



St Michael's Boldmere

10th March 2019
1st Sunday
of Lent

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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 March

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel
7.00 pm Choir

Tuesday 12th March

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 13th March–

9.00am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel
9.00 am—11.30 A place of Welcome in the Church Hall
10.30 am Holy Communion the Church Hall
7.30 pm Guild in the Longmoor room

Thursday 14th March

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 March

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel
6.00 pm Music Group

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your
Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 - Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written,
'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil^l took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,
'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

And 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

St Michael's people may like to know that former curate at St Michael's, Rev'd Amanda Featherstone (ne Howett) has been appointed as Vicar of St Mary's Wythall in Birmingham Diocese. The date of her licensing is yet to be announced. This follows four years as priest of St Luke's, Great Colmore Street. Our **congratulations** go to Manda on this appointment.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

A new Electoral Roll has to be prepared this year.

You need to be on the Electoral roll if you wish to stand for the PCC, or vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 29th April. Also if you live out of the parish you need to be on the roll if you wish to have your child baptised here, be married here (if you can not meet any of the other qualifying conditions) or be buried in the church yard.

To go on the roll you need to have be over the age of 16, have been baptised and either live in the Parish or have regularly attended public worship here during the six months prior to the application.

If you wish to be included you must re-apply using the forms at the back of church by 3rd April 2019 no names can be carried forward from the current one.

Rev'd Cath Walker is taking the Communion Service and preaching at St Mary's Pype Hayes this morning. We are pleased to be able to support neighbouring churches in this way when we can. St Mary's does not currently have a Vicar. We also recognise the support that Rev'd Emma Sykes, Canon Andrew Menniss and Rev'd Alison Bownass give to other parishes for Sunday and mid-week worship.

Church Weekend

REMINDER

Payment in full should be made by **15th March.**

St Michael's Parochial Church Council has been considering some development work for the inside of the Church building over the last eighteen months. The PCC have decided that the three top priorities are developing the area of the church where the choir stalls are currently located, improving accessibility at the main entrance into Church at the West Door and Porch, and to decorate the church for the first time since the re-dedication of the Church in 1967. These priorities were decided alongside a consideration of the current focus for the life and mission of St Michael's Church and have been given a lot of thought and consideration. There will be an open congregational meeting when proposed plans can be presented - we are awaiting for designs from the architect at the moment. The congregation will be informed of significant stages in the development. Funding for these developments will be made from our reserves. We currently have approximately £325,000 pounds in reserves and this work should still leave about £200,000 in reserves for future contingencies. It is important that as a responsible charity we use our available funds for the purposes and aims of the charity. So watch this space for further news and if you have any questions please have a word with Rev'd Gary Birchall or the Churchwardens Peter Swaine and Judith Leonard.

Ps. One word of reassurance: there are no current plans to remove the pews in the main body of the church. It's the kind of thing that people get anxious about.

Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 24th March 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)

Please come along to our
BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH TO SUPPORT MALAWI

On Saturday 23rd March in the South Aisle

The event will start with a Presentation at 12.00 in church by Rev Paul Bracher (Malawi Partnership Officer for Birmingham) on his recent visit to Malawi. Attendance at the Presentation isn't compulsory, but you're sure to find it interesting. We'll be serving the lunch from 12.30 to 1.30 – or until the soup runs out! Come along when you can to enjoy homemade soup and delicious bread. All donations are in aid of health and education projects in Malawi. The Mission Committee has made a commitment to send enough money to a community in Southern Malawi where health provision is shockingly poor. We hope also to benefit schools and nurseries in rural areas.

Help us to fund the cost of replacing the badly leaking roof of a health centre where "sometimes children arrive with malaria and leave with pneumonia."

EASTER CARDS

There are Easter cards and Mothering Day cards for sale (60p each) in the South Aisle. There is also another selection of Easter cards and Easter paper in the church hall.

I have recently given Rev. Gary £200 which is the profit from the sale of Christmas goods. Please continue to support by buying cards. Your help is much appreciated!

**Many thanks,
Ruth Yates**

Shock Horror! 10.30am Worship for All Service starting at 10.30am

On a couple of occasions recently the 10.30am Worship for All service has finished a bit too late. This is for a variety of reasons. However, I think that it is reasonable that we aim for the 10.30am service to finish by 11.45am. This can sometimes be a challenge with all the quality things that are included in our worship. However, one obvious way forward is for the 10.30am service to start at 10.30am. This is always the intention but sometimes the start time drifts. So, we are going to aim to start on time. Let's see how it goes.

Rev'd Gary Birchall

Emma's marathon fundraising challenge for SCOPE

Emma Sykes is running the London Marathon on 28th April in aid of SCOPE. SCOPE is a charity that supports and campaigns for justice for disabled people and their families. If you would like to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause you can do so through her justgiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-sykes5 or she will happily take any cash donations. You can either leave them in her tray at the back of church or hand donations to her on a Sunday. Thank you for your support!

New Church Magazine

The March edition of our new look church magazine
"Steeple and People" Available today priced 50p
Together with the Prayer Diary for March

**A Place of Welcome for Lent
Wednesdays in the Church Hall**
(Longmore and Powell Rooms)

9.00am to 11.30am

including for those who want to take part

Holy Communion 10.30am

A warm welcome

Refreshments – Tea, coffee, toast

Local information

No charge

Plus: *The Real Junk Food Boutique -grab a bargain and help to reduce waste.*



Lent Lecture

Andrew Mitchell MP



15th March 7.30 pm Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church

“A Vision for Sutton Coldfield”

**An opportunity for Q & A
from the Christian community**

The book club have chosen two books for March.

The Art of Lent: A Painting A Day From Ash Wednesday To Easter by Beckett, Sister Wendy and The Salt Path by Raynor Winn.

We meet on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm at 26 New Church rd. All welcome.

**Evening Sermon Series
on the life and times of Daniel**

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

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 to take responsibility for those in their care.

Sunday's Services— 17th March

9.00 am Holy Communion

Warden: Jim Carr

Sidespeople. Liz Carr

Communion Assistants: Peter Edmonds,

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Intercessions :Gary Connell

Readers: Kevin Hunt, Liz Carr

AV: Pete Swaine

Refreshments: Vanessa Briton , John Davis

10.30 am Worship for all

Warden: Pete Swaine

Sidespeople: Pat Hornsby, Robert Parker

Intercessions: Elaine Riley

Readers: Michael David. Hilary Harrison

AV Andrew Sykes

Refreshments; Tusheeta David

Readings

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Luke 13:31-end

6.00 pm Breathe

Warden: Judith Leonard

Sidespeople: Dorothea Plant

If you are unable to make any of the dates, you are down for **please amend the large Service Team sheet that is on the wall at the back of church** and , contact someone else to replace you on that date. If you have been unable to do this then please contact Liz in the office as soon as possible.

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