



St Michael's Boldmere

**11th February 2018
Sunday before Lent**

Collect

**Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 where people of every: ability, age, capacity, ethnicity, faith, gender, neurodiversity and sexuality know that all of us are welcome.

We won't always get this right, but together we can walk the way of Jesus – which is love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

Sunday's Services 11th February

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Worship for All

Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12 Page 358

Mark 9:2-9 Page 956

6.00 pm Holy Communion with anointing

Reading Psalm 50 Page 549

Offer to God a sacrifice of

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
9.30—2.30**

Monday 12th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

7.00 pm Choir

7.30pm PCC in the Upper Room

Tuesday 13th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 14th February—Ash Wednesday

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion with Ashing

10.30 am Coffee Time in the South Aisle

7.30 pm Holy Communion with Ashing

Thursday 15th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

9.45 am Little Lights in the South Aisle

2.00 pm Knit and Natter Longmoor Room Church Hall

Friday 16th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wake up shake up

Sunday mornings 9.30-10.15am in the church hall

Come along and enjoy a light breakfast /refreshment with some physical fun in the large hall before the 10.30am Worship for All service

'COFFEE TIME' on Wednesdays

This take places in the South Aisle of the church from 10.30 to 11.30am every week after the morning service has finished.

You will still get coffee or tea, biccies, a good chat and a *cheerful waitress service – EVERYBODY WELCOME*

Family Party

Sign up for a St. David's Day Family Party. This take place on Saturday March 3rd" from 5pm to 7pm in the church hall. There is a Welsh theme with games, activities and high tea. Everyone is welcome!

Cost is £2per person, with children under 3 welcomed for free. Sign up and put the slip in the box labelled "Family Party."

Boldmere Winter Night Shelter

The winter night shelter is now underway and is going well. The first Sunday we had 11 guests who were very appreciative of the hot food and warm place to stay particularly on such a cold night. Many of you may like to support the project but are unable to volunteer. Can I suggest two other ways you can be involved...

1. ***Pray:*** for the guests and volunteers that the night shelters across Birmingham run smoothly and safely and that each of the guests get the support that they need to find permanent accommodation.

Donate: Each guest is given a bus pass so that they can get back into the city centre on a Monday morning and get support from the homeless charities there. Each bus pass costs £4.40 per person (in total there are 12 guests for 12 weeks). If would like to contribute to this cost please let me know.

Thank you. Emma Sykes (07859066510)

Make-a-link

At a meeting of the PCC in September it was agreed that, as a church, St Michael's wanted to reach out to people. Three areas were identified to be investigated by smaller focus groups. These were: relationships, community and pastoral support.

The group working to improve pastoral links are:

Cath Walker, Trudy Walsh,

Jan Peel, Angela Grudzinski,

Margaret Smolden, and Margaret Wilkinson

The group wanted to create a network of contacts, designed to help us, as a church, look out for each other and make everyone feel welcome and cared for, with the hope that this would enable us to identify people who might need a little more pastoral support, and everyone needs this from time to time. Any concerns may then be drawn to the attention of the clergy or pastoral team if required.

This is designed to be supportive rather than intrusive.

Each person who volunteers to be a link contact will be given the contact details for two or three people in the congregation who have agreed to be part of the scheme. Should this link contact not see one of their links for two or three weeks at a time and hasn't heard from them, they will drop them a line or visit them. This communication may be both ways between link and contact.

Everyone, within the scheme, will have a link contact but do not have to be a link contact themselves. For example, you may be a link contact for three links but only one of those is a link contact themselves and you will also be somebody else's link. Thus, everyone is incorporated in the scheme, including the PCC, the church wardens, and the clergy.

We are asking everyone who considers this to be their regular church, to complete a Make-a-Link card, regardless of whether you wish to be part of the scheme as the card allows you to opt out.

There are a wide range of activities and groups within the church, many are mentioned on the card. By completing the card, you can also let us know what groups you may be interested in and we may then be able to offer you the appropriate information to get you started.

Please take a moment at the end of church today to complete one of these cards and post in the box will be in the south aisle.

We will collate this information and get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

The Make-a-Link team.

