



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

KEEPING IN TOUCH – 19th November 2020

The Coming Week at St Michael's

Sunday 22nd November

We are still not allowed to open the church for services because of the current lockdown. However, you can still access the **on-line Service of Reflection** at <https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>. This will be available from Sunday and for the whole of the following week. No log-in or password is required.

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th November

The church is open for **private/personal prayer** from 10:00am to 12:00pm each day. The church is also open for you to leave any of the following:

- **Donations for the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank:** as Christmas approaches it is even more important to provide for those who need our help.
- **Donations to the Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal:** please see the separate notice about this on page 2 of this newsletter.
- **Regular and occasional donations to St Michael's** to help us keep things going during this exceptional time.

Please also visit the church website each day for the **Reflections on a Bible Passage** that are compiled by our own Clergy and Reader team. These can be accessed at <https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>. No log-in or password is required.

Thursday 26th November

We have now finished our studies on **Paul's Letter to the Ephesians**, and this week we will be sharing what we learned with each other. The focus of the next series of studies will be 'Advent', so do consider joining us for these. Advent is the time we prepare for Christmas and look at all that Christmas means to us. We meet via Zoom at 14:00pm. Contact Lillian for the log-in details. Her email is rev.lillian@goolemail.com.

Preparing for Christmas

Christmas is not far away, and, despite the current difficulties, we at St Michael's are very keen to celebrate this central moment in our Christian faith in a fitting manner. Here are our plans so far:

1. Special services will be delivered on-line. The services that appear on Sundays will continue, and they will be adapted to incorporate the themes of advent and Christmas. In addition, there will be an on-line Nativity Service on Christmas Eve and an online service of Christmas Praise on Christmas Day.
2. If it is at all possible, we will also have services in church, but this depends on the revised rules that may, or may not, be issued by the Government on 2nd December. These would include a service on Christmas Day followed by a short service of communion.
3. The church WILL continue to be open for private prayer on weekdays, and during the Christmas period the church will be appropriately decorated so as to enhance the experience of those who visit us.
4. Once again, we will provide the opportunity to send Christmas cards to each other via the church mail system. Cards can be left and collected at church whenever the church is open. Sanitisation measures will be in place.
5. St Michael's Nativity Trail, Junior Church Christmas Cards and the Christmas Toy Appeal – see overleaf for information on these exciting initiatives for Christmas.
6. A system of offering a Christmas meal to someone on Christmas Day is being devised.

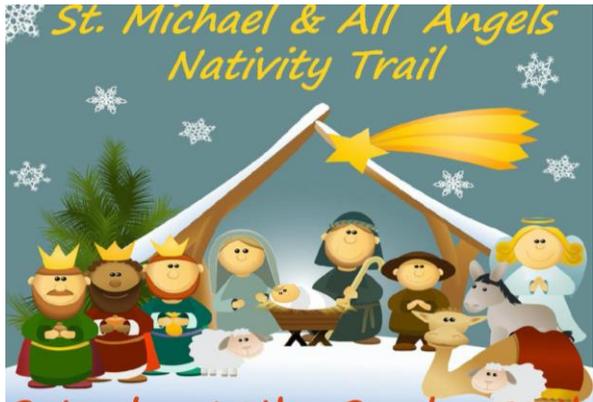
We will update you on all of these plans as they develop.

St Michael's Nativity Trail

The Christmas Eve family Nativity service is always a very well attended event at St Michael's. Given the service may not happen this year, the Nativity is getting out into the parish!

You are invited to take part in a newly devised 'Nativity Trail'. This will involve you spying displays located throughout Bramcote that will allow you to complete the story and solve the hidden message. Trail maps for locations can be downloaded nearer the time from www.saintmichaelsbramcote.com.

More information in the poster below:



*St. Michael & All Angels
Nativity Trail*

**Saturday 19th—Sunday 27th
December**
around Bramcote

We love our Christmas Eve Nativity Service so since you can't come to us, we thought we'd bring the story to you!

Some parts are missing—can you help us find them and finish the story?

For the code-breakers among you there's also a secret code—can you crack it?

Trail maps can be printed from 16th December at:
www.saintmichaelsbramcote.com

Contacting us at St Michael's

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Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal



The Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal ensures that children in needy families in Nottingham City and County receive Christmas presents this year. Please bring toys (*new toys only please*) to St Michael's during the coming week.

A special box will be in place for them in the South Porch. The church is open in the mornings between 10:00am and 12 noon on Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November. Thank you.

Junior Church Christmas Cards

Junior Church at St Michael's are sending out Christmas cards to older members of the church. If you know someone who would like to receive one, email victoria_117@hotmail.co.uk.

Found Outside the Church Gates

The picture below shows what we found outside the St Michael's Church gates last week, the day before Remembrance Day. Many thanks to all those who left these items to remember all those who died doing their duty and protecting us all in years gone by. Thank you.



Sarah's Dance Classes

Sarah Elbourne's dance classes are on-line and she would love you to join her. Sarah can be contacted at sarahelbourne.se@gmail.com. She will be very happy to let you have all the details of the sessions she runs. You can also connect with her via Youtube.