



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

Christmas 2009

WELCOME

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

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 on the 20th December services.

Collect for 4th Sunday in Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect for Christmas

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Services Christmas 2009

Sunday 20th December

9.00am – *Holy Communion*

Micah 5: 2-5a

Luke 1: 39-45

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10.30am – *Children's Nativity Service*



6.00pm – *Lessons and Carols*

Christmas Eve 24th December

4.00pm – *Christmas Celebration*

11.30pm – *Midnight Holy Communion*

Isaiah 9.2-7 Page 658

Luke 2.1-14 Page 970



Christmas Day 25th December

9.00am – *Holy Communion (BCP)*

Isaiah 52.7-10 Page 702

John 1.1-14 page 1004

10.30am – *Christingle*

Hebrews 1.1-4 Page 1136

Luke 2.1-14 Page 970



Sunday 27th December

One service only

10.00am – Holy communion

Colossians 3.12-17 page 1139

Luke 2.41-end page 971

No midw

Diary

The office will be open

Monday and Tuesday 9.30am —2.30pm

The office will be closed from 23rd December till Monday 4th January

Monday 21st December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Tuesday 22nd December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 23rd December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion

2.30 pm Making Christingles in the South Aisle

Thursday 24th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Monday 28th—Thursday 31st December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

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



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

Updates

Many Many Thanks for all your prayers regarding both my brother in law, Peter, and son in law, David. Peter's chemotherapy and stem cell treatment went very well. His white cell count did not bottom out as much as feared so he has been released from hospital and so will be able to spend Christmas at home which is excellent news. As to the longer term prospects there is still much waiting and seeing. With regard to David and his admittance to hospital last week. He is also out of hospital and they think they have ascertained what the problem was. His condition can be managed via diet on the whole but it is a life time problem. Thanks again for all the support. Paul & Anne.

WORLD VISION CHRISTMAS CARD

As in previous years, there will be two giant Christmas cards available at the back of church from today, December 6th, 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

Verger

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 do the formal goodbye and present him with the gift on Sunday January 3rd.

From 1st January this will result in a different way of working for our new verger Michelle. As a consequence there will not be a verger around on a Monday, Saturday and Sunday unless arranged before hand. Michelle's normal hours will be Tuesday—Friday

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 !)



Pink Rota

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

Wanted Cleaner for Church Hall

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

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 .

Coffee Rota

The coffee rota for January to June is now in the rack. A big thank you to all those who have help 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

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)

I would like to wish all my friends at St Michael's a special "au revoir" as I begin a new life in Essex after Christmas, Not "goodbye" because I am not selling my house and will be visiting during vacations. It seems a shame to leave the house unoccupied, so if you know of someone needing a place to rent (very reasonable!!) for a short or long term let, pleas let me know asap (07505 129970 or email susantoseland@hotmail.co.uk) God bless us all in the new year.
Susan Toseland

Macmillan Cancer Support

Next event is a dinner at Moor Hall Golf Club in February.
If interested please see Peter Edmonds or Lin Benson

BBC RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING

Sunday 20th

8.10 am R4: Sunday Worship—A spotless Rose—A service from St John's College, Durham. The preacher is Rev Dr David Wilkinson.

4.00 pm R3: Choral Evensong-From All Saints' Church, Swanton Morley, with the Choir of Gonville and Caius College. Repeat of Wednesday's Broadcast

5.00 pm BBC1 Songs of Praise—The First Christmas—Aled Jones visits the Holy Land to discover what life was like two thousand years ago.

8.30 pm R2: Sunday Half Hour - Brian D'Arcy celebrates Christmas with carols and readings.

11.30 pm R4: Something Understood— The Festive Spirit- Madeleine Bunting explores the traditional desire of communities to create festivals.

Weds 23rd Dec 4.00 pm R3: Choral Evensong- From St James's Roman Catholic Church, Spanish Place, London.

Christmas Eve

3.00 pm R4: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols—The annual Festival from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge.

6.15pm BBC2: Celebration of Christmas from The Chapel of King's College Cambridge.

11.45 pm BBC1: The first Mass of Christmas, celebrated live in London's Westminster Cathedral.

Christmas Day

10:15 BBC One's traditional Christmas Day broadcast comes live from Chester Cathedral.

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

Theme—Advent 4: A virgin shall conceive

Monday	21st	The angel	Luke 2
Tuesday	22nd	Joseph	Matthew 1
Wed	23rd	Elizabeth	Luke 2
Thursday	24th	Flesh and Blood	Luke 2
Friday	25th	Act of Worship	

Monday – Saturday 7.48 am R4 Thought for the day.

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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