

# St Michael & All Angels Church

serving Summertown and Cutteslowe



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4TH DECEMBER 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

### 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. Steve Hunter

### SUMMERTOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Come and join singers and instrumentalists from local schools, churches and choirs to sing all your favourite carols and mark the switching-on of the Summertown Christmas lights! Summertown Parade, 5.00-5.45pm on Friday, 9th December.

### INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - 10TH DECEMBER

As part of one of the world's biggest human rights events, every December, Amnesty supporters across the globe will write millions of letters/cards for people whose basic human rights are being attacked. St Michael's is hosting a card writing event on the 10th December from 10-12noon - please bring cards (with envelopes) and a pen. There will be case studies and helpful tips on what to write. Cake and tea/coffee will be available. Donations towards the costs of posting will be gratefully received. Please see Helen Dodd or Sue Smith.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning for Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 10 between 10 and 2 pm. If you haven't participated before it's a nice way to offer your time. If you are one of the stalwarts, you know how much we need you. We welcome both men and women! Hope you can spare an hour or two. Please speak to one of the church wardens if you need more information.

### WANTED: MINCE PIES

After the carol service on December 18th, we will serve mulled wine and mince pies. All donations of 6 mince pies gratefully received, home made or bought. See Sarah Scheele for more details.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Gatehouse needs new gloves, socks, woolly hats, scarves, underwear, chocolate bars. Steppin' Stone needs soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, chocolate bars, gloves, socks, scarves. There are boxes in the church.

### CARETAKER & CLEANER REQUIRED FOR SUMMERTOWN CHURCH HALLS

This is a paid, part-time post which would suit a local person, perhaps recently retired who would like to keep busy and help facilitate St Michael & All Angels in its care for the local community. Please refer all enquiries to the vicar, Gavin Knight ([vicar@stmichaels-summertown.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmichaels-summertown.org.uk); 07833 251939).

### OXFORD UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, Oxford University Student Union are running a scheme to match students who have to stay in Oxford over Christmas, with local families for Christmas Day. To find out more, email [vp candc@ousu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:vp candc@ousu.ox.ac.uk)

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Some recent comments from those in the know!

"... there was a welcome place for me and everyone"

## 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



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





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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Prepare the way of the Lord: make his paths straight.

*(Matthew 3:3)*

## COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the



## 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*.

peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

### Chapter 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## ST MICHAEL'S CHORISTERS

### Shine a Candle

Shine a candle in the darkness,  
Breathe new hope into our lives,  
Wind your blessed peace around us  
Till the day when Christ arrives

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- Lucy Graham

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### NEXT WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10 / Matthew 11: 2-11

8am President: Samantha Stayte

10am President: Gavin Knight / 10am Preacher: Samantha Stayte