

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10TH MARCH 2019

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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.

HOW TO KEEP A HOLY LENT...

Lent is an opportunity to turn over a new leaf, to be mindful of our thoughts and actions. It is a time to share in Christ's journey to Jerusalem. Here are some tips to help make your Lent more meaningful:

- Spiritual & devotional reading.** Take up a book (see back of the Reading sheet).
- Theological engagement (catechesis).** Join our Partnership Course. (See below).
- Almsgiving.** Consider renewing your gift to the church which costs £450 per day to stay open!! Become a generous giver and help our church's mission & ministry.
- Prayer.** The way of deepening our relationship with God. If words are difficult, simply wait with God in silence? Come to silent prayer on weekdays at 9am.
- An hour out**—spend an hour to share with Gavin any of those difficult questions, Just email for a time to meet.
- House blessing**—get the children involved with the chalking of the door.
- Stations of the Cross** each Friday in Lent at 6pm. Walk and pray Jesus' last steps.
- The Easter Triduum.** Really important that we all attend on Good Friday, Holy Saturday so that we receive the fullness of the Easter joy. Put dates in your diary!

PARTNERSHIP 2019 LENT COURSE "FAITH IN TIMES OF CRISIS"

- Session 1** – "A world in turmoil" – times of change and the rise of populist politics - Thursday 14th March 7.30pm at Wolvercote Baptist Church
- Session 2** – "A Planet in crisis" – the challenge of Global Warming – Monday 18th March 7.30pm at St Michael's, Summertown
- Session 3** – "The Church in danger" – coming alongside the persecuted church – Tuesday 26th March 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, Old School Room
- Session 4** – "The Church in the wilderness" – the Church in 21st Century Britain - Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, Old School Room

ELECTORAL ROLL (ER)

Every six years we are required to renew our Electoral Roll completely. During March 2019 we have to compile St Michael's ER from scratch. If you were previously on the ER, there is a pre-printed form in Church for you to collect, review, sign and return. If you would like to be included on the ER for the first time, there is a blank form in Church for you to complete and return. The compilation of the ER must be complete by 28 March – this is your deadline! Please direct any questions to Emma Wilkinson, emma.wilkinson@tiscali.co.uk.

PCC MEETING THIS SUNDAY

Agenda items include reports from Eco Church and Deanery Synod. Gavin will speak about 'keeping the church open' and a new stewardship campaign. We are seeking new PCC members. Have a say in who we are and what we do.

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!
"... a remarkably open and friendly community"

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
(1st Sunday of the month)
Taize Prayer
(2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays)
In the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAYS

8.30 am Silent Prayer
In the Lady Chapel

9.00 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