

St Michael's Boldmere

**8th October 2017
17th Sunday after
Trinity**

Collect

**Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

**#loveYOUR
NEIGHBOUR**

do something kind today

loveyourneighbour.org

**St Michael's Church is a
Christian community in
Boldmere within which
there is no place for verbal
or physical abuse, mocking
and bullying of people
because of their gender,
ethnicity, age, sexuality,
faith and ability.**

Rev'd Gary Birchall

-Sunday 8th October

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Worship for all

Readings

Philippians 3:4b-14 page 1115

Matthew 21:33-end page 936

6 .00 pm Holy Communion with Anointing

St Michael's Celebration Weekend ~ your thoughts and comments, please.

How did you react to our celebrations over the weekend of 23rd – 24th September? How many comments, compliments and observations did you hear? What were your own thoughts and feelings about the flower arrangements, the concert, the service on Sunday, the cakes, the lunch, the whole weekend? Please consider writing down anything that comes to mind, so that we can compile a “memory bank” for the future. One sentence, even one word, would be enough. Email me at liz.carr@blueyonder.co.uk or Message me on Facebook, or simply write something down and pass it on to me (or place in the rack at the back of church). Please don't leave this to others – we'd really like to hear from you all. Many thanks, Liz Carr

Diary for week

The office will be open **Monday** , **Thursday** and **Friday**
9.30-2.30

Monday 9th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

7.00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 10th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 11th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion in the Epiphany Chapel

10.30 am Coffee Time in the South Aisle

Thursday 12th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

9.45 am Little Light in the South Aisle

2.00 pm Knit and Natter in the Longmoor Room,, Church Hall

Friday 13th October

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

6.00 pm Music Group

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'

Please do stay after the service and **coffee, tea, squash, biscuits** are available in the South Aisle.

Children @ 10.30 Service

Today our children and young people go out to their groups.

Downstairs West Room **SW:EETS** (years 7-11 inclusive)

Upstairs- **F.L.O.K** (reception to year 6 inclusive)

South Aisle and Epiphany Chapel activities for preschool children.

Proposed introduction of an Aumbry to the Epiphany Chapel

Taking communion to those who are housebound, sick, or in Residential or Nursing Home care has been a long time practice at St Michael's Church and one the ways it supports the people of the church pastorally. This is usually done by using consecrated bread and wine from a Sunday or Wednesday service and can be undertaken by the clergy, Readers and those on the pastoral team who have the Bishop's licence for the administration of the elements of communion (bread and wine.) The consecrated bread with a drop of wine on each wafer has been kept in plastic containers in the Sacristy. With Rev'd Gary Birchall's guidance the PCC have considered the introduction of an Aumbry in the Epiphany chapel. An Aumbry is a safe and respectful place to keep the consecrated elements until they are used. This will be a permanent fixture and therefore a faculty has to be applied for. The Diocesan Advisory Council has approved the PCC plans and now there is period of 28 days for the people of the church to consider the plans. The public notice is posted in the display board at the entrance to the West Door and a picture of the proposed location is at the back of church.

Rev'd Gary Birchall

Just to let you know the church donated 230 kg of goods to the foodbank, which is enough to feed 30 single people,

John Sherlaw

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 12th November 2017

As part of the 10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service I am looking for people who will be willing to carry one of 28 small wooden Remembrance crosses to the War Graves in the churchyard as part of our act of remembering. This will take place at the end of the service and individuals, groups of two or three people, or a family will take the crosses out of the church building and place them on one of the war graves in the churchyard. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like to do this.



Rev'd Gary Birchall

Please note that when parking in Church Road it is important to keep clear of any white lines and not to park in front of people's drive way entrances.

A reminder that it is against the law to park within 10 metres of the Boldmere Road or Browns Drive junctions.

Host of Angels Concert

If you have any photos from the concert could you please let Debbie Swaine have a copy for the display in the South Aisle.
Thank you

**COME AND ENJOY
ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MARKET**
on
FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2017 – 7PM to 9PM
SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2017 - 10.00AM to 1PM
at
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL
192 BOLDMERE ROAD SUTTON COLDFIELD B73 5UE

This year 'ALL UNDER ONE ROOF'

Tea, Coffee and cakes will be served on both days.
Lunches on Saturday from 12:00 with a choice of dishes
and wine will also be available.

Please try to pre-book, but there will be places available
on the day.

There will be several draws, raffles and family games as
well as tombola, a **NEW** Vintage Stall (replacing Bric-a-
Brac), Crafts and lots more.

Labelled Boxes for donations of
Vintage Items - Tombola - Toys & Games
Kitchen & Bathroom items - Jewellery/Accessories
and ESPECIALLY **Wines and Spirits**
will be placed in the South Aisle
from Sunday 8th October

Come and help us enjoy these two days.
If you would like to help in any way contact
Peter or Lee Knight (354 4641) **THANK YOU**

Posada

Mary and Joseph need your help to travel from Boldmere to Bethlehem.



I am looking for someone who would be prepared to plan and organise the Posada ready for this Advent. The knitted figures of Mary and Joseph travel from home to home during Advent being received and helped on their way by the people of St Michael's. Would you be willing and able to plan and organise this - maybe with a friend or someone else in your own family.

