



St Michael's Boldmere

8th September 2019
12th Sunday
After Trinity

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.

**#loveYOUR
NEIGHBOUR**

do something kind today

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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.

First Reading Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit

Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Diary for the week

The Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 - 2.30

Monday 9th September

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel
7.00 pm Choir Practice
7.30 pm PCC in the Upper Room

Tuesday 10th September

9.00 am Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel

Wednesday 11th September

9.00 am—11.30 A place of Welcome in the Church Hall
10.30 am Holy Communion the Church Hall

Thursday 12th September

9.45 am Little Lights in the South Aisle
2.00 pm Knit and Natter in the Powell Rm Church Hall

Please note there will not be Morning Prayer from 11th - 18th September.

Michelle Johnson ,our Church Verger, is recovering from her operation.

We can all help keep the church tidy by insuring that we tidy up kneelers, notice sheets, cups and crumbs etc after the

Ladies meal out at the Karma lounge on
Tuesday 17th September at 7 30.
Let Jude Leonard know if you are able to come.
Phone number is 07914954136

PARISH BREAKFAST

The next Breakfast will be on
Saturday 21st September 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.

Parish Sunday Lunch—Sunday 22nd September 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)

HARVEST PARISH OVER SIXTIES TEA SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2019

3.30 pm for 4 pm in the Church Hall
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.

Transport available
Invitations are available at the back of the Church

Contact-less Giving to St Michael's Church

St Michael's Church now has a Contact-less Terminal for Debit and Credit card donations.

This is an opportunity to make a financial gift to St Michael's Church on a Sunday morning simply by holding their Debit or Credit card over the terminal, just like most of us already do in shops and pubs. The terminal is set at a default of £5.00 gift. However, it is also very easy to make a gift of either £10.00 or £3.00 as well. Your gift will go straight to St Michael's Church. It is not possible for your donation to be Gift Aided.

The most effective way to give to St Michael's Church on a regular basis is still through Standing Order and if possible Gift Aiding this. Forms are available for this at the Giving for Growth table at the back of Church. For advice on this please speak to Edwina Connell, Rick Smart or Rev'd Gary Birchall. The Contact-less terminal is ideally suited for visitors on a Sunday, or at Baptisms and Weddings, however you may well find it an easy way to make a gift as well. Any questions simply ask Rev'd Gary Birchall. Remember that all our giving is Giving for Growth at St Michael's Church - numerically, spiritually and in service.

Rev'd Gary Birchall

CURRY NIGHT

The Social Committee are organising a Curry Night and Quiz

on

Friday 18th October

7.00 for 7.30 pm In the Church hall

bring your own drinks

Non curry option available (when booking)

Tickets £8 from Margaret Smoldon

Defibrillator - fund raiser:

St Michael's Church, Boldmere has committed itself to providing a defibrillator for public use at the two sites of the church and the church hall. Many people of all ages use these two sites and it would mean a great deal to us to provide the opportunity to save lives if someone experienced a heart attack in or near to these buildings. We know that using a defibrillator in the first moments of a heart attack can be the difference between life and death. We have funding available for one defibrillator and Diana Boateng and other members of the church have committed themselves to raising the money for the second one.

We hope to raise awareness on the locations of these defibrillators in Boldmere, and also how to use them.

I am writing to say farewell and give God's blessing and ours to Eric and Heather Hewitt. They have worshipped at St Michael's for over twelve years and have been very faithful and prayerful members of the church. They have decided that the time has come for them to worship with their son and his family so that the whole family can be together on a Sunday morning. They let me know that they will very much miss the special friendships they have made at St Michael's and will always remember them and keep in touch as far as possible. So God be with you Eric and Heather and we will see you soon.

Rev'd Gary Birchall

Edwardtide Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey - 19th October

Thank you to all who have paid either deposits or total balance of monies due for the Westminster Edwardtide Pilgrimage.

I am required to pay the balance to the Coach company at the end of September so therefore can I kindly request that all balances are paid to me by the last Sunday in September. As a reminder it is £20 per adult and £10 per child.

Many thanks Edwina CONNELL

Sunday's Services— 15th September

9.00am Holy Communion

Warden: Jude Leonard

Sidespeople: Pat Tennant **1 Needed**

Communion Assistants: Angela Grudzinski

Bob Crawford, Kevin Hunt

Intercessions: Jan Peel

Readers: Ann Grice, Rev'd Cath

AV: Mick Walsh

Refreshments: Liz Claybrook

10.30 am Worship for all

Warden: Peter Swaine

Sidespeople. Kevin Dunnington, Marsha James- Gayle

Intercessions: Hilary Harrison

Readers: Karen Flint, Rev'd Gary

AV: Jon Clark

Refreshments; Pat Hornsby, Debbie Swaine

Readings

Exodus 32:7-14

Luke 15:1-10

6.00 pm Breathe

Warden: David Benson

Sidespeople. Lin Benson

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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 your **team coordinator** as soon as possible.

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