Genesis 17: 1-7

When Abram was ninety-nine years old,  
the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God  
Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will  
make my covenant between me and you, and will make  
you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face;  
and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with  
you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of  
nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your  
name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the  
ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you  
exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and  
kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant  
between me and you, and your offspring after you  
throughout their generations, for an everlasting  
covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after  
you.

## The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome  
for the local community



## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

### Mark 8: 31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must  
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the  
chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three  
days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took  
him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and  
looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get  
behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on  
divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If  
any want to become my followers, let them deny  
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For  
those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who  
lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the  
gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the  
whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they  
give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me  
and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation,  
of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he  
comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help  
ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt  
the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 / John 2: 13-22

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Rodney Hill

10am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight