



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

10th April 2011
5th Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

If you are **visiting** for the first time today a particular welcome to you. We have a Loop System.

Keep up to date via the website

You can download the notice sheet, sermons and follow my blog and twitter @ www.stmichaels.org.uk– Paul

Today the children will go to their groups, see notice at the back of this sheet.

There is a crèche area in the South Aisle for children under four with parents supervision.

Coffee, tea and squash are available in the South Aisle after both the 9am and 10.30am services.

Collect for the Week

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This Sunday's Services 10th April

9.00 am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher Alison

Colossians 3: 12-17 Page 1119

John 11: 17-44 Page 1015

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Alison Preacher: Kate

Romans 8: 6-11 Page 1071

John 11: 17-44 Page 1015

6 00 pm Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher Francis

Romans 8: 6-11 Page 1071

John 11: 17-44 Page 1015

Diary for week

The office will be open

Monday, and Wednesday only 9.30am —2.30pm

Monday 11th April

7.00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 13th April

10.00 am Holy Communion

To our Friends at St Michael's

Iris, Tim and Jane would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and donations to Jack's chosen charities. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness at this difficult time.

The presence of so many at the Thanksgiving Service uplifted and sustained us.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 17th April

ONE united service 11am
(No other services this day)

Thursday 21st April

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service 7.30pm

Friday 22nd April

Good Friday

Service 10.30am



Quiet prayer & reflection
Noon until 3pm

Sunday 24th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30 am

Easter Communion

6.00pm

Evening Prayer



Office holidays over Easter

I will be in the office on the following days only

Monday 11th April

Wednesday 13th April

Wednesday 20th April

Wednesday 27th April

Wednesday 4th May back to normal.

Please could I have all notice for the green sheets by 9am

Wednesday mornings. Liz

Sidespeople Rotas

For June—August are available at the back of church , would you please return by Sunday 8th May

Thanks Kathy Evans

Lenten Appeal

In aid of Edward's Trust

If you were unable to make the lunch on the 27th March but would like to make a donation to the very important work Edward's Trust do with bereaved children and families please see Liz Claybrook or one of the Church Wardens.

Easter Flowers and Cross of Joy

On Easter Morning everyone is asked to bring a flower to be put in the Cross of Joy.

Our Flower Ladies do a wonderful job of decorating the church but do need your support. There is a collection box at the back of church for donations towards the flowers to decorate the church for Easter.

**EASTER PARISH OVER SIXTIES TEA
SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2011**

3.30 pm for 4 pm in the Church Hall
Come with your wife, come with your husband
Come with a friend or just come on your own
You will be assured of a warm welcome.
Transport available
Invitations will be available at the back of the Church

The Cross of Christ

This Passion Service is being sung by St Peter's choir at
St Peter's church, Maney Hill Road,
on Sunday 17th April at 6.30pm.
Everyone is invited to come along. It should be a good reflective
way to begin Holy Week.

John Stainer's
The Crucifixion
at

All Saint's Church Four Oaks
With All Saint's Church Choir and Soloists
Good Friday 22nd April at 7.30
Admission Free— Retiring Collection
See poster in South Aisle for further details

St Michael's choir robes

If anyone has a robe at home but doesn't intend singing with the choir for a while, please could they return it to the choir vestry at the back of church so that new members can use them. Thank you Ann Willis

Bible Reading Plan Background

The end is nigh! This can be the image that we have of prophets, particularly Old Testament ones. Well we have reached that part of the Old testament which is a gathering of what are sometimes called major and minor prophets. However reading through these books one finds quite a variety of writings. Warnings, encouragements, praise, sadness, history, personal etc. At times the messages are clear, other times they are frankly confusing (though this is often due to the fact that we live in different times and cultures). Sometimes they are definitely for then, other times it is wonderfully ambiguous. Some are simply describing what is going on (a telling forth) whilst others are definitely for the future, either the future from then or even the future from now (a forth telling). Many have been linked with Jesus, which is where we start with Isaiah 53. Jeremiah (which contains more words than any other book in the Bible) follows and its theme is Judgement (which can be avoided by repentance). Many of Jeremiah's predictions come true in his own lifetime and he saw the end of this 'free' people that had escaped from Egypt to come to the promised land. Daniel takes place not in Israel but in captivity in Babylon tells of an amazing group of characters who find themselves being asked to live in a way that compromises their faith. They find that delicate balance of remaining faithful to God but also living in the world. Hosea finds himself being used as an illustration of what God wants to communicate. His own family life becomes a symbol to convey God's message to his people. Even the names of Hosea's children represent part of the ominous message. There are many other readings from the prophets I could have taken, not least the book of Jonah, or the predicting of Pentecost in Joel, they are worth dipping into but can be hard going when done in large chunks. Locating them against history is helpful but not easy and some overlap each other in time. My final passage from the Old Testament contains one of my favourite verses – Micah 6:8. A challenge then and now of how God wants his people to live.

A Big Thank You

To all who helped or came to support the Women's Guild
Coffee Morning

We raised £304 for County Air Ambulance which is a fantastic effort. Thank You. Ann Willis

Bible Reading Fellowship “New Daylight”

Over 30 people at St. Michael's have the wonderful daily experience of reading the short Bible notes entitled. “New Daylight.” They are educational, enlightening and help people to have a brief moment focusing on the important things in life.

They are also very, very cheap!

The cost for a whole year is £11.60 or £14.99 for the large print version. If you are interested and what to know more please contact Richard Hornsby on 373.8764.

South Aisle Fellowship Tuesday 19th April

7.30 for 8pm start

John and Rita Todd

An evening of poems and stories

Next Sunday's Services— 17th April

11am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

Philippians 2: 5-11 Page 1114

Matt 22:15-22 Page 937

Followed by Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday Groups for Children

The Crèche Area in the South Aisle is for children below 4 years, under parents / carer supervision.

Reception - Y8 meet in the Upper Room

Y9+ = stay in church

Collection

A collection is usually taken in every service to support the work of St Michael's and the wider Diocese of Birmingham. Do not feel obliged to give, it is purely voluntary. However if you wish to give regularly then the best way is by Standing Order and if you pay tax to sign a Gift Aid form so we can claim the tax back.

For more details regarding our finances and giving then please see the Vicars Bulletin.

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