

6th January 2019
Epiphany



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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 will stay in church

Diary for the week

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

Monday 7th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

7.00 pm Choir

Tuesday 8th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 9th January

9.00am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

10.00 am Holy Communion in the Epiphany Chapel

10.30 am Coffee in the South Aisle

Thursday 10th January

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 11th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

6.00 pm Music Group at the Vicarage

NEW YEAR - PARISH OVER SIXTIES TEA

Come with your wife, come with your husband

Come with a friend or just come on your own

You will be assured of a warm welcome.

SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2018

3.30 pm for 4 pm in the Church Hall

Transport available

Invitations are available at the back of the Church

Rev'd Gary, Maggie, Rev'd Cath, Phil, Eli and Reuben would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support, cards and gifts this Christmas time. It is very encouraging and means a lot. Thank you

Collect

**O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory 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**

First Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Friday 18th January at 8:30am

Prayer, and tea and coffee.

Emmanuel Church (CofE), Wylde Green, B72 1YG

Saturday 19th January at 8.00am

Jesus Prayer for 30 minutes, then toast for breakfast

St Michael's Church (CofE), Boldmere, B73 5RX

Monday 21st January at 6pm

Evening Prayer, followed by light supper

St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere, B73 5US

Tuesday 22nd January from 6.30 - 8.00 am

Grab a light breakfast and stay/leave as you choose.

Chester Road Baptist Church, B73 5HU

Wednesday 23rd January at 10.30am

Prayer, and tea and coffee.

Boldmere Methodist Church, B73 5UB

Thursday 24th January at 11am

Prayer, and tea and coffee.

Wylde Green URC Church, B73 5SW

Each year, Christians of a particular country set a focus for the world-wide Week of Prayer.

This year Christians of Indonesia have focused on the threat to unity caused by inequalities in wealth and opportunity.

During the prayer at each local church there will be a chance to hear of a particular work of justice and care carried out in that community

We know from previous years that the need for assistance will be greater in January and February once the Christmas celebrations are over so any collections undertaken post Christmas will also help us considerably.

Thanking you for your continued support
Aston & Nechells Foodbank

Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fruit

Tinned rice pudding

Tinned custard

Tinned carrots (but please not tinned chick peas we are well stocked with these)

Jam

Coffee

Powdered potato

Long life milk

Long life fruit juice or fruit squash



Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 27th January 2019

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)

Barbara Watkins

The funeral service for Barbara Watkins will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Monday 14th January 2019 at 11.00am.

Sunday's Services— 13th January– Baptism of Christ

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: David Benson

Sidespeople: Helen Menniss, Lin Benson

Communion Assistants: Ann Grice, Angela Grudzinski
Fran Lumley

Intercessions: Peter Edmonds

Readers: Alison Bownass, Ann Grice

AV: Millar Bownass

Refreshments: Liz Claybrook, Ruth Murray

10.30 am Worship for all

Warden: Judith Leonard

Sidespeople: Kevin Dunnington, Mark Williamson

Intercessions: Hilary Harrison

Readers: Carolyn Ratcliffe, Coco Parsons

AV: Jon Clark

Refreshments: Debbie Swaine. Hayley Bryer

6.00 pm Holy communion with Anointing

Warden: Mick Walsh

Sidespeople: Pat Tennant

Communion Assistant, Ian Bowden, Coleen Shekerie

Intercessions: Rev'd Cath Walker

Readers: Pat Tennant

Readings:

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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