

St Michael's Boldmere

**10th December 2017  
2nd Sunday of  
Advent**

**Collect**

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen**

**#loveYOUR  
NEIGHBOUR**

**do something kind today**

[loveyourneighbour.org](http://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's Services 10th December Toy Services**

**9.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.30 am Worship for All**

**6.00 pm Holy Communion with Anointing**

### **Readings**

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### **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.

## **Diary for week**

**The office will be open Monday Wednesday and Friday**

### **Monday 11th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel  
7.00 pm Choir Practice

### **Tuesday 12th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

### **Wednesday 13th December**

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 14th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel  
9.45 am Little Lights in the South Aisle  
2.00 pm Knit and Natter in the Longmoor Room,, Church Hall  
8.00 pm Carol Singing in the Bishop Vesey

### **Friday 15th December**

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany

### **Saturday 16th**

4pm Boldmere Nativity Parade– starting from St Nicholas'

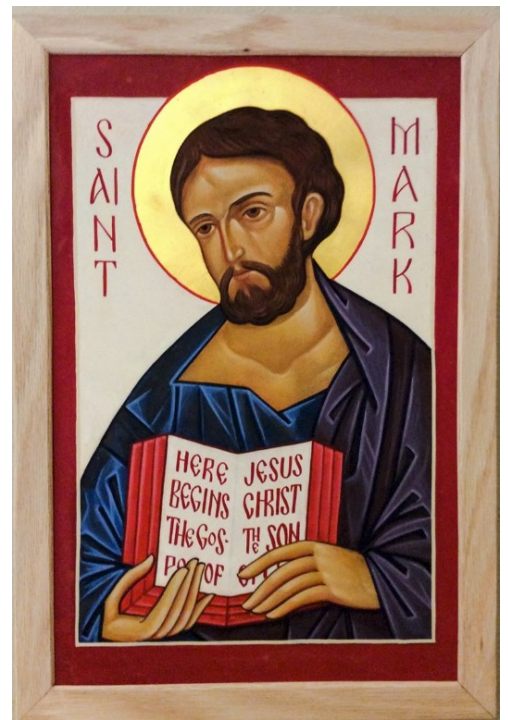
**The Boldmere Night Shelter** is running from January to the end of March in 2018 and that there are sign up forms at the back of church for anyone who like to be involved. This year it will be at Wylde Green URC for six weeks and then at the Carpenter's Arms for six weeks.

## Who will you read Mark's Gospel with this coming year?

Get involved with 'Take Mark' from the beginning of December 2017 to December 2018. This has two purposes:

For the people of St Michael's to have the shared experience of reading the Gospel of Mark together throughout the year in groups of two, three or four.

Through reading Mark's Gospel together we will be inspired in our discipleship and discover the fruits of following in the way of Jesus together.



## How to get involved

People will organise themselves into 'Take Mark' groups of two, three or four.

The simple target for each month is for the group to meet up at an agreed time and place, to read a chapter of Mark's Gospel, and to reflect on it together for up to an hour. There will be some discussion starters provided as well.

Everyone taking part will be given a 'Take Mark' booklet and a copy of Mark's Gospel.

People will organise themselves into groups of two, three or four. If we want to take part but are not sure who we can do this with then Rev'd Gary Birchall and the 'Take Mark' team will help you meet up with others in the same situation.

A sign up list will be at the back of church from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Any questions then please ask Rev'd Gary, Rev'd Cath, Steve Clarkson or Trudy Walsh.

NB: Why has Mark's Gospel been chosen? Because it is the Gospel that the Christian Church focuses on for the year beginning in Advent 2017.



## **Christmas at St Michael's Church, Boldmere**

All of us are welcome

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30am Nativity Service

4.00pm – Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**

10.00am Advent Service of the Word

4.00pm – Crib Service

11.30pm – Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day**

9.00am Christmas Day Communion

10.30am Christingle Service

## **Boldmere Nativity Parade**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 4.00pm**

dress as a shepherd, king, angel, donkey,  
ox or star or just be yourself.



**Starts at St Nicholas Church – Jockey Road**

*taking a quiet route via Wylde Green URC, Boldmere Methodist  
Church and finishing at St Michael's Church, Church Road*

Maybe bring a lantern or a torch. Real sheep will be participating.

Short Christmas reading and a carol at each church.

**All of us are welcome**

### **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 Christmas Carol Service**

We all enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies after the Carol Service. If anyone would like to contribute a bottle of Cheap red wine, we would be most grateful! There is a box in the kitchen for any contributions. We will be asking for mince pies nearer the time!!

