



St Michael's Boldmere

16th February 2020
2nd Sunday
before Lent

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.

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NEIGHBOUR

do something kind today

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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 will stay in church

Diary for the week
The Office will closed this week

Monday - Friday

9.00- 9.30 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Monday 17th February

10:30 - 11:30 am Pilgrim Group, Harvester, Boldmere
Contact leader: Trudy Walsh: 0121 355 4128

7..00 pm Choir Practice

7.30 pm PCC in the Upper Room

Wednesday 19th February

9.00 -11.30 am A place of Welcome in the Church Hall

8:00 - 10.00 pm Home Group (1) meets at the home of Gary
and Edwina Connell. . Tel: 0121 682 9119

Home Group (2) meets at several members'
homes. Co-ordinators: Fran Lumley:
07742738298 Gail Adams: 07557127785

Thursday 20th February

2.00 pm Knit and Natter in the Powell Rm Church Hall

7.30 pm Book club , 26 New Church Road

Friday 21st February

9.45am - 3.30 pm ACE Day- Fully Booked

Collect

**Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

First Reading Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 25- end

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Soul Spark during Sunday Evening Worship: Lent 2020

During Lent 2020 we shall follow Soul Spark during Sunday Evening Prayer. This is a 6 week course exploring Spirituality and spiritual growth through prayer, reflection and sharing.

This will take the place of the usual evening service and is suitable for anyone wishing to explore Christian Spirituality and prayer.

The course seeks to enable this exploration and personal journeying in faith by giving time to the three key elements.

Prayer : Giving time to pray and reflect on our faith journey through a range of approaches

Reflection : This has two dimensions. Firstly a personal reflection about our life and faith and relationship with God. Secondly a group reflection on how the Christian spiritual tradition can inform and help our understanding of the personal experience

Sharing : Sharing with other people something of our experiences of prayer and reflection. This helps us to talk about our lived faith and so deepens our awareness of God in our lives. This talking is done in a “safe place” which can help free us to share our faith in more public places.

Each evening has time for:

Prayer and reflection

Sharing in small groups

Exploring some of the key areas of spirituality

Ideas for taking things further

The themes for the six sessions

Meeting in the South Aisle from 6.00 to 7.30pm:

1 st March	Approaching spirituality
8 th March	Journeying with God
15 th March	Who am I?
22 nd March	God of grace
29 th March	Called to become
5 th April	Journeying on

Anyone who attended the last course is very welcome to join in for any sessions they may have missed.

Led by Canon Andrew Menniss

I will not be in the office from 17th - 21st February
Can I please have all items for the Notice Sheets on 16th
and 23rd February by 11am on Wednesday 12th .
Thanks Liz

New Church Members

If you have become a member of St Michael's over the last year, would you please fill in one of the Pink GDPR contact sheets to allow us to contact you This should be put it in the silver post box at the back of church .

A copy of our Privacy Policy can be found on the wall at the back of church.

Malawi Quiz Night

In order to raise funds to cover some of the cost of shipping the goods we have already stored for Malawi, we are holding a quiz night with light supper on:-

Friday March 20th in the Church Hall

Come as an individual or a team of six. Tickets cost £6 per person, which is the price for 1 cubic foot of space in the container, will be available shortly.

The Mission Support Committee

MACMILLAN QUIZ

The annual Macmillan Quiz, with the quizmaster Pete Swaine, is due to take place on

**SATURDAY 28th MARCH at 7.00pm at
St. Michael's Church Hall.**

Tables of 4, 5, or 6. Tickets £12.50 each

FISH & CHIP SUPPER.....BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Book a table with Lin Benson 0121 373 1227

Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 23rd February 2020

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)

Please note that there will not be a Parish Lunch in March

All members of St Michael's will be welcome to attend 'THE PATH TO PARADISE' - an exploration of spirituality in music. There will be FIVE TALKS IN LENT 2020, presented by Bernard Salter, with organ music (played live), recorded music, PowerPoint slides, some singing together, and time for quiet reflection. The sessions will be held at Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church on WEDNESDAYS at 7.30 pm, starting 4th March.

Mary Horne

The funeral of Kathleen Mary Horne (one of the founders of the Lunch Club) is on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 12.45pm in the East Chapel of Streetly Crematorium.



Lent Lecture

Andrew Mitchell MP



Friday 28th February

7.00 pm Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church

“What can the government and the residents of Sutton Coldfield do about the climate change crisis?”

Plus an opportunity for Q & A from the Christian community

Opportunities to serve in the community-

1. Storytelling

This is a great way to connect with families. Sessions are held in the local library on the third Saturday of each month and Thursdays during school holidays; all at 2.30pm for 30 minutes.

2. Who Let the Dads Out?

Once a month, on the 2nd Saturday, we meet in the Methodist church hall from 10am till midday.

There is a craft activity, games and storytelling for dads and other male carers with their children to spend some quality time together.

If either of these endeavours are something you might be interested in helping out with please contact me.

Jeanette Nicholls, Children's and Families' Missioner

The Book Club

The group gave top marks for the December choice - Once Upon A River by Diane Setterfield and highly recommend it.

The book of choice for January is The Thirteenth Tale, also by Diane Setterfield.

We plan to meet on Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm . All welcome!. Sue Smart. 26 New Church rd.

Boccia Social Evening

Boccia is a Paralympian sport – similar to bowls – that can be played by all abilities and all ages. Come to the Boccia Social Evening on Saturday 29th February in St. Michael's Church Hall, starting at 6.30pm through to 8.00pm. All of us are welcome. More details are to follow. Sign up on the list at the back of church if you want to come. No charge except donations for light refreshments. Thank you. Phil Thebridge.

Artists Wanted.

On Good Friday we will be holding a service around the 14 stations of the cross. This usually contemplates the work of one artist but this year I would like to have a collection of pieces that have been created by our community, reflecting our many gifts, skills and differing perspectives. If you, or your family or group, would like to create a piece - picture, sculpture, poem, monologue, calligraphy, song, instrumental, flower display, fabric collage - please see Rev'd Cath.

Walk don't run

It's wonderful that people of all ages are part of the church community at St Michael's. One thing that I have learnt is the importance of walking in church rather than rushing about. This is one of the few 'rules' that I have for visitors to the church. Walk don't run. For everyone to be safe and to avoid accidents I would like to ask everyone to observe this within the church building and to take responsibility for those in their care.

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

Tinned rice pudding, Tinned tomatoes

Milk (long-life or powdered)

Pasta sauce (jar)

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— 23rd February

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: Jan Peel

Sidespeople: Marion Badham . Olwen Blower

Communion Assistants: Ann Grice, Malcolm Imhoff

Liz Carr

Intercessions: Pat Tennant

Readers: Margaret Wilkinson, Alison Bownass

AV: Mark Edmonds

Refreshments: Rose Smith, Barbara Fox

10.30am Worship for All with Holy Communion

Warden: Pete Swaine

Sidespeople. Mark Williamson Kevin Dunnington

Communion Assistants: Megan Peers, Jayne Elaine Riley

Intercessions: Debbie Tye

Readers: Rev'd Gary

AV: Michael David

Readings

2 Peter 1:16-end

Matthew 17:1-9

6.00 pm A reflective service on the Power of God

Readings: Luke 2: 8-10

Matthew 17: 1-7

Acts 9:1-22

Warden: Mick Walsh

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

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