



St Michael's Boldmere

**17th November 2019**  
**2nd Sunday**  
**Before Advent**

St Michael's Church is a Christian community in Boldmere where people of every: ability, age, capacity, ethnicity, faith, gender, neurodiversity and sexuality know that all of us are welcome.

**#loveYOUR  
NEIGHBOUR**

**do something kind today**

[loveyourneighbour.org](http://loveyourneighbour.org)

We won't always get this right, but together we can walk the way of Jesus – which is love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

Some notes that might help you:

Whenever you are invited to stand please feel free to remain seated if this is more comfortable for you.

We have a Loop System. If you have a hearing aid with a 'T' setting, simply switch it to 'T'

Please do stay after the service and coffee, tea, squash, biscuits are available in the South Aisle.

Children @ 10.30 Service

Today our children and young people go out to their groups.

Upper Stairs Upper Room FLOK (reception—Year 5)

Downstairs West Room SW:EETS (years 6-9) inclusive)

South Aisle Saints for preschool children and their parents/ carers.

## Diary for the week

**The Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 - 2.30**

### **Monday 18th November**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel  
7.00 pm Choir Practice

### **Tuesday 19th November**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

### **Wednesday 20th November**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel  
9.00 am—11.30 A place of Welcome in the Church Hall  
10.30 am Holy Communion the Church Hall

### **Thursday 21st November**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel  
9.45 am Little Lights in the South Aisle  
2.00 pm Knit and Natter in the Powell Rm Church Hall

### **Friday 22nd November**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

### **Saturday 23rd November**

10am and 2pm Advent Calendar Workshop in the South Aisle

## **Autumn Evening Services at St Michael's**

*(6.00pm unless otherwise stated)*

17 <sup>th</sup> November	Taize Service
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Jesus Prayer – Silence – Night Prayer
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Advent Praise
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion with Prayer of Examen
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Service of Light
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carol Service at 4.00pm

## **Collect**

**Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen**

## ***First Reading*** Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

## ***Gospel Reading*** Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven:

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

## **Dates for December**

### **Sunday 1st December**

Usual Sunday services at 9.00, 10.30 and 6.00 pm

### **Saturday 7th December**

8.30 - 4.30 Christmas Tree festival

8.30 -11.30 Parish Breakfast

### **Sunday 8th December**

#### **Gift of Toys Services at 9.00 & 10.30**

2.-4.30 pm Christmas Tree festival

6.00pm Holy Communion with Prayer of Examen

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Morning Worship Nativity service

6.00 pm Advent Service of Light

### **Saturday 21st December**

3.00 pm Nativity parade

### **Sunday 22nd December**

9.00 am Holy communion

10.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

4.00 pm Carol Service

### **24<sup>th</sup> December**

Christingle Making

4.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

### **25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Christingle Service

## **Looking for the Light in Troubled Times' A Time of Reflection for Advent**

We live in perplexing and difficult times. One of the principal themes of Advent is that of hope, what does that mean for the times in which we live? During Advent there will be an opportunity at St. Michael's to explore together what the advent hope might mean for us today through reflecting on the famous first chapter of St. John's Gospel traditionally read at Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve. We will reflect on the promises of scripture and pray together as we look for the light.

Anyone welcome! We will meet at the home of David & Jane Newsome 36, Highbridge Road, Boldmere, B73 5QB from 7.30-9pm on:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

Light Coming into the World –

*What does Christmas really mean?*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Power to become Children of God –

*How does Christmas Change Anything?*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

The Light Shines in the Darkness –

*How do we Find Hope in Dark Times?*

David & Jane Newsome



**Come to the Boldmere  
Christmas Tree Festival  
at St Michael's Church**

A combined Community  
and St Michael's Church project.

**Saturday 7th December**

**8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Breakfast Café 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Tea / Coffee Shop 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Sunday 8th December**

**2:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

With Tea / Coffee Shop

**All of us are welcome**



**A BIG  
THANK YOU**  
TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED  
IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS  
TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF  
**'THE 2019 CHRISTMAS MARKET'**  
AND TO HELP RAISE THE GRAND  
TOTAL OF  
**£4165.37**

**Creation Care and Climate Justice**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11am – 4pm**  
A gathering for Christians in the Midlands to  
Connect, Reflect Plan and Act

Including

“The house is on fire” a call to action from our young leaders

Climate grief, eco-anxiety and faith

Workshops help us to take action for change

Hodge Hill Church 242 Coleshill Road, B36 8BG

Bring food to eat and share

Book on Eventbrite “Creation Care and Climate Justice “

For more details see poster in South Aisle

## CHILDRENS SOCIETY

The boxes I have emptied are at the back of Church for collection. Thank you so much for your continued support. It is not too late if you have not brought your box in yet..