Many thanks from the Outreach Committee.

### **Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the flowers in Church over Christmas there is a collection box at the back of the church.

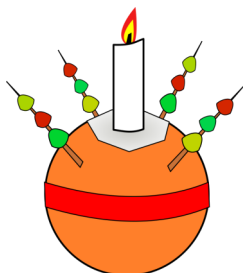
Thank you Chris Reeves

### **Christingle Making**

Please come and join us making the Christingles for Christmas Day

**from 2pm—3pm Christmas Eve,**  
Coffee and Mince Pies supplied.

Come and join the fun



We are still collecting for the Aston and Nechels food bank.

They are currently running short of the following items :-

Toiletries including soap, shampoos, shower gel, deodorants, feminine hygiene, razors and toilet rolls. We also need powdered potato, long life milk, dried milk, jam & bottles of squash.

There is a box at the back of church for your donations.



**Carol Singing @ the Bishop Vesey**

Thursday 14th December

8.00pm

Everyone Welcome

**Christmas cards to the people of St Michael's Church –**

**This year we will be supporting a local charity**

**YMCA Young Carers Support**

There is a board at the back of church for you to put your Christmas Card to all the people of St Michael's Church on. So rather than writing out all those cards to everyone in the church you can make a donation to our Christmas collection .

Our collections from the Carol Service and the Crib Service will also be going towards this worthwhile cause.



Rev'd Gary Birchall would like to add St Michael's church's congratulations to Liz Claybrook who was presented with an award for Outstanding Service to Local Guiding by the Midland Region Chief Commissioner last weekend.



## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We are organising a Dinner to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 at Moor Hall Golf Club in Sutton Coldfield. The cost will be £25 per person which includes a minimum of £5 donation to Macmillan Cancer Support. It will start at 7.15 for 7.45pm and will comprise a three course dinner followed by coffee and mints.

There will be a raffle so any offers of raffle prizes (such as unwanted Christmas gifts!) would be most welcome in due course. Please let us know – by phone on 354 3200 or email [peteredmonds@freeuk.com](mailto:peteredmonds@freeuk.com) - if you would like to reserve places. We hope you will be able to join us for what we hope will be a relaxing and convivial evening in support of a very worthy cause.

Peter and Carol Edmonds



## **Five ways to find out what's going on at St Michael's Church, Boldmere.**

### **Church Website** – [www.stmichaels.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels.org.uk)

Lots of information about church life can be found here. Visit the website regularly to keep up to date.



**Facebook** – St Michael's Church Boldmere (you will need to apply on facebook to join this group.)

See up to date pictures and news from St Michael's people.



**Twitter** – Follow St Michael's Church on Twitter using @StMsBoldmere

For regular Tweets about St Michael's happenings and upcoming events and services.

**Green Sheet** – regular Sunday news sheet with advance information about upcoming events and services. If you want to include things in the Green Sheet please contact Liz Claybrook, our Parish Administrator.

**Parish Magazine** – monthly magazine with jam packed with articles and items from the church and local community. Only 50p from the back of church or become a regular subscriber.

## **Have you thought about parking in the Church Hall car park on a Sunday Mornings**

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.

## **Walk don't run**

It's wonderful that people of all ages are part of the church community at St Michael's. One thing that I have learnt is the importance of walking in church rather than rushing about. This is one of the few 'rules' that I have for visitors to the church. Walk don't run. For everyone to be safe and to avoid accidents I would like to ask everyone to observe this within the church building and churchyard to take responsibility for those in their care.

## **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 - 17th December**

### **9.00 am Holy Communion**

Warden: Pete Swaine

Sidespeople: Liz Carr, Helen Menniss

Communion Assistants, Ian Bowden,  
Margaret Wilkinson, Ann Willis

Intercessions: Elaine Riley

Readers: Jean Tuby, Barbara Edmonds

AV: Millar Bownass

Refreshments: Barbara Fox. Rose Smith

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### **10.30 am Worship for All - Nativity Service**

Warden: Jan Peel

Sidespeople: Pat Hornsby, Richard Hornsby

AV: Jacob Sykes

Refreshments: Joy Shiliday, Debbie Swaine

### **4.00 pm Carols by Candlelight**

Warden: Needed

Sidespeople Needed

**PLEASE SEE THE LISTS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH TO  
SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

## **Points of Contact**

**Vicar:** Rev Gary Birchall,  
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