Let me know and I can show you what is required.

Rev'd Gary Birchall

The Real Advent Calendar 2017

It might be difficult to believe but knowledge of the Christmas story is fading and 51% say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas. This last figure represents a tipping point. Unless we actively share the Christmas story Christ will continue to be written out of Christmas.

If Christ is being written out of Christmas – let's put him back by sharing the Christmas story so it's heard and loved.

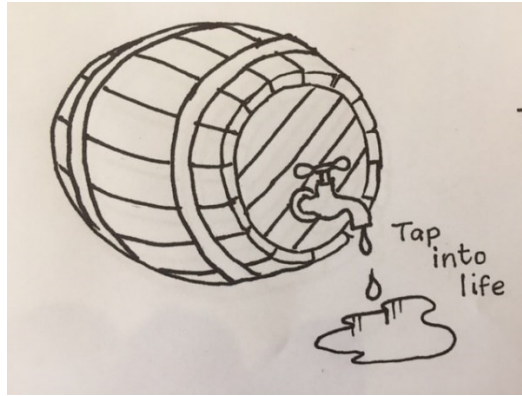
One of the ways you can share the Christmas story is by buying and giving a Real Advent Calendar.

(www.realadvent.co.uk)

We will be sending off a church order on 30th October. If you would like to place an order please-

1. Fill in the form on the side, at the back of church, near the sound desk.
2. Put your payment in one of the labelled envelopes. (Any cheques made payable to St, Michael's Church.
3. Place completed envelopes in the black letter box.

Barrel of Blokes



We are starting a St Michaels Men's Group which we have named a Barrel of Blokes. It is for men, be they regular worshippers at St Michaels or just interested in some of the important questions of life.

Our first meeting will be at the Bishop Vesey Pub in Boldmere Road on Monday 23rd October, starting at 7.30 pm. It is going to be an interesting, stimulating and enjoyable session. It is free and all men are welcome.

Please speak to Jim Carr, Rick Smart, Gary Connell or Richard Hornsby for further details or e mail any queries to barrelofblokes@gmail.com

Macmillan Cancer Support

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning last Friday. I hope you enjoyed it! We made £459, which is terrific. That is Plus over £200 for the sale of Christmas cards. Many thanks.

A date for your diary!!

Malcolm's Great AV Evening.

Friday 17th November at Duke Street Church

Tickets are £15 each including supper and are already Selling Fast.

Contact Lin Benson asap on 373 1227

Melbourne Parish Church

A Feast of Choral Music

presented by joint choirs

Cantabile and their guests

B Natural (Sutton Coldfield)

Conductors: Philip King & Richard Jeffries

Organ: Tom Corfield

Programme includes

*Fauré's Requiem & Parry's I was glad
Together with individual items from each choir*

Sunday 15 October 2017

at 3-30pm (until 5-15pm)

Interval Drinks

Tickets: £8 (Children £3)

Available from members of the church and choirs

Supported by the Friends of Melbourne Parish Church

The next ladies meal out is on Tuesday 17th October 730 at The Atlantis chippy cafe Wylde Green. Please reply to Judith Leonard on 07914954136 or message me on Facebook by 13th October. Thanks

Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 22nd October 2017

The lunch is open to everyone and all are welcome but would you please sign the sheet at the back of church to help with the catering. (there is a small charge to cover costs)

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It is the time of year when I empty the boxes which a number of people keep at home for their loose change. Please leave in Church for me or if you would like me to collect please ring me on 0121 354 4795. If anyone is interested in having a box please contact me.

Thank you for all who support this worthwhile charity doing work with children and young people.

Changes to Sunday Service Teams

If you need to change a date please contact others on your team and arrange for someone else to replace you on that date. And update the large paper copy of the Service Teams located on the wall by the Sound Desk at the back of church.

If **you** are unable to find a replacement, you **must** contact Liz in the church office **ASAP**.

Pete Swaine, Liz Claybrook, Liz Carr, Ian Bowden

Sunday's Services - 15th October

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: Pete Swaine

Sidespeople: Liz Carr, Jim Carr

Communion Assistants: Trudy Walsh,
Margaret Wilkinson, Ann Willis

Intercessions: ,Peter Edmonds

Readers: Helen Menniss, Madeline Partridge

AV: Mick Walsh

Refreshments: Vanessa Britton, John Davis

10.30 am Worship for all

Warden: Margaret Smoldon

Sidespeople: Richard Hornsby, Pat Hornsby

Intercessions: Mick Walsh

Reader: Celeste Clark, Hayley Bryer

AV: Millar Bownass

Refreshments:: Tusheeta David, Joy Shilliday

Readings

Philippians 4:1-9 page 1115

Matthew 22:1-14 page 936

6 .00 pm Night Prayer

Warden: David Benson

Sidespeople: Veronica Emms

Intercessions: Lin Benson

Reader: Janet Peel

Church Magazine and Prayer Diary

The October edition of our church magazine
"Steeple and People" is available priced 50p at the back of
church. Together with the October Prayer Diary

Points of Contact

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