Pat Tennant

Dear friends at St Michaels

On behalf of Aston & Nechells Foodbank I would like to thank everyone at St Michaels for the wonderfully generous harvest donations recently received. They weighed 246.62kg.

We do so much appreciate the support given by your congregation faithfully throughout the year and send particular thanks to Rachel and John Sherlow for regularly bring the donations to us in Nechells. This is in addition to the £1,000 received in memory of Jim Carr earlier in the autumn.

These donations will continue to help the families and individuals we meet every week seeking emergency help. I wish we could report that numbers in need were falling but we had another rise in numbers in September. Since April 2019 we have helped 2,362 people including 910 children age 16 or under.

We are still short of volunteers particularly on a Monday between 11.30 - 15.00 at St Matthews Church Centre 63 Wardlow Rd, Nechells B7 4JH. If anyone could spare this time once or twice a month and would like to know more please ask them to email or contact me via the Foodbank mobile number.

Thank you again

Rosemary Cripps Coordinator

mob:07384 213621

## **Raise Money for St Michaels - whilst shopping.**

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help! easyfundraising is a great website where you can help St Michaels Church Boldmere raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelschboldmere/>

## **~ A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ~**

SUTTON COLDFIELD COMMUNITY CHOIR will be holding its annual Christmas Concert here at St Michael's on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**December at 7.30 p.m.** Tickets are £9, which includes a drink, a mince pie and entry into the **Prize Draw**. As in previous years, this is a fund-raising concert, and all money raised will be donated to the Choir's chosen charity of the Year, *Little Hearts Matter*, a Birmingham-based charity which supports families of children born with a single heart ventricle (find out more on their website)

Come along and enjoy a programme of Christmas songs to suit all ages and tastes!

Tickets available from Liz Carr 354 3769

## **PARISH BREAKFAST**

The next Breakfast will be on  
**Saturday 7th December, in the South Aisle.**

### **As part of the Christmas Tree Festival**

For the early birds, we start serving at 8.30 a.m. and continue throughout the morning. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice. Full English, Continental or just tea and toast. From 10.30 a.m. onwards we shall also be serving coffee and cakes. Also on sale will be a wonderful selection of cakes, Christmas gifts, paper and cards

### **Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 24th November 2019**

The lunch is open to everyone and all are welcome but would you please sign the sheet at the back of church to help with the catering. (there is a small charge to cover costs)

We are still collecting for the Aston and Nechels food bank. Items that the Foodbank most need at present. are:

Tinned fruit Tinned vegetables Coffee  
Fruit juice (carton), Squash Tinned meat Tinned fish  
Milk (long-life or powdered)  
Pasta sauce (jar) Tinned rice pudding  
Tinned tomatoes Instant mashed potato  
Toilet rolls Hand soap, Toothpaste/toothbrushes  
Feminine hygiene products, Deodorants  
Nappies  
Chocolate/snacks

There is a box at the back of church for your donations.

## ***Sunday's Services— 24th November Christ the King***

### **9.00 am Holy Communion**

Warden: Margaret Smoldon

Sidespeople.: Mark Williamson, Pat Tennant

Communion Assistants: Vanessa Britton,  
Edwina Connell, An Grice

Intercessions: Elaine Riley

Readers: Eric Hudson, Rev'd Cath

AV: Malcom Imhoff

Refreshments: Judith Rudge , Pat Jackson

### **10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

Warden:

Sidespeople. Matt Lumley, Kevin Dunnington

Communion Assistants: Richard Bryer, Bob Crawford  
Trudy Walsh

Intercessions: Debbie Tye

Readers: Karen Flint, Rev'd Gary

AV: Russell Harrison

Refreshments; Jan Peel. Paul Leonard

Readings Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 23:33-43

### **6.00 pm Breathe**

Warden: Jan Peel

Sidespeople. Dorothea Plant

If you are unable to make any of the dates, you are down for **please amend the large Service Team sheet that is on the wall at the back of church and contact someone else to replace you on that date.** If you have been unable to find a replacement then please contact your **team coordinator** as soon as possible.

## **Points of Contact**

**Vicar:** Rev Gary Birchall,  
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