



# St Michael's Church, Boldmere

13th December 2009  
3rd Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME

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

The **Theme** of today's service is Advent

Today the children will go to their groups, please see notice on back page. 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.

Because of the Pandemic we are taking extra precautions. Thus we are not sharing the peace during the service. If you do not wish to receive the wine from the common cup then simply leave the rail after receiving the bread. Shaking hands after the service is entirely optional!

### Collect for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***This weeks Services 13th December***

**9.00 am Holy Communion**

*Leader Margaret Preacher Kate*

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Luke 3: 7-18 Page 972

**10.30 am Morning Worship**

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**6 00 pm Holy Communion**

*Leader and Preacher Margaret*

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Luke 3: 7-18 Page 972

**Diary for week**

The office will be open

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am —2.30pm**

**Monday 14th December**

No Choir Practice

**Tuesday 15th December**

11.00 am Coffee Cup in the Hall

7.00 pm South Aisle Fellowship Christmas Buffet

**Wednesday 16th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion

7.00 pm Choir Practice

7.30 pm Meeting for children's group leaders

**Thursday 17th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

7.45 pm Prayer in the Chapel

**Friday 18th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

3.15 pm Mission Fellowship Carol Singing in Guide Hall

## Christmas Services 2009

### Sunday 20th December

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Children's Nativity Service

6.00pm – Lessons and Carols



### Christmas Eve 24th December

4.00pm – Christmas Celebration

11.30pm – Midnight Holy Communion



### Christmas Day 25th December

9.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am – Christingle

### Sunday 27th December

One service only

10.00am – Holy communion



### Wanted Cleaner for Church Hall

Saturday & Monday mornings, to start from January  
For more details and pay rate contact Paul (354 4501)

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers in Church over Christmas there is a collection box at the back of the church. Thank you Chris Reeves

## **Christmas Services**

There is a sign-up sheet at the back at church for all who would like to be involved in reading, assisting or praying at any of the Christmas services. Please sign against the duty offered and if this is reading at the Carol Service take the appropriate reading from the pile. thanks Margaret

Some of you will be aware that Will Pearce is retiring as our Verger at the end of the year. He has faithfully done an excellent job over many many many years. If you would like to contribute to a gift for him then please use the marked envelopes at the back of the church. We will be doing the formal goodbye and presenting him with the gift on Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Coffee Rota**

The coffee rota for January to June is now in the rack. A big thank you to all those who have helped with this over the last year. We really need more volunteers to help with coffee, if you would like to help out once every 6 weeks please speak to Liz Claybrook or Kathy Evans  
Kathy Thanks

## **WORLD VISION CHRISTMAS CARD**

As in previous years, there will be two giant Christmas cards available at the back of church from today, December 6<sup>th</sup>, for everyone to sign with a greeting to friends at St Michael's, and at the same time make a Christmas donation to charity. Your donations should be placed in one of the blue envelopes provided and handed in to the Duty Warden. This year we will be supporting World Vision, supporting children and families in Southern

## **2010 MALAWI CALENDAR**

**Next year's Malawi Calendar has arrived – a bargain at £5!**

If you wish to buy a calendar, please take one (or more) from the box at the back of church (close to the glass-fronted bookcase) and place the correct money, or a cheque made out to St Michael's Church in one of the envelopes provided, marked MALAWI CALENDAR. Envelopes may be handed in to me or the Duty Warden. Very many thanks, Liz Carr

## **Christmas Service Leaflets**

There are Christmas service leaflets at the back of church to be distributed around Boldmere. If you could help by delivering to one road it would be greatly appreciated.

## **Christingles**

As usual we will be making them on Christmas Eve, in the south aisle, at 2.30pm. Please come and help (the more that come, the quicker it gets done) Sue Toseland !)

## **Children's Group Helpers**

To all current helpers with the Children's group that meets upstairs on a Sunday

**(AND anyone else who would like to come on the rota)**

Just to let you know that there is a short meeting (about half an hour) on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm in the South Aisle regarding Sunday Children's groups. It is very important as Susan is moving to touch base and make sure we can continue the great work that you are currently doing. Many thanks. Paul.

## **St Michael's Mission Fellowship**

Invite you to join them

Carols Singing

In the Guide Hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm

Tea, coffee and Mince pies

Everyone Welcome

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## **South Aisle Fellowship**

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Buffet

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start

Margaret Smoldon's buffet of cusinical competence that creates a feast for eyes, not to mention a temptation to the tum.

## **Choir Practice**

This week Choir Practice will be on Wednesday 16th December  
Will Choir members please remember to bring their robes next  
Sunday (20th) for the service of Lessons and Carols

## **Pink Rota**

The Pink Rotas for January—March are now available in the  
rack at the back of church

## **Women's Guild Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all who supported and helped at the coffee morn-  
ing on Wednesday 25th November. We raised £160.20 for  
NSPCC.

Save the date!

Saturday 30th January 2010. 7.30pm

## **Barn dance in St. Michael's Church hall**

To raise funds for the Mubonderi Trust ( for the education of  
Bonny's daughters in Zimbabwe and South Africa)

## **Web Site**

Please note the church website – [www.stmichaels.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels.org.uk) – has been  
revamped and now you can download sermons etc. from here rather  
than having to go to a separate site. The Green Sheet is now available  
on the Web Site.

## RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING

8.10 am R4: Sunday Worship— A service for Advent from St Arvans Parish Church near Chepstow, led by Fr Michael Gollop.

4.00 pm R3: Choral Evensong-From Sheffield Cathedral repeat of Wednesday's broadcast

4.55 pm BBC1 Songs of Praise—The Christmas Big Sing - From London's Royal Albert Hall, with special guests Bryn Terfel and Jodie Prenger.

8.30 pm R2: Sunday Half Hour - Brian D'Arcy explores what the peace of the Advent season really means.

11.30 pm R4: Something Understood- Mark Tully explores the lure - for some - of bitter cold and deep snow.

Weds 16th Dec 4.00 pm R3: Choral Evensong- From All Saints' Church, Swanton Morley, with the Choir of Gonville and Caius College.

Monday - Friday 9.45 am R4 (198 LW) Daily Service.

Theme—Advent —The people that walked in darkness

Monday	14th	Future hope	Isaiah 9
Tuesday	15th	God in the darkness	Psalms 139
Wed	16th	Let light shine	Luke 11
Thursday	17th	Glimpses of glory	Romans 4
Friday	18th	Act of Worship	

Monday – Saturday 7.48 am R4 Thought for the day.

### ***Next Sunday's Services - 20th December***

#### **9.00 am Holy Communion**

Micah 5: 2-5a

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Luke 1: 39-45

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#### **10.30 am Nativity Service**

#### **6 00 pm Lessons and Carols**

## 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

### PASTORAL TEAM

We have a Pastoral team who can offer support in an ongoing or urgent situation. If you would like someone to visit then please contact Liz in the office (details on the back of the Green Sheet) or Paul or Margaret or anyone in the Team (details in the Magazine).

## 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.

If you would like to receive this **Green Sheet by email**  
please email [liz.claybrook@stmichaels.org.uk](mailto:liz.claybrook@stmichaels.org.uk)

## Points of Contact

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**Student Youth Minister** - Kate Hammond 07814 842010

### Verger:

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