



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

27th November 2011
Advent Sunday

WELCOME

If you are **visiting** for the first time today
a particular welcome to you.

Collect for the week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

1st Sunday in Advent: The Promise

We have the promise that one day we shall see your kingdom
come, one day all will worship you.

light the 1st advent candle

We long for your kingdom

Come Lord Jesus, Come

We long for your presence with us

Come Lord Jesus, Come

We worship you

Come Lord Jesus, Come

Discipleship challenge:

this week commit yourself to doing one thing that will enhance
the worship for your community. Some suggestions:

- Pray for the preacher
- Spend time before worship preparing yourself to meet with God
- Offer to read or take part in worship

Sunday's Services
27th November –
Confirmation 1 service only

9.45am – 10.15am Prayer
10.15am – 10.40am Refreshments
11am Confirmation Service
Isaiah 64: 1-9 page 712
Mark 13: 24-37 page 963

12.30pm Bring & Share Lunch

Diary for week

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday Thursday & Friday
9.30am – 2.30pm

Monday 28th November

7.00 pm Choir Practice

8.00 pm PCC

Wednesday 30th November

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 1st December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Friday 2nd December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Saturday 3rd December

8.00 am Parish Breakfast in the South Aisle

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'.

When the screen is used there are usually paper copies available at the back of church. Please ask.

Children @ 10:30am service:

There is a crèche area in the South Aisle for children under four with parents supervision that can be used at any point in the service.

Today Children & Young People will go to their groups.

Upstairs (Ages 4 to Year 6 inclusive),

Downstairs (Year 7 to Year 11 inclusive).

Toy Service

On Sunday 11th December at both 9am and 10.30am Services you are invited to bring new or nearly-new toys to be given away at Christmas by Birmingham City Mission (BCM).

They ask for new or nearly-new toys, books, games, puzzles cuddly toys etc

They are particularly in need of items for 0-3 year olds.

BCM state: Each Christmas more than 800 needy families are referred to the Mission for its toy distribution. For some of the 2,000 children these will be the only presents they receive. Each child gets books, puzzles, cuddly toys, games etc, appropriate to their age and gender. Parcels are placed in a family sack, together with a Christmas card and Christian literature.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ~ one greeting fits all ~

Starting next week- 4th December

Send your good wishes to everyone at St Michael's by signing one of the Christmas cards at the back of church (left hand when going out) and adding it to the display.

Donations in aid of The Diocesan Malawi Appeal should be placed in one of the blue envelopes provided, and handed in to the Duty Warden

Committee Meetings

PCC Monday 28th Nov 8pm Counselling Room



Coffee Ministry

Does it make you happy to share a cup of coffee after the service?

Is it good to receive your service sheets and notices from a person with a smiling face?

Would you like to have more contact with people at St Michaels and to help them feel good too?

Speak to Gary Connell or Kathy Evans about joining the six weekly coffee rota or helping to give out the service sheets

Go on.....make their day!



St Michael's Book Group – Faith Under Fire by Andrew White

Canon Andrew White is the vicar of Baghdad and so faces daily tragedies and uncertainties. What happened to his faith when a young girl in his congregation died, after much hope and prayer? What has kept him willing to see the best? As leader of the Christian community in Baghdad, he has been caught up in momentous events. Can he see the hand of God at work? Can he be optimistic about the future?

To explore these questions and Andrew White's answer read his book 'Faith under Fire'. The group will meet to discuss it on Monday 16th January 2012

Elsie Clayton

For your prayers: Elsie Clayton died on Monday 21st November. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

Her funeral service will take place at Sutton on Wednesday 14th December at 11am

New Weekly Envelopes for the Stewardship Year starting 27th November are now available at the back of the Church.

If you want to find out more about Home Groups

Join us on

Tuesday 6th December 2011

At 7.30 in the South Aisle

To help us plan please sign up
on the sheet at the back of church

CHRISTMAS MARKET RESULTS

This years Christmas Market raised just over £3,400 for our church.

There was a strong team of helpers this year setting up the stalls, decorating the halls, clearing up afterwards and counting the proceeds. This year we were able to use the Scout Den in place of the Guide Hall and this worked out well.

For the 2 days of the Market there were about twice the number of people who came on the Friday evening, where it became very busy with a great atmosphere, Saturday was quieter but still more than 100 adults and children came that day to enjoy the more than 20 stalls.

The stalls this year were very colourful with the flower stall and the Craft stall occupying the centre of the Main Hall. To all those who ran stalls or helped with them or gave goods you provided much enjoyment to many people and we hope that you enjoyed it too

THANK YOU ALL - so much
The Bazaar Committee

PARISH BREAKFAST

The next Breakfast will be on
Saturday 3rd December,
in the South Aisle.

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

St Michael's Guides

St Michael's Guides now meet on a Wednesday in the Church Hall, We have spaces for girls in all sections

Rainbows	ages	5-7	5.00- 6.00pm
Brownies	ages	7-10	6.15- 7.30 pm
Guides	ages	10-14	7.00- 8.30 pm

Contact Liz Claybrook 07906 958532 —
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Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Magazine and Prayer Calendar

Unfortunately due to unavoidable problems the December Magazines and Prayer Calendar will not be available until next Sunday—4th December

Sunday's Services— 4th December

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Isaiah 40: 1-11 page 687

Mark 1: 1-8 page 947

10.30 am Morning Worship

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6 00 pm Evening Worship

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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.

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 anyone in the Team (details in the Magazine)

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