



St Michael's Boldmere

**10th February 2019
4th Sunday
Before Lent**

**#loveYOUR
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 11th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Tuesday 12th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 13th February

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 14th 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 in the Longmoor Room

Friday 15th February

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

6.00 pm Music Group

Collect

O God,

you know us to be set

in the midst of so many and great dangers,

that by reason of the frailty of our nature

we cannot always stand upright:

grant to us such strength and protection

as may support us in all dangers

and carry us through all temptations;

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 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters,^[a] of the good news^[b] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters^[c] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.^[d]⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel; Reading - Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 24th February 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)

Holy Communion with Anointing and the Examen (A review of the Day)

Every 2nd Sunday evening there is a service of Holy Communion with anointing at 6.00pm at St Michael's. Alongside the opportunity to receive communion in a quiet, reflective setting, there is also the opportunity to be anointed with oil with the sign of the cross on the forehead. This is done with the use of a simple but profound prayer that asks for God's love, healing, wholeness, peace, forgiveness and grace be made known in a person's life.

For the first part of 2019 we are also going to use the Examen at this service. The Examen is sometimes referred to as a 'review of the day'. Underlying the prayer is the assumption that God's love is continually active in our lives. Through the Examen, we become more sensitive to God's presence and activity in daily occurrences, in our relationships and in events both large and small .

With time, as we become more aware of how God draws us closer, we become more responsive to God's leading.

Make a Link

If you would like to sign up to the scheme, please complete one of the cards at the back of church. For more information please speak to Rev Cath.



Sunday evening Sermon Series
Begins tonight 6.00pm
with Night Prayer

The life and times of **DANIEL** THRIVING IN BABYLON

How to survive power mad emperors,
lions, betrayal, interpretation of dreams,
regime change and a healthy diet.

Evening Sermon Series on the life and times of Daniel

Sunday 24th February – Chapter 3 – The cost of faithful
- ness

Sunday 3rd March – Chapter 4 – More weird dreams

Sunday 31st March – Chapter 5 – The writing's on the
wall

Sunday 7th April – Chapter 6 – A visit to the zoo
(Lions may feature)

Sunday 5th May – Susanna – A woman faces execution

What we do

On Friday or Saturday nights we are out on The Parade serving warm drinks and giving sweets to clubbers, passers-by, promoters, the homeless, club door staff, police and taxi drivers.



We walk through the town centre from the Empire cinema to the High Street. We pick up glass bottles that could become weapons in a brawl or a hazard for barefoot clubbers (to them we offer flip-flops).

We receive a warm reception



from everyone and most weeks someone will share their story with us. Occasionally we are invited to pray with them.

Why we do it

We want to be Jesus' hands and feet, a light in the darkness, caring for the vulnerable and hurting and willing listeners when called on.

How you can help

Join the team! We are looking for members of Sutton churches, aged 18 or over, to come out on a 'taster' evening (9.30pm to 2.00am) and if all goes well to volunteer about once monthly as a team member.

Interested?

Contact Frank Cole at suttonpastors@gmail.com or text 07964 090954.



Churches Together in Sutton Coldfield - in action!

Be still and know that I am God
Helping People into Silence

Wednesday 27th February 7.15-9.15pm

St Luke's Church Centre, Great Colmore Street, Birmingham

This is an open meeting, organised by the Birmingham Forum for Spiritual Directors and Companions, for all who might like to pray with silence but would welcome some guidance, help or encouragement.

There'll be an introduction to the place of silence in Christian prayer, and a time of silent prayer will be led during the evening. There'll be information about some of the different groups in the Birmingham area who meet for silent prayer and a selection of books and resources.

Speak to Andrew Menniss if you would like more information. The meeting is free, but people can leave a donation if they wish.

Enquires about the meeting to

sdforum@birminghamchurches.org.uk. If you are coming please email so that they know approximate numbers

Ladies meal out Thurs 21st Feb, 7.30pm at The Shaban, Boldmere. Contact Susan Couper if you want to come 07921238301.

“CHURCH AT ITS BEST !! “

This is a quote from an attendee at the last Church Weekend ... the good news is the 2019 Church Weekend is fast approaching !!!!.....Friday 26th to Sunday 28th AprilIt's a time of fun , friendship , fellowship and faith the theme is Gathering Around Jesus ... so wherever you are in your faith journey this is a must Weekend and not to be missed !! Our guest speaker is the Rev Calvert Prentice who will be preached at church on Sunday 3rd February ...

For further details please speak to any of the Church Weekend Team (Jeanette Nichols / Jude Leonard / Jan Peel / Debbie and Peter Swain / Hilary Harrison / Margaret Smoldon / Rev Gary) “

Date for your Diary - 30th Anniversary Celebration

Rev'd Gary Birchall will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest on Sunday 7th July 2019 at St Michael's Church. There will be one service for the whole church at 10.30am followed by a picnic in the church grounds. The whole church are warmly invited to be at the service to mark this occasion with him. Rev'd Gary Birchall was ordained priest in the Church of England at Ripon Cathedral in July 1989. He has served in parishes in Leeds, Leicester, Burnopfield (Co. Durham) and Boldmere.

Please put this date in your diary now so that as many people as possible can be there.



TRAIDCRAFT

Wylde Green United
Reform Church,
Britwell Road



TRAIDCRAFT

Road Show in Hlghbridge Hall
With Bring and Buy Sale
Saturday 23rd February 10am – 3.30 pm

Celebrate Traidcraft's 40th Birthday
Come and meet the people who are working hard for the future
of Traidcraft-

The will also be a WAREHOUSE SALE so please come and
grad a bargain

Coffee, tea and snacks available throughout the day.
Traidcraft fortnight starts 25th Feb

'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

Sunday's Services— 17th February

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: Ian Bowden

Sidespeople: Jim Carr, Liz Carr

Communion Assistants: Colleen Shekerie

Trudy Walsh;

Intercessions: Pat Tennant

Readers: Margaret Wilkinson, Malcolm Spencer

AV: **Needed**

Refreshments: Vanessa Britton, John Davis

10.30 am Worship for all

Warden: Jon Clark

Sidespeople: Mark Williamson. Marsha Janes– Gayle

Intercessions: Michael David

Reader Hilary Harrison

AV: Simon Gomm

Refreshments; Debbie Swaine, Kate Parsons

Readings

9 and 10.30am - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

9am only Luke 6:17-26

6.00 pm Breathe

Warden: Judith Leonard

Sidespeople: Veronica Emms

Reader Judith Leonard

Readings: TBC

Points of Contact

Vicar: Rev Gary Birchall,
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