*It is with sadness that we announce the death of Marjorie Summerfield in Good Hope on the morning of 4th February. She regularly worshipped at St Michael's at the evening services and her cheeriness and laughter will be missed. Her funeral is on Tuesday 27th February at 3.00pm at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium. The service will be officiated by Ann Willis, a good friend of Marjorie's.
Rev'd Gary Birchall*

Baptism and Confirmation preparation for adults and those in Year 6 and above.

If you would like to prepare to be baptised and confirmed please have a word with Rev'd Gary Birchall or Rev'd Cath Walker. Preparation will take place on the afternoons of Saturday 24th March and Sunday 25th March from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the Church. Bishop David will be visiting Sutton Coldfield Deanery for a Confirmation service on Ascension Day, Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm



WE NEED YOU
THE 'TOMBOLA STALL'
NEEDS
NEW LEADERS for 2018
IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW IS INTERESTED
PLEASE CONTACT
Pete or Lee on 354 4641

Save The Date; Christian Aid week 13-19 May 2018

Sue Smart has taken over from Roz Clackett, who has organised the collection for several years.

We would like to thank Roz for her hard work and effort.

We are pleased to confirm that Ian Bowden will continue to support the collection. More details will follow.

Regards, Sue Smart

Book Club

The chosen book for next month is The Art of hearing heart-beats by Jan Philip Sendker.

We will meet on Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm at 26 New Church rd. All welcome.

Churches together Boldmere, Wylde green and Banners Gate

An Impossible God

7.45 pm Saturday 24th March

Wylde Green URC church

Tickets £3 from Rev'd Gary Birchall

For more details see notice on Community Board in the South aisle

Jubilee Debt Campaign: Please join us to hear about this work from Chair of JDC Birmingham branch, John Nightingale. Free entry and refreshments! All Saints Church Centre, Four Oaks, (Belwell Lane, B74 4TR): Friday 23rd February, 7.30 pm.

**Women's World Day of Prayer
All God's Creation is very good**

Praying for Suriname

A service for everyone

Friday 2nd March 2018.

10.30am

All Saints Four Oaks, (Belwell Lane, B74 4TR)

Barrel of Blokes

The much awaited second meeting of the Barrel of Blokes group will take place at

7.00 pm
Thursday 1st March 2018
At the Harvesters
Boldmere



This is a Men's Ministry group and all men are welcome regardless of faith or

no faith. If you attended the first meeting maybe you can bring a friend along.

For further details, or if you have a query, contact: Richard Hornsby, Gary Connell, Rick Smart or Jim Carr.

The next ladies meal out is on Tuesday 13th March 7 30 in the Karma Lounge Boldmere. Please text Judith Leonard on 07914954136.Thanks.

We are still collecting for the Aston and Nechels food bank. Items that the Foodbank most need at present. Are:

Tinned fruit Tinned vegetables Coffee
Fruit juice (carton) or squash Tinned meat Tinned fish
Milk (long-life or powdered)
Pasta sauce (jar) Tinned rice pudding
Tinned tomatoes Instant mashed potato
Toilet rolls Hand soap
Toothpaste/toothbrushes
Feminine hygiene products
Deodorants Nappies
Chocolate/snacks

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

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)

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,

Sunday's Services 18th February

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: Jim Carr

Sidespeople: Angela Grudzinski, Mark Williamson

Communion Assistants: Liz Carr, Richard Hornsby, Kevin Hunt

Intercessions: Margaret Wilkinson

Readers: Debbie Arkinstall, Edwina Connell

AV: Pete Swaine

Refreshments: Pat Jackson Paula Johnson

10.30 am Worship for All

Warden: Ian Bowden

Sidespeople: Robert Parker, Joy Shilliday

Intercessions:

Readers: Ann Grice, Karen Flint

AV : Matt Lumley

Refreshments:: Debbie Swaine

Readings

Genesis 9:8-17 page 10

Mark 1:9-15 page 947

6.00 pm Night Prayer

Warden

Sidespeople: Helen Menniss

Intercessions; Emma Sykes

Readers: Helen Menniss

Points of Contact

Vicar: Rev Gary Birchall,
Tel 354 4501– email revgary@stmichaels.org.uk
(off Tuesdays)

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Treasurer: John Woodhall 351 7769
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Stewardship Secretary : Edwina Connell 682 9119

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