



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

15th November 2009
2nd Sunday before 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 We belong

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

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.

This weeks Services 15th November

9.00 am Holy Communion

Leader Margaret Preacher Paul

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10.30 am Morning Worship

Leaders Margaret and Paul Preacher Paul

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6 00 pm Evening Worship

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Diary for week

Monday 16th November

7.00 pm Choir practice Men only

7.40 pm Ladies only

Tuesday 17th November

11.00 am Coffee Cup in the Hall

7.30 pm South Aisle Fellowship

7.30 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 18th November

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 19th November

Friday 20th November

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

3.15 pm Mission Fellowship in the Guide Hall

Charismatic Worship – ALL WELCOME

4pm Sunday 29th November

This is an informal act of worship with an extended time for praise and worship. There will also be a talk and time for ministry. This is a beginning not a destination and so come with open minds as we explore this way of worshipping God 'in Spirit and in Truth'.

Transforming Church – your opinion

As part of this reflection there is a short questionnaire at the back of church for anyone to fill in. It asks your opinion on some of our strengths and weaknesses and opportunities. Please take one, fill it in and return it to the black post box at the back of church (no need for names unless you wish to, though which service you attend is helpful). It will help the PCC deliberations in January. Thank you. Paul

Office Holiday

I will be out of the office from 24th November—2nd December.
Could I please have all items for the Green Sheet on 29th by
9am on Monday 23rd November
Liz

Change of Office Hours

Please note that from the
2nd December

the office will be open
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9.30—2.30

4th Sunday Lunch
Sunday 22nd November - 12.45pm

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)

St Mike's Mens Group

A number of us have prayerfully considered the possibility of running a men's group here at St Michaels. The intention would be to hold regular monthly meetings at a home venue. The meetings would facilitate brotherly fellowship, spiritual growth and further social contacts to be made amongst us as we walk together in Christ. The format would be totally flexible to meet the needs of those attending but allow us all to share in our everyday problems, struggles & strife, as well as celebrate our successes & good fortune.

Enjoy extra fellowship!
Make new friends!
Why invent the wheel, share in others experiences, knowledge & Wisdom.
Don't feel "Church" as to be Sundays only?
Take the plunge & "step out" in safe, caring fellowship.
We are all on the same spiritual path but not necessarily at the same point, nevertheless, fellowship can & will energise us to carry on the walk.
Come and join us on Thursday 19th November
Contact Gary or Mat Lumley or Rob Adams
for more information & venue
Gary Connell Churchwarden

YOUTH MINISTERS HOUSE GARDEN PARTY

Well maybe not quite a garden party, more like a work party. We are looking to clear the front & rear gardens at 46 Redacre Road, Boldmere on two Saturday mornings in November & would welcome as many volunteers as possible to help in this manual work. Work required to be undertaken is weeding, digging, lifting & carrying. Furniture breakdown and much filling of builders skip.

To be undertaken on Saturday 21st November 9.00am to 1.00pm & Saturday 28th November 9.00am to 1.00pm.

We cannot guarantee good weather but certainly good fellowship along with lots of sweat & aching muscles.

Any amount of your time will be valued & most certainly welcomed. So if you'll up for a good workout please put your name on the list at the back of the church!!!!

Yours in Hope & Expectation
Gary Connell Churchwarden

CHRISTMAS MARKET 2009

A very enjoyable Christmas Market raised just over £3,500 for our church.

Sincere thanks to all those who came, there were over 300 adults this year. To all those who helped, provided goods and services and ran stalls, this success is yours, well done and thank you.

This event is always held on the Friday and Saturday immediately prior to Remembrance Sunday, which is the second Sunday in November. So next year it will be on Friday and Saturday, 12 & 13 November 2010. Please make a note in your diary.

2 flasks were left at the hall and have been put in the church kitchen.

WANT SOMEONE TO DO THE JOBS YOU HATE

My Name is Annie Howell-Jones

In January I am going to work for a charity called Bless in the south of France, serving the local church and community through my gifts and time.

To go I still have to raise £1000 (to pay for travel and living costs)- I am looking to raise this by working up until Christmas and by offering to do those jobs that you hate to do, for a small donation....

CLEANING THE CAR * BABYSITTING * CLEANING THE HOUSE * RAKING THE LEAVES * MOWING THE LAWN * DOG WALKING * WEEDING *

For more information about Bless the charity go to

www.bless.org.uk

For any odd job you need doing...Contact : 07946 789 395

Committee Meetings

Finance Tuesday 17th 7.30 pm Counselling Room

Midweek Communion

Please note there will not be a midweek communion service on Wednesday 25th November

Sides– people Rota

The rotas for Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Sides-people for December 2009 - February 2010 are now available in the rack at the back of church.

