

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2ND DECEMBER 2018

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The deadline for notices for the Sunday sheet is Wednesday at 12.00 noon

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.

ANTIPHON

All the tribes of the earth will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (Matthew 24: 30)

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM GAVIN

I was delighted to return from my sabbatical last week. There are many people to congratulate and thank. David Meara and Alyson Peberdy were thanked last Sunday in appreciation for leading services and pastoral care. Alyson continues to share that work with me. The churchwardens should also be thanked for their work alongside Leah in the office and all who hold important roles in church. Well done everyone!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY

The Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols - Sunday 16th December at 6.30pm

The Crib Service is on Christmas Eve - 4pm.

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

Christmas Day - 10am

COLLECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

As in previous years there will be two boxes in church on Sundays 9 and 16 December:- for Gatehouse – *New* warm waterproof gloves, socks, scarves, underwear, chocolate bars (nb no woolly hats needed this year); and for The Porch/Steppin Stones –thermal underwear, soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, chocolate bars.

CAROLS

Carols at Green Gates Nursing Home in Hernes Road on Monday the 17th December 6-15 pm for a 6-30 start.

Carols at the Lady Nuffield Residential Home on the corner of Beechcroft Road with the Banbury Road on Tuesday the 18th December 7-15 pm for a 7-30 start. After singing with a group of residents we sing along the corridors for people in their rooms who often have requests for favourite carols.

Many of the residents come from our Partnership Churches and this annual event is an opportunity for the church family to show they are not forgotten. Musical ability not required just a generous and giving heart. We have carol books and a keyboard player.

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.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... you meet people in the street you also know from church"

SUNDAYS

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
Traditional Language

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month:
All-Age Family Eucharist

3rd Sunday of the month:
Sung Eucharist from the High Altar

6.30pm Contemplative Prayer
In the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAYS

9.00 am Silent Prayer
In the Lady Chapel

9.30 am Morning Prayer
In the Lady Chapel

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 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