

## MOTHERING SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019

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

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 12TH — 18TH MAY

Last year we raised £3,689 (incl Gift Aid) over 35 roads in the parish. New volunteers needed and good instruction given. Please sign up for a road asap through Nigel and Debbie in church or: [hamilton@newmailbox.net](mailto:hamilton@newmailbox.net)

## PARTNERSHIP 2019 LENT COURSE "FAITH IN TIMES OF CRISIS"

Session 4 – "The Church in the wilderness" – the Church in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain - Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Old School Room—Rev Charles Draper.

## VOLUNTEERING WITH OXFORD & DISTRICT MENCAP

If you are over 18 and want to make a difference to the lives of people with a learning disability, then join our team of young volunteers on one of our 4 holiday weeks at Hill End Camp and Wales. Contact: [fairbairn1@ntlworld.com](mailto:fairbairn1@ntlworld.com)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IN APRIL

The 10am Eucharist will not be an all age Eucharist because of the school holidays. However, if children are able to come, they will be very welcome - I am always looking for helpers!

## IMPORTANT TIMES AND DATES FOR HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday - 8pm Eucharist with washing of the feet and watch. Homily: Nicholas Bradbury. Good Friday - 10.40am Walk of Witness & Open-Air Service at Summertown shops. 12 noon Stations of the Cross with the choir.

1pm 3 personal meditations on the meaning of Christ's Passion by Gavin.

2pm The Good Friday Liturgy. Homily: Susie Snyder.

## NEXT RE-CYCLE SUNDAY—7TH APRIL

We need your unwanted bits 'n pieces for this fantastic Eco-Church initiative.

## 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 holy book!

**Theological engagement (catechesis).** Join our Partnership Course (see above).

**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 morning prayer on weekdays at 9am.

**An hour out**—spend an hour to share with Gavin any of those difficult questions.

**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 Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday so that we receive the fullness of the Easter joy.

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

*Some recent comments from those in the know!*

"... the beauty of the flowers and the cleanliness of the 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

**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

