

**2nd December 2018
Advent Sunday**



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NEIGHBOUR**

do something kind today

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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.

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.

Upper Stairs Upper Room FLOK (reception—Year 5)

Downstairs West Room SW:EETS (years 6-9) inclusive)

South Aisle Saints for preschool children and their parents/ carers.

Diary for the week

The Office will be open Monday Wednesday and Friday
9.30—2.30

Monday 3rd December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

7.00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 4th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 5th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion in the Epiphany Chapel

10.30am Coffee in the South Aisle

Thursday 6th 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

Friday 7th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

6.00 pm Music Group

Collect

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." 29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Wardens & Deputy Wardens

Please note that the light switch for the South Aisle porch has now been relocated. It is now in the South Aisle on the right hand side as you face the porch doors.

A lamp has also been added to the outer South Aisle porch entrance which will be of assistance to the congregation entering that way for the 6 pm evening services in the winter.

A reminder that, when coming in through the main entrance, there is a light switch on the left hand side which illuminates the main porch area. Don't forget to switch these lights off when locking up.

Dave Reeves

Macmillan Cancer Support

Many thanks to all those people who enjoyed Malcolm's Audio Visual Journey last Friday. We raised about £1,200 for the charity and had an excellent evening. Lin Benson

Toy Service Sunday 9h December:

Please bring new toys or as good as new toys for Birmingham City Mission. Please don't wrap them.



Boldmere Nativity Parade Saturday 15th December 2018 3.30pm



Starts at Boldmere Methodist Church ends at St Michael's

Maybe bring a lantern or a torch..

Short Christmas reading and a carol at each church.

Carol Service

St. Michael's Carol Service is on December 16th at 4pm. We all enjoy mulled wine and mince pies on that occasion. If anyone would like to contribute with a bottle of wine or some mince pies, we would be most grateful. There will be a box in the kitchen for any gifts. Many thanks.

Carol Singing @ the Bishop Vesey

Wednesday 19th December 7.30pm

Everyone Welcome

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

New Daylight

New Daylight is a pocket-sized booklet providing four months of daily Bible readings with comment and prayer suggestions from a team of contributors from a range of church backgrounds. It is ideal for anybody wanting an accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and their knowledge of Scripture. There is also a large print version of the magazine.

It is published three times a year, and I am about to place the order for the January to April issue. The current subscription rates for the three issues a year are:

New Daylight **£13.50** Large Print **£17.25**

If anyone would like to join us, or try it for a period please do get in touch. Please see me after the 9am service on a

Sunday Morning, or contact me on 121 382 4806,

e-mail malcolmimhoff@gmail.com

Blessings, Malcolm Imhoff

Dates for December

Sunday 9th December

Gift of Toys Services 9.00 & 10.30

Saturday 15th December Nativity parade 3.30 pm

Sunday 16th December

Nativity 10.30 am

Carol Service 4.00 pm

Wednesday 19th December

Carol Singing at the Bishop Vesey 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd December Agora party

24th December Christingle Making 11.00am

Crib Service 4.00 pm

Midnight Communion 11.30 pm

25th December Holy Communion 9.00am

Christingle Service 10.30 am

Sunday 30th December Holy Communion 10.00am

6th January Commissioning of Pastoral Team

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

I would like to empty the boxes during the month of November. They can be left at the back of Church or I can collect them, please ring me if you would like it collected.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pat Tennant

Sunday's Services— 9th December - Toy Services

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: Jim Carr

Sidespeople: Olwen Blower , Liz Carr

Communion Assistants:: Fran Lumley. Jan Peel

Angela Grudzinski

Intercessions: Jan Peel

Readers: Malcolm Spencer , Debbie Arkinstall

AV: Millar Bownass

Refreshments: Vanesa Britton , John Davis

10.30 am Worship for All

Warden: Pete Swaine

Sidespeople; Mark Williamson

Intercessions; Jan Peel

Readers: Trudy Walsh

AV: Mac Sykes

Refreshments: Debbie Swaine

Readings

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

6.00 pm Holy communion with Anointing

Warden: Ian Bowden

Sidesperson: Pat Tennant

Communion Assistant : Ian Bowden

Reader Ian Bowden

Prayers: Pat Tennant

Reading Luke 1: 26-38

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