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St Michael & All Angels Church

serving Summertown and Cutteslowe

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CHRIST THE KING - 20 NOVEMBER 2016

Welcome to our inclusive, growing church family

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Dates for your diary...

***Sun 18th Dec** 6.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols*

A LIGHT FOR ALEPPO

Can you place a lit candle in your window at 5pm this afternoon as an act of solidarity with the besieged city of Aleppo? Details of an international initiative to show the people of Aleppo the world is showing vigilance and holding them in hope can be found at: www.alightforaleppo.org or speak to Samantha for more information.

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP STEVEN

The next Synod for the Deanery of Oxford will be on Thursday 24 November at St Peter & St Paul, West Way, Botley, Oxford, OX2 9LS, starting at 7.00 pm. Synod business, mainly concerned with the Parish Share, will be concluded by 7.45 pm. There will then be 'An introduction to Bishop Steven and ways forward' led by the Bishop and followed by questions. The synod will end with prayers and conclude by 9.00 p.m. Bishop Steven hopes that not just elected synod members but attend. All church members will be most welcome.

PARTNERSHIP ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sun. 27 Nov., 6.30pm, St Peter's With the Partnership choir and the Duomo Singers. This is always a beautiful, reflective service for the beginning of Advent, followed by a glass of mulled wine. All welcome.

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL CHRISTMAS EDITION

We expect the community newsletter will be ready for bundling on 3rd December and for distributing to the households of our parish thereafter. We will be combining the Partnership Christmas Card with the GA this year. Please make space in your diaries to help with bundling and deliveries. Many hands make light work!

THANK YOU FROM THE DAVIDSON FAMILY

The Davidson family send heartfelt thanks to all at St Michael's who made Tony's Memorial Service such a wonderful occasion: To Gavin and Samantha; Steve, Simon and the Choir; the Flower Team; Church Wardens; gardeners; workers behind the scenes; and everyone who came to celebrate with us. Your love and your prayers were unforgettable.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bishop Steven will be coming to St Michaels for the Church Partnership Confirmation Service on Sunday, 14th May 2017 at 6pm. Please inform Gavin if you would like to be baptised or confirmed – whatever your age – at this service. We will provide confirmation classes in the early spring of 2017. We would also like to invite children from the age of 7 to consider preparation in order to receive the sacrament at the Eucharist. They may wish to be confirmed at a later date.

TRAIDCRAFT

PLEASE STAY FOR COFFEE & VISIT OUR TRAIDCRAFT STALL AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE

LIVING FAITH

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... a sense of holiness and reverence"

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 Taizé Prayer
30min worship in the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer
9.30am (for 25min)

Holy Eucharist
Thursdays 10.00am
1st Thursday of the month: Healing - the laying on of hands and anointing.

Adult Choir Practice
Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm
Contact Stephen - 07717 852020

Men's Breakfast
1st Saturday of the month
Contact Steve - 01865 552475

Keeping Faith Through the Seasons
Contact Samantha - 01865 557449

FOR CHILDREN

'Children's Church' on Sunday
meets in the vestry during 10.00am Parish Eucharist

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

Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

(Revelation 5:11)

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome for the local community

Readings & Prayers from the The Revised Common Lectionary.
Biblical texts taken from the New Revised Standard Version.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
Chapter 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of kings and Lord of lords,
Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for Food to the faithful.
Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim, who veil their faces
as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK
ADVENT SUNDAY
Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5 / Matthew 24: 36-44
8am President: Gavin Knight / 10am President: Samantha Stayte
10am Preacher: Gavin Knight