Invitation

Would you like to get to know people at St. Michaels better?
You are invited to sign up for a 'Bring & Share meal'
either as a guest or a host for 4-8 people
breakfast, lunch or supper, between now and December
– its up to you

Please see the sheet at the back of church
or speak to Trudy (355 4128) or Simon (355 7856)

St Michael's Church Magazine

The November edition of the church magazine is now available
from the back of church. Lots of info and articles about what is
happening here at St Michael's for just 50p.

If you would like it delivered please speak to Martyn Cordes on
308 0385



PARISH BREAKFAST

The next Breakfast will be on
Saturday 5th December,
in the Guide Hall.

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

MIDLANDS HOSPITALS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Many of you may know that 9 members of St Michael's now sing in the Midlands Hospitals Choir, and have been good enough to support our concerts in the past. This year, there will be 2 performances of our Christmas Celebration Concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Friday December 4th at 3 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. Depending on the level of interest, we are hoping to organise a mini bus for those who would like to come to the 3 p.m. performance, and wish to avoid travel and parking problems. If you are interested, please contact Lin Benson (373 1227) or Liz Carr (354 3769) for further details. Cost is likely to be in the region of £22, to include concert ticket and travel.

Webb Ivory

Webb Ivory catalogues are now available at the back of the church and in the church hall. Please pick one up and take it home to choose your Christmas cards and gifts. Also, there is a large selection of Christmas cards and paper etc.. at the church hall. All profits from the sale of goods goes to St. Michael's Church, so please support as much as you can. Ruth Yates

Mission Fellowship

Friday 20th November

3.15 pm Guide Hall

Speaker Mary Gould

South Aisle Fellowship

Tuesday 17th November 7.30pm for 8.00 pm Start

My life as a Magistrate:

Miss Iris Reynolds' 27 years of experience on the bench yielded quite a few interesting cases, as her talk reveals.

Iris donates her fee to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Do come to our meetings and meet new friends

During this meeting we shall be collecting money for the Christmas Buffet on Tuesday 15th December, the format will be the same as is the charge at £14.50. Anyone wishing to pay by cheque could please make it payable to Margaret Smoldon.

MALAWI EVENING AT THE CATHEDRAL

There will be a presentation on Malawi at the Cathedral on Thursday 26th November, to which you are all warmly invited.

(See poster in the S Aisle).

If you come along you will be able to view the "world premiere" of the film of our recent skills share trip, and hear something about other recent visits to Malawi. Jim & Liz Carr, Elaine & Ian Riley

Pink Rota

Availability forms for January—March are now in the rack at the back of church, please complete and return to the office no later than Sunday 29th November. Thanks Margaret

Bible Reading Fellowship “New Daylight”

Over 50 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 £14.97 for the large print version. If you are interested and what to know more please contact Richard Hornsby on 373.8764.

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of ACF Charity

NSCPP

On Wednesday 25th November 2009

From 10.30 am In the Guide Hall

Cost £1.50 for Coffee & Cakes

Raffle, Bric-a-brac, Bring and Buy

Web Site

Please note the church website – 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—Hearing the voices of creation- Recorded at the Alliance of Religions and Conservation celebration, led by Martin Palmer.

4.00 pm R3: Choral Evensong, From Chichester Cathedral repeat of Wednesdays Broadcast

4.55 pm BBC1 Songs of Praise—.Witney- Pam Rhodes discovers what Windrush Valley means to its local MP, David Cameron. .

8.30 pm R2: Sunday Half Hour - Brian D'Arcy introduces hymns, prayers and reflections.

11.30 pm R4: Something Understood– Mirror Image—Mark Tully reflects on reflections - in mirrors, photographs, film and art.

Weds 18th November 4.00 pm R3: Choral Evensong– From the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace

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

Theme Inter Faith Week

Monday	16th	A shared world	Genesis1
Tuesday	17th	Dealing with difficult traditions	Joshua 23
Wednesday	18th	Human Compassion	Romans 14
Thursday	19th	The Mystery of God	Acts 17
Friday	20th	Act of Worship	

Monday – Saturday 7.48 am R4 Thought for the day.

Next Sunday's Services - 22nd November

9.00 am Holy Communion

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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

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