



**31st March 2019
4th Sunday
of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

**#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.

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 1st April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel
7.00 pm Choir

Tuesday 2nd April

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 3rd April

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

Thursday 4th April

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 5th April

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

Collect

**God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 - Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year

Gospel reading Luke 15:1-3, 11-end

.Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Holy Week and Easter Day at St Michael's



Palm Sunday – 14th April 2019

Holy Communion – 9.00am
Worship for All – 10.30am
Stations of the Cross – 6.00pm

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week

Images of Passion and Prayer – 7.00pm to 7.45pm

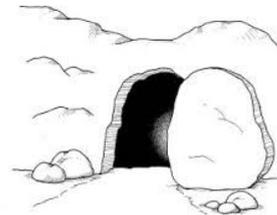
Maundy Thursday – 18th April 2019

Simple Maundy Thursday Service – 4.00pm to 4.30pm
Holy Communion with washing of feet - 7.30pm
Garden of Gethsemane Prayer in (Epiphany Chapel)
8.30pm to 9.30pm

Good Friday – 19th April 2017

Good Friday Worship for All service - 10.00am

Good Friday Vigil Service - 1.30pm – 3.00pm
'Touching the Sacred'



Easter Day – 21st April 2017

Easter Dawn Service and breakfast- - 6.00am
Easter Communion - 9.00am
Easter Communion Worship for All - 10.30am

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.

BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH TO SUPPORT MALAWI

With grateful thanks to all who attended the lunch last Saturday, or who donated at other times, we are delighted to say that the amount raised was just over £800. This is a remarkable amount, all of which will be gift aided. We're aware that many of you were particularly moved by the news of the current flooding in Malawi, and there will be enormous needs for the worst affected communities there in the months to come. We will consider how the money we raised can be put to best use, and keep you informed when the picture becomes clearer.

Liz Carr and the Mission Giving Committee

Two Sundays when there will only be one service at St Michael's

There are two Sundays coming up when there will only be one service at St Michael's Church. These are Sunday 28th April and Sunday 7th July.

Sunday 28th April - 6.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 7th July - 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th April is the Sunday of the Church Weekend and Rev'd Gary Birchall will return from the weekend to take a service of Holy Communion at 6.00pm at St Michael's. Other clergy and readers in the church are not available to take a service in the morning that day.

Sunday 7th July is the Sunday that Rev'd Gary Birchall will be celebrating his 30th anniversary of being ordained as a priest in the Church of England. He would really like the whole church to gather together to celebrate with him on that day. The service will be followed by a 'bring your own' picnic in the Churchyard. All of us are welcome.

Rev'd Gary Birchall



THEY'RE HERE AGAIN!



The Guild will be selling Egg Men again this Easter in support of the local homeless. They will be on sale in church on 7th April priced at £1.50 each. 2019 will be the final year that The Guild will be adopting a charity so we look forward to

your support over the next few months to make this a bumper year.

On Thursday 6th June we will be hosting a fund raising evening in the South Aisle and further details will be in the May magazine.

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

CHURCH AT IT'S BEST !!

Shortly Coming to a South Aisle near you is the Church Weekend information Board !! !!

All you need to know about the programme , location and lots of practical stuff

Any queries please speak to any of the Church Weekend Team (Jeanette Nichols ,Jude Leonard , Jan Peel , Debbie and Peter Swain , Hilary Harrison , Margaret Smolden , Rev Gary .

PARISH BREAKFAST

The next Breakfast will be on

Saturday 13th April in the South Aisle.

For the early birds, we start serving at 8.30 a.m. and continue throughout the morning. Come and enjoy a breakfast of your choice. Full English, Continental or just tea and toast.

From 10.30 a.m. onwards we shall also be serving coffee and cakes. Also on sale will be a wonderful selection of cakes, plus Easter cards and paper

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.

**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

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!



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), 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.

Sunday's Services— 7th April

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Warden: Margaret Smoldon

Sidespeople.: Lin Benson, Mark Williamson

Communion Assistants: Ann Grice, Kevin Hunt

Elaine Riley

Readers:: Colleen Shekerie, Dave Reeves

AV: Malcolm Imhoff

Refreshments: Rose Smith

10.30 am Worship for all with Holy Communion

Warden: Pete Swaine

Communion Assistants: Fran Lumley, **2 needed**

Sidespeople: Kevin Dunnington

Intercessions: **Needed**

Readers: Rick Smart,

AV : Simon Gomm

Refreshments; Hayley Bryer, Jan Peel

Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

6.00 pm Night Prayer

Warden:

Sidespeople: Veronica Emms

Reader

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 find a replacement then please contact Liz in the office as soon as possible.

Points of Contact

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

Curate: Rev'd Cath Walker Tel 07484 111614
Email revcath@stmichaels.org.uk day off Friday

Associate Missioner:

Rev'd Emma Sykes—revenma@stmichaels.org.uk

Children's and Families' Missioner:

Jeanette Nicholls—cfm@stmichaels.org.uk

Wardens:

Judith Leonard 0121 373 0012
Pete Swaine 07846 401334
Email: wardens@stmichaels.org.uk

Treasurer: John Woodhall 351 7769
Email: treasurer@stmichaels.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary : Edwina Connell 07717 239904

Vergers: Michelle Johnson -Tuesday—Friday 07903 820315

Church Office: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm
Liz Claybrook, Parish Administrator- Tel: 373 0207.
e-mail—liz.claybrook@stmichaels.org.uk

St Michaels Church-

Church Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5RX

Web site: www.stmichaels.org.uk

Twitter: @StMsBoldmere

Facebook: St Michaels Church Boldmere