



St Michael's Church, Boldmere

4th December 2011

2nd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

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

Collect for the week

Almighty God,

purify our hearts and minds,

**that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour**

we may be ready to receive him,

who is our Lord and our God. Amen

2nd Sunday in Advent: The Challenge

Through the prophets you have challenged your people to act
with justice and mercy.

light the 2nd advent candle

In a world in need of justice, **You challenge us to act**

In a world in need of peace, **You challenge us to act**

In a world in need of freedom, **You challenge us to act**

Come Lord Jesus come **and challenge us to act**

Discipleship challenge:

this week commit yourself to one act of justice. Some sugges-
tions:

- Make a donation to an organisation like Christian Aid who are seeking trade justice
- Replace a normal item of shopping with a fair trade one
- Identify the justice issues in your local community or work place and pray for God's wisdom
- Pray for the government as they continue to make financial decisions that often impact the poor hardest.

Sunday's Services– 4th December

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader: Francis Preacher: Manda

Isaiah 40: 1-11 page 687

Mark 1: 1-8 page 947

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Elaine Preacher: Manda

Eph 4:1-16 page 1110

Luke 10:1-20 page 983

6 00 pm Evening Worship

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Isaiah 40: 1-11 page 687

Mark 1: 1-8 page 947

Diary for week

**The office will be open Monday - Friday
9.30am –2.30pm**

Monday 5th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

7.00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 6th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 7th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm Women's Fellowship

Thursday 8th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Friday 9th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

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

Carol Singing in the Bishop Vesey Pub

Do you enjoy singing carols? Do you enjoy going down the pub? If your answer to either of these is Yes then this is for you. If your answer is yes to both then this is definitely for you. The manager of the Bishop Vesey Pub has agreed to a group from St Michaels singing carols in the pub on Friday 16th December 7.30 – 8.15pm. This is a great chance to be in the community meeting with people and to continue this link with the pub. We will take carol sheets and people in the pub can join in if they wish. Please let Manda know by December 11th if you are able to come.



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 Crematorium 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.

Christmas Service Leaflets

There are Christmas service leaflets at the back of church to be distributed around Boldmere. If you could help by delivering to one road it would be greatly appreciated.

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 373 0207 —
liz.claybrook@yahoo.co.uk



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Women's World Day of Prayer

WANTED: someone who would be prepared to represent St Michael's for this annual event which is marked by church services everywhere when people gather to pray for matters which particularly affect women in countries across the world. In Sutton Coldfield, the churches of all denominations combine in groups and the service is held at the different churches in rotation: the group to which St Michael's belongs (Boldmere, Banners Gate and Wylde Green) holds the service for this area during the afternoon of the actual Day, always the first Friday in March. A representative from each church attends a couple of planning meetings before the date of the service, and will probably be asked to seek out a member of their church to read aloud on the day. Representatives also try to encourage members of their own congregation to attend, but beyond that, this is not an onerous responsibility, apart from remembering to buy a packet of biscuits for the post-service refreshments!

Please contact Paul if you are interested, or speak to Liz Carr
(354 3769)

South Aisle Fellowship
Thursday 15th December
Christmas Buffet and Entertainment
7.00 pm for 7.15 pm start

Prayer Calendar

The Prayer Calendar for December which we hope all church members will find of use in their personal prayer lives, is now available. Look out for your copy, on yellow paper, today at the back of Church.

St Michael's Church Magazine

The December / January 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.

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John 1: 6-8, 19-28 page 1004

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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

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