

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 30TH APRIL 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. 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.

Dates for your diary...

3rd May at 1pm—Nora Prescott funeral in church

14th May at 6:30pm—Partnership Baptism & Confirmation Service at St Michael's

VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 7TH MAY

The All Age Eucharist will focus on our Christian vocation, asking how we can all serve God today. Please pray for a sense of discernment and ask to see more clearly where the Good Shepherd is leading you and his Church today. Please continue to pray for our confirmation candidates

DETAILS REGARDING SAMANTHA'S LICENSING

Samantha's licensing is at 7pm on 17th May at St Mary's, Lynton, N Devon. Please inform the church wardens if you would like to go so that travel arrangements can be made either individually or en masse!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14TH-20TH MAY 2017

This year's theme focusses on the refugee crisis. Sign up today to help with the house to house collection. All our volunteers are invited to a social, cheese and wine evening at Nigel and Debbie Hamilton's: 25 Squitchey Lane on Wed, May 10th, 6-8pm. Especially invited are new volunteers! Your individual bags with red envelopes can be collected then or picked up from church on Sunday 7th May

FOR MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

The PCC Secretary has arranged an impressive set of reports for the APCM. Attendance was very low, therefore it is important that members of the Electoral Roll should keep up to speed in what was a very significant year in the life of our church. Please take the reports and a copy of the 2016 accounts.

DEVELOPING OUR CHURCH FOR MISSION

This week St Michael's completed on the sale of part of the church hall car park. The deal, worth nearly £1 million pounds, will be re-invested in accommodation in Cuttleslowe for a long line of curates in the coming years. The funds will also finance the Threshold development at the west end of the church hopefully beginning this spring/summer. These are all opportunities which are designed to embrace the Easter faith and share it with our local community.

FOOD BANK BOX

Contributions to the Food Bank box will be blessed at the All Age service. A list of suitable items is on the 'Fair Play' board near the coffee table. Please give generously. Contact: maryclarew@mac.com

WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

Comments from those in the know!

"... the music and the choir have led me towards the Christian faith"

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





THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23RD APRIL 2017

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jesus came and stood among the disciples, alleluia! then they rejoiced when they saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia! (John 20: 19-20)

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. .

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Luke 24: 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk

along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Taste and See (Vaughan Williams)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The Threshold Project

Building a place of welcome
for the local community



NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Readings: Acts 2: 42-end / John 10: 1-10
8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight
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