



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

## KEEPING IN TOUCH – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### “Thank you” from the Vicar

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Monday and attended by a good cross-section of 35 church members. Speaking via the zoom video link, our vicar Paul expressed his sincere thanks to the large number of people who have worked so hard over the difficult period we have all experienced in recent months. There are so many aspects to keeping the church going and providing for the needs of the many people under our care. He thanked the clergy, lay ministers, readers and others for their various contributions to the on-line and Sunday services; the church officers and all the volunteers who came forward to ensure, where possible, the continuation of church activities; those who ensured the provision of new opportunities such private prayer; and those many church members and others who have contributed to providing both pastoral and practical support to those who needed this over the last weeks and months. All this came in the ‘Vicar’s Address’ towards the end of the meeting. Before that, various reports were considered, discussed and accepted, and various positions were filled by those nominated by other church members. We now move into the next phase of continued ministry and support for our church members and all those in the community that we serve.

### Coming up at St Michael’s

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- A 'Service of the Word' at 10:00am . If possible, please let us know if you will be attending by email at [care@bramcoteparishchurch.com](mailto:care@bramcoteparishchurch.com) or by phone on (0115) 943 0137. There is also the opportunity to bring items to donate to the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank, and also to pick up a shoebox to fill with presents for needy children at Christmas.
- An on-line 'Service of Reflection'. This appears on Sunday and is available for the whole of the week following. No log-ins are required, just go to <https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

- Church is open for personal/private prayer from 10:00am to 12:00pm each day. Welcomers are present to meet visitors to the church. Again, there is the opportunity to bring items for the foodbank.
- Daily reflections on a bible passage are on the church website at <https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

- Monthly Parish Prayer at 19.00pm. You can pray privately or with others via zoom. Contact David Curnock ([dcurnock@doctors.org.uk](mailto:dcurnock@doctors.org.uk)) for the zoom link and the prayer sheet we will be using as the basis for our prayers this month.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

- The Bible Course continues at 19:30pm. This excellent course has proved to be very popular. Again, contact David Curnock for the log-in details.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

- Continuation of the Bible Study on Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. This study is delivered via Zoom and starts at 14:00pm. Phone (0115) 916 4588 or email [rev.lillian@googlemail.com](mailto:rev.lillian@googlemail.com) for more information.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Bob Cottell, 1931 - 2020

Bob was born in Spilsby, Lincolnshire, one of a family of six. He grew up on a farm and was educated at Spilsby Grammar School before attending Lincoln Tech as part of his apprenticeship with the Lincoln Electricity Board. Having gained a diploma in Light Engineering and Electronics a series of promotions followed with moves to Boston and Nottingham until his retirement from the East Midlands Electricity Board in 1984 following several heart attacks. At fifty three he was given a life span of eighteen months to two years but supported by his wife Jane (who died in 2003) and his daughter Liz he lived for a further thirty six years. Living in Eastcote Avenue for forty four years he was much loved and respected by neighbours who became friends, and also by a very wide circle of friends. Very sociable, a long time active member of the Conservative Party, Bob had a great interest in people: he was a former Chair of Governors of a Nottingham City Primary School, a keen supporter of the Bestwood Foodbank, a member of Bramcote Probus for something like twenty five years, and a regular at the Thursday communion service at St. Michael and All Angels. Bob was a gentle man and a gentleman who leaves a daughter Liz, a granddaughter Hannah, and great grandchildren Sophia and Lucas. He will be very much missed by all who knew and loved him.

*Revd David Edinborough*

### Vacancies filled at the APCM

The following vacancies were filled at the APCM held on Monday:

Churchwardens: Tom Clifford and Stan Heptinstall.

PCC members: Christine Cleave, David Curnock, Sarah Elbourne and Jimmy Smith. These join those elected in 2018 and 2019 for a 3-year term.

Deanery Representatives: Liz Cardwell, Robert Cleave, David Ducker and Cindy Jones.

### Bishop Paul on 'Suffering'

Bishop Paul and his wife Sarah read from Psalm 83 and explore one of the biggest questions of life: 'Why does God allow suffering?'. They discuss this in the context of the recent Government announcement of further restrictions due to Covid-19. Go to:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CNF\\_sjiJAw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CNF_sjiJAw)

### Traidcraft Invitation

You are invited to attend a Traidcraft event on a Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November called 'Taste the World'. You can participate on Zoom, but also join in in other ways. More details coming soon! Christine Cleave (0115) 925 8394.

### RSCM Choir Festival

This Festival normally takes place in Southwell Minster in October. This year it is delivered as a zoom presentation via a weblink. If you go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIF7vrXKHwC&feature=youtu.be> you can see and hear members of our own choir singing in the "virtual" choir that was created specially for this occasion.

### Sarah's Dance Classes

Sarah Elbourne's dance classes are on-line. Contact her at [sarahelbourne.se@gmail.com](mailto:sarahelbourne.se@gmail.com) and she will be happy to let you have all the details.

### Contacting us at St Michael's

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