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St Michael & All Angels Church

serving the parish of Summertown

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MOTHERING SUNDAY
26TH MARCH 2017

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WELCOME TO OUR INCLUSIVE, GROWING CHURCH FAMILY

St Michael & All Angels is a church where people are called to come together to explore the mystery of God's love. We listen to the Word of God, and celebrate Christ among us in the Eucharist. After our fellowship we are sent back into the world in a spirit of faith, hope and 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.

DEC EAST AFRICAN CRISIS APPEAL

This Sunday's church collection will go to this appeal for helping 16 million people in urgent need of food, water and medical supplies. The Disaster's Emergency Committee brings together 13 leading UK aid charities in times of crisis; Christian Aid is a member of DEC. Our church can make a difference! Your money can be gift aided; please ask Sarah Scheele or Helen Dodd who have forms for this.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Walk the way of the Cross on Saturday's through Lent. Starting at 6pm we will spend a few moments at each station for reflection and a short prayer.

EASTER LILIES

As in previous years, if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter lilies in church - simply to enjoy their beauty or in memory of someone - please contact Janet Rutherford jyrutherford@gmail.com

FOOD BANK BOX

Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box next Sunday (2nd April). We'd like a good full box, to be blessed at the All Age service. A list of suitable items is on the 'Fair Play' board near the coffee table. Personal care & women's necessary items particularly appreciated, in addition to food.
Contact: maryclarew@mac.com

SIGNS OF GROWTH; NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PCC TEAM

After wonderful service 4 of the PCC team are resigning at the APCM. Would you consider serving as a Church Trustee?

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM is on Sunday 2nd April. This meeting gives an account of the church's activity in the last year. The financial accounts are presented and the PCC is re-elected. We also need to formalise our Electoral Roll (ER). If you have been attending church regularly and have not signed an ER form please do so — they are on the welcomers table.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

Saturday 8th April from 10 am and 2pm . If you are able to volunteer then please see Doreen, one of our church wardens.

TRAIDCRAFT

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

LIVING FAITH

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

" … when the service ends, our service begins!"

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 Steve Allen - 07717 852020

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

Confirmation classes
Contact Gavin - 01865 556079

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

Rejoice Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice with her enjoy, all you who mourn over her; as a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord: you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 66: 10, 13)

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

CHOIR ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter)

THE MOTHERING SONG

CHORUS
So thank you God for mothers,
It means we'll never be alone,
And if someone hasn't got a mother
Perhaps you could share your own.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK: *FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 / John 11: 1-45
8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Rodney Morris Hill
10am - Celebrant : Samantha Stayte Preacher: Gavin Knight



The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome for the local community

LENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. An Explorer's Guide to Christianity: Five sessions exploring important questions of faith at 7.30pm in church. 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 2nd May. Be part of our learning community.

2. Children's Confirmation classes: These take place in Sunday Club on 12th and 19th March and at the All Age Eucharists on 26th March and 2nd April.

3. *Dethroning Mammon* by Justin Welby is a new (paperback) book by the Archbishop of Canterbury for Lent. There are 6 chapters and some of us will be discussing and reflecting on one chapter each Friday evening, 7pm onwards during Lent. We begin on Friday, 3 March at Ann Zacheis' home, 11 Jackson Road. Everybody very welcome but please read the relevant chapter beforehand. Any questions etc please ask Ann Zacheis or Ann Stedman.

4. Stations of the Cross – a moving and prayerful experience (focusing on Claire Sadler's drawings) from the perspective of those who witnessed Jesus' last words. Every Saturday in Lent from 6pm (lasting no longer than ½ hour).

5. Easter Sunday: 8am Holy Eucharist