



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

3rd April 2011
4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

WELCOME

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

Keep up to date via the website

You can download the notice sheet, sermons and follow my blog and twitter @ www.stmichaels.org.uk– Paul

Today the children will stay in Church.

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.

Collect for the Week

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

This Sunday's Services 3rd April– Mothering Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion

Leader: Paul Preacher : Ann

Ephesians 5: 8-14 Page 1111

John 9: 13-34 Page 1015

10.30 am Morning Worship Parade Service

Leader: Gav Preacher :Paul

Naomi and Ruth

Mathew 23: 37-39 Page 939

6 00 pm Evening Worship

Leader and Preacher Paul

Ephesians 5: 8-14 Page 1111

John 3: 1-17 Page 1006

Diary for week

The office will be open

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am —2.30pm

Monday 4th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

7.00 pm Choir Practice

8.00 pm APCM

Tuesday 5th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 6th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 7th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Friday 8th April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Saturday 9th April

10am

APCM 4th April 2011

8pm in Church

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held
on Monday 4th April

Nominations for Wardens, PCC members, Deanery
Synod members, to stand at the APCM will be invited,
please see the nomination forms at the back of church. If
you wish to be a deputy warden and sides person please
put your name on the list at the back of church

If you wish to stand for any of these positions or vote at
the APCM your name must be on the Church Electoral
Roll. A copy of the roll is kept in a black folder at the back
of church together with application forms

Lenten Appeal

In aid of Edward's Trust

If you were unable to make the lunch on the 27th March but
would like to make a donation to the very important work
Edward's Trust do with bereaved children and families please
see Liz Claybrook or one of the Church Wardens.

To our Friends at St Michael's

Iris, Tim and Jane would like to thank everyone for their
messages of sympathy and donations to Jack's chosen
charities. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness at this
difficult time.

The presence of so many at the Thanksgiving Service uplifted
and sustained us.

Joan Brookes

Funeral Service Thursday 7th April

After a committal service at 10 am at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium there will be a funeral service here
at St Michael's at 11am.

Everyone attending the service is invited to stay for refreshments afterwards in the South Aisle.

Children's Easter Workshop

On Saturday 9th April from 10am—12 noon.

Come & make your own Easter Cards and hear the Easter Story
All age's of children welcome, but those under 6 must have an adult carer with them.

Cost £2.50 including refreshments.

Places will be limited, ring 355 4128 to book

INstep Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast is on 9th April at Sutton Baptist Church.

Cost £3.50 and the speaker is Andy Atkins from
AGAPE focusing on

“The Christian Man at Work, Home & Play”.

Please contact Mick Walsh in advance on 355 4128 or e-mail
thewalshfamily@sky.com, newcomers especially are welcome

Palm Sunday 17th April

Please note that like last year there will be only ONE service on this Sunday so that we can all come together as we start Holy Week. It will be at 11am so that we can then move naturally into a Bring & Share lunch open to all.

MESSY CHURCH

Do you fancy helping us set up a possible new monthly event for **ALL** ages on a Friday Evening? We are having a trial run on 17th June and the event runs from 6pm to 8pm including craft, worship and food. Therefore we need different teams. A General Team to set up and clear away; a Craft Team to help manage the craft time and a Food Team to help do the food slot. Can you sign up on one of the sheets at the back if you are interested and there will be a meeting after Easter to coordinate and explain stuff in more detail. Note you are only signing up for 17th June, you are not signing your life away. Thanks, Paul.

Fairtrade

Reminder that it's Fairtrade next week and every second Sunday through the year except August.

EASTER PARISH OVER SIXTIES TEA SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2011

3.30 pm for 4 pm in the Church Hall

Come with your wife, come with your husband

Come with a friend or just come on your own

You will be assured of a warm welcome.

Transport available

Invitations will be available at the back of the Church

Pink Rota Availability forms

For May—July are available at the back of church, would you please return by Sunday 10th April

Thanks Liz Carr

Background to the Bible Reading Plan

Already in three weeks we have seen amazing stories. God has created heaven and earth and more importantly a people to know him and love him. Although they quickly went their own way he called a couple whose offspring would reconnect with him as their God and lead all peoples back to him. Yet again it seems the plan goes awry as these new people end up in slavery but God steps in and rescues and they set out for the promised land. They overcome great obstacles and we see the pinnacle in Solomon with the new temple and other nations drawn to this new country. Along the way there have been hiccups but nothing compared to what then happened as the country slips into civil war and splits and then vulnerable and away from God they are conquered first the north and then the south with the hint of a promise of restoration towards the end.

We now enter a quite different set of writings in the Bible (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs). These are often called Wisdom literature as wisdom is a key theme, referred to as a person at times. They are outside a timeline and date from different times but mainly are attributed to King David and King Solomon. I have not picked from Job as I think this is best read in one go, also there is so much in the other books. Equally I have not picked from probably the raciest book in the Bible – the Song of Songs. So what have I chosen? Firstly Psalm 51 – a very personal piece of writing by King David when he is caught out after getting Bathsheba's husband killed. This is a glimpse into what saying sorry to God should be about and a heartfelt prayer for restoration. It is as relevant today as then and in my life and your life.

Then comes a hint of prophecy in Psalm 22. This is the writer pouring out their heart to God about their circumstances but within it we see so many echoes of Good Friday and the cross. Then in Psalm 104 I change the tempo with this great hymn of praise – enjoy.

Proverbs is full of short pithy sayings, many of which have made their way into our regular speech. Here in chapter 16 we see a number of sayings about wisdom and what it means to be wise. Finally we have Ecclesiastes 3, again a passage that is familiar to many within and outside the church. Things come, things go but the fear of the Lord is the beginning of

A Big Thank You

To all who helped or came to support the Women's Guild
Coffee Morning on Wednesday.
We raised £304 for County Air Ambulance which is a fantastic
effort. Thank You. Ann Willis

Morning Prayers

Are held week day mornings between 9 - 9.30 in the Chapel-
entrance is through the South Aisle
(see weekly diary for any changes to days)

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).

Next Sunday's Services—10th April

9.00 am Holy Communion

Colossians 3: 12-17 Page 1119

John 11: 17-44 Page 1015

10.30 am Morning Worship Parade Service

Romans 8: 6-11 Page 1071

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6 00 pm Evening Worship

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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

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.

Points of Contact

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