



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

30th October 2011

4th Sunday before Advent

WELCOME

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

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).

Please do stay after the service and **coffee, tea, squash, biscuits** are available in the South Aisle after both the 9am and 10.30am services. We look forward to chatting with you.

Collect for the week

God of glory,

touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,

that we with all creation

may rejoice to sing your praise;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sunday's Services– 30th October– Prayer

9.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Paul Preacher: Manda

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10.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

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6 00 pm Evening Worship

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Diary for week

The office will be open Monday - Friday

9.30am –2.30pm

Monday 31st October

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Choir Practice 7– 7.45 Men

7.45– 8.30 Ladies

Tuesday 1st November

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 2nd November

10.00 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Alpha Lite at 19 Southam Drive

8.00 pm Women's Guild Open Evening in the South Aisle

Thursday 3rd November

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Friday 4th November

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Prayer

"A person is powerful on their knees." Corrie ten Boom

"At the profoundest depths in life, people talk not about God but with God." D. Elton Trueblood

"We may pray most when we say least, and we may pray least when we say most." St. Augustine of Hippo.

"Praying is not getting but becoming." Sidney Greenberg

"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself." Mother Teresa

"The wish to pray is a prayer in itself." Georges Bernanos

Alpha-lite will discuss two topics the Bible and Prayer.

Do you have questions about the Bible or want to know how to read it and apply it better? Is there something you want to ask about prayer? If so come to Alpha-lite with Manda on Wednesday 2nd November from 7.30pm at 19 Southam Drive.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HISTORY

Would you like to know what the "old" church was like?

Women's Guild are having an Open Evening

on **Wednesday 2nd November at 8pm in the South Aisle**

when Mr Graham Jennings will be talking and showing slides of his research into the church history.

Do join us for what promises to be a most interesting evening and also the launch of our charity for this year which is Troop Aid.

Everyone Welcome

For more information please contact

Ann Willis 243 3168



**Come and enjoy
St Michaels'
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

on

**Friday 11th November 7pm to 9pm
Saturday 12th November 10.30am to 2pm
At *St Michaels Church Hall and
Boldmere Scout Hall***

The plans for this year's Christmas Market are well advanced for another successful event. Please contact the stall holders whose names are listed over the page, with offers of help or items to sell.

Father Christmas promises to be there.

Teas and coffee and cakes will be served on both days.

Lunches this year will be served buffet style - no need to pre-book and there will be a choice of dishes and wine

All the usual draws, tombola and raffles are being organised.

Come and help us enjoy these two days

The Stall Contacts:

Ann Grice (355-2097) & Michelle Johnson- Crafts:

Penny & Graham Jennings (350-1015) - Bric-a-brac & household & men's stall

Chris Reeves (354-6264) & Flower Guild – Flowers:

Jean & Tony Tuby (321-3026) - Tombola

Pat Wright (350-1835) - Cakes

Marion Badham (354-6874) - Home made jams & marmalade

Trudy & Mick Walsh (355-4128) - Children's toys and games.



Ruth Yates (354-4248) & Margaret Smolden (354-4226)
& Lin Benson (373-1227) - Saturday lunches
Eric & Heather Hewitt (353-0943)-

Wine and Spirit Raffle

Peter Edmunds (354-3200) & David Benson (373-1227) -
Books

Elizabeth & John Cole (354-7680) - Christmas Hamper

Lin Benson (373-1227) - Kitchen and Bathroom

Julie Giles (355-4594) - Friday Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Margaret Smolden (354-4226) -

Friday punch & mince pies

Liz Claybrook (373-0207) & Brownies -

Saturday morning coffee & cakes

If in doubt please contact Julie or Bob Giles (355-4594)
or any member of the Committee.

Please **COME** and **ENJOY** our
Christmas Market

Friday 11th November 7pm to 9pm

Saturday 12th November 10.30am to 1pm

Donations for the stalls at the Christmas Market are urgently
needed. Especially:-

Tombola prizes

Toys

Kitchen and Bathroom items

please leave in one of the boxes at the back of church.

Rosemary Warby

The funeral service for Rosemary will be held on

Friday 4th November at 2pm

At St Michael's followed by burial in the churchyard

All attending are invited to join the family for refreshments in the South Aisle after.

Children's Society Boxes

I would like to empty these during October and November Can you please either hand to a sidesperson who will put in a safe place for my collection or ring me to collect from your home.

Thank you for your on going support.

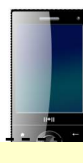
Pat Tennant

0121 354 4795

Reading the Bible

The focus of our services last week was The Bible. If you would like to read more of the Bible you could use the Scripture Union on-line resource Wordlive www.wordlive.org or contact Richard Hornsby regarding ordering Bible reading notes. For advice on phone apps for Bible reading or for Morning or Evening Prayer please see Paul or Manda. It is after all the world's bestseller, the greatest story ever told and above all the word of God and reading it does change us.

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treated our mobile phone? We carry it everywhere we go. We check it throughout the day. We go home to get it if we forget it. We receive messages from the text. We couldn't live without it. We give it to our children as gifts. We use it in case of emergency. And it would never be disconnected and Jesus has paid the bill.



ADVENT CALENDAR WORKSHOP

& hear the Christmas story

**Come & make your own Advent Calendar to count the days
until Christmas**

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2011

10am to 12 Noon

St Michaels Church, Church Road, Boldmere

**All age children welcome, those under 6 years old must bring
their Adult Carer with them**

£2.50 per calendar including refreshments

Limited places: To book your place,

Telephone Trudy: 0121 355 4128

Beijing Marathon - 16th October 2011

Dr Martin Wilkinson has returned from China having completed the Beijing Marathon in respectable time of 3 hours and 40 minutes, raising over £1700 for Macmillan Cancer Support. He wishes to thank all those who supported him with sponsor money. Final donations can be given to him personally or via www.justgiving.com/martinwilkinson

Sunday's Services– 6th November – Holy Spirit

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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Matthew 25: 1-13 Page 941

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)

Points of Contact

Vicar:

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Youth Minister—Gavin Hicks 07746 887335

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Verger:

Michelle Johnson -Tuesday—Friday 354 9364, 07982 948827

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Liz Claybrook, Parish Administrator-Monday, Wednesday Friday

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