



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

## 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

### WELCOME BACK TO St MICHAEL'S, BRAMCOTE

This weekend marks the start of our new normality here at St Michael's. We start with our Grand Re-opening Weekend and after that a new regular pattern of activities begin. We hope you will be able to join us both for the special events over the Re-opening Weekend and then as a regular at our services and other activities. Everyone is very welcome to join with us in all that we do. What follows is the timetable of the weekend events together with some information on just some of the activities that are scheduled for the coming weeks.

#### Timetable for the Weekend

##### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**10:00am – 3:00pm.** The Church is open to visitors and for personal/private prayer; light refreshments are available.

**7:30pm.** Grand Re-Opening Concert with the Blackwood Clarinet Choir, in the Church.

##### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**8:30am - 10:00am.** Breakfast, Church Centre.

**10:00am – 3:00pm.** The Church is open to visitors and for personal/private prayer; light refreshments available. Traidcraft goods in the Church Centre.

**10:00am.** Bellringing.

**12:00pm to 2:30pm.** Parish B-B-Q in the car park/Church Centre.

**2:30pm.** Eco Church Logo Competition Awards Ceremony with prizes for all entrants; followed by children's activities.

**3:00pm – 4:30pm.** Messy Church in the Church Centre.

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**9:30am.** Bellringing

**10.00am.** Celebration Service in the Church followed by light refreshments in the Church Centre. Traidcraft goods available after the service.

**3:00pm – 4:30pm.** Afternoon Cream-Tea Concert in the Church Centre. Piano duets with Alison Reynolds and John Gough.

**4:30pm.** Service of Thanksgiving in the Church.

#### Regular Services and Opportunities for Prayer

##### Sundays

**Church Website.** On-line Service of Reflection, available on Sunday and the following week.

**8:00am.** BCP Service of Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month in the Church.)

**10:00am.** Morning Worship or Holy Communion in the Church with provision for people of all ages. Fellowship and refreshments are available before (9:30am) and after this service. Prayer ministry is available after the service.

**4:30pm.** Evening Prayer or Holy Communion in the Church. Fellowship and refreshments are available before this service (4:00pm). Prayer ministry is available after the service.

##### Weekdays

**Church Website.** Daily Bible Reflections produced by our own Clergy and Reader team.

**10:00am - 12:00pm.** The Church is open to visitors and for personal/private prayer.

**Mondays, 10.00am.** Celtic Prayer (including prayer for the requests on the Prayer Board), in the Church Centre Lounge.

**Tuesdays, 7:00pm.** Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church Centre (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**Wednesdays, 11.30am.** Short Service of Holy Communion in the Church (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month).

**Thursdays, 10:00am.** Short Service of Holy Communion in the Church (weekly).

## Other Regular Activities at St Michael's

### Weekdays

**Various days, times and places.** Home groups meet for fellowship and Bible Study.

**10.00am – 12.00pm.** Donations to the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank can be left in the basket in the church porch.

**Tuesdays, 9:45am – 12:00pm.** Open House in the Church Centre.

### Wednesdays

**10:00am – 12:00pm.** "Wednesday Morning Coffee" in the Church Centre.

**7:30pm – 9:00pm.** Choir Practice in the Church Centre.

### Thursdays

**9:30am – 11:30am.** Little Angels (under 5's) in the Church Centre.

**1:00am – 3:00pm.** Silver Surfers in the Church Centre.

### Fridays

**10:00am – 1:00am.** "Come Alive" Keep Fit Group for Ladies in the Church Centre.

**7:30pm – 9:00pm.** Bellringers Practice in the Church.

*Editor's note: Further information on each of these activities is attached as an addendum to this newsletter.*

## Other Updates

### Frank Mellon

The Thanksgiving Service for Frank's life is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at St Michael's at 1:00pm. Please pray for Ann and all of Frank and Ann's family at this sad time. Please arrive early as the number of people in church will be limited. Please wear face coverings and sanitise on entry.

### Afghanistan Refugees

Broxtowe Borough Council is asking for specific support to the refugees coming to our community - details are at <https://www.help-refugees-uk.service.gov.uk>. Support is required from individuals and also organisations. As a church we have offered support and Broxtowe have responded to say that they are working to identify what help/donations may be required and when they have that information they will advise accordingly.

### Eco Church Logo Competition

The winners will be announced on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September around 2:30pm after the B-B-Q and fun and games will follow!

### Contacting us at St Michael's

Website: <https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>

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The *Bramcote Care Group* also offers practical help - phone Elaine on 07850 985349

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### Promoting Lifestyle Changes

#### 2 - Go Car Free

Earlier this year St Michael's made a commitment to work towards becoming an Eco Church. As part of our church's commitment to respond to the climate change emergency and to contribute towards the UK target to be 'net zero' for carbon emissions, we will be sharing ideas for how to live a more 'eco-friendly' lifestyle through this weekly newsletter.

Last week we promoted the idea of taking a 'Lifestyle Audit'. This week we are all asked to re-