

ADVENT 3—GAUDETE SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017

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WELCOME TO OUR INCLUSIVE, 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.

CAROL SINGING

Dates have been arranged with Green Gates Nursing Home and the Lady Nuffield Home for St Michael's to sing carols with the residents.
Monday 18th December Green Gates Nursing Home 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start .
Tuesday 19th December Lady Nuffield Home 7.15pm for a 7.30 pm start.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Traditionally the 3rd Sunday of Advent, named after the antiphon which heralds the start of the liturgy this Sunday, "Rejoice, in the Lord always; again I will say ", Rejoice." Advent is a time of darkness and light and today the colour purple turns a lighter shade signifying hope.

CAROL CONCERT

Our Carol Concert will be held at 6:30 This evening.
Traditionally, we offer mulled wine and mince pies afterwards . Could you bring 6 mince pies along to the Sunday morning service to help defray the costs? Baked or bought, all donations will be welcome. Thanks, the church wardens.

2017 CHRISTMASTIDE QUIZ

Copies are on sale now from Partnership churches at £1 a copy. Last year's raised £120 for charity. Asylum Welcome is this year's charity - but what will the theme be? The Quiz closing date is 6 January. *Jenny Gerrard*

SERVICES THIS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

- ◆ December 17th, 6.30pm—Candlelit Lessons & Carols at St Michael's
- ◆ December 24th, 8am & 10am Eucharists, 4pm Crib service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass.
- ◆ December 25th, 8am & 10am Eucharists.

Please see the Partnership Christmas Card with a full listing of church services this Advent and Christmas. Please help to publicise these events. Take some flyers to post in your road. Keep the rumour of Christ alive this Christmas.

THE GATEHOUSE & STEPPIN' STONES CONTRIBUTIONS

The boxes for these two local charities are far from full. You are encouraged to use this penitential season of Advent to give and share, particularly to those with little or nothing. Thank you!

THE THRESHOLD WILL BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 2018!

We need to get ready, we need to be prepared. As we plan for the future please continue to pray. See the photo montages showing the progress made.

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 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.

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

