

## MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY (SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY) 8TH OCTOBER 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.

### THE THRESHOLD RE-SEARCH PARTY

In order to attempt to understand the needs of our community and how the church might respond in the light of the Threshold Project, a re-search party is being recruited. This group will interview key organisations / office holders to glean important local knowledge. Michael Taylor has been agreed to facilitate this work and will ask various members of the congregation to help him in this task. More detailed information to follow.

### UPDATE ON THE THRESHOLD BUILDING WORK

The narthex is taking shape with the brickwork forming the distinctive ellipse shape. The substructure is complete. The timber for the roof is being fixed and the copper drum which surrounds the huge skylight will be manoeuvred into position soon. The radiators on the west wall are being replaced with new (and hopefully more effective) systems. The wooden screen inside the church will prevent dust from encroaching inside the sacred space whilst the west window is replaced and the works to join the new extension to the church building are completed. Save the date: 22nd April 2018, for the opening ceremony for the Threshold Project with the Bishop of Oxford presiding & preaching at 10am Eucharist.

### COMMEMORATION SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS'

At 6.30pm in church on Sunday, 1st November. The choir will be joining us for this service. As in past years, please write the name of those you would like to be remembered on the sheet of paper provided in church.

### POPPY KNITTERS NEEDED FOR REMEMBRANCE

In an attempt to make Remembrance Sunday and the War Memorial more accessible, woollen poppies are being made to drape over the hedge on Banbury Road. We hope that these poppies will attract more people to the act of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November in the church hall gardens.

### FAIRPLAY MEETING AT CUTTESLOWE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Including a discussion of the FairPlay programme and the way forward and a talk by Julia Iball from Oxfordshire Community Foundation. Thurs 19th Oct, 7.30-9pm.

### REACHING THE UNREACHED (RTU)

Next week David Smith will be speaking in the 'sermon slot' at the 10am Eucharist. David recently visited south India and RTU, the charity that we have been supporting through donations to the Threshold Project. We are attempting to help build family homes for orphans and dispossessed. David will help to explain how St Michael's generosity is helping.

## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

*Comments from those in the know!*

"... coming to this church makes me feel happy, everybody loves and cares for each other."

## 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 Contemplative Prayer**  
In the Lady Chapel

## WEEKDAYS

**Silent Prayer**  
9.00am

**Morning Prayer**  
9.30am

**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

**For information on courses**  
Contact Gavin - 01865 556079

## 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



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come to me, says the Lord, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11: 28-29)

## COLLECT

Tender God,  
Your gentle and kind-hearted love waits for us in the darkness and shields us from the light when it feels too overwhelming. Abide with us in all things and in all places where the heart and mind aches for peace and a place of rest from the storm. We ask this in the name of our brother and friend, Jesus Christ. Amen

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 34: 1-18

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.  
The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.  
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?  
Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,  
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.  
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

*A short reflection follows this reading*



**The Threshold Project**  
Building a place of welcome  
for the local community

## NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO Matthew 25: 35-40

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*Rejoice in the Lord always* (Anon.)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Broken and crucified God,  
At this table we have shared your sacrifice of love,  
Sustain us, we pray, with your peace,  
That we may be recognised as your children:  
Growing into your likeness. Amen.

**NEXT WEEK: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Readings: Philippians 4: 1-9 / Matthew 22: 1-14

8am - Celebrant & Preacher: Gavin Knight

10am - Celebrant: Gavin Knight; Preacher: David Smith (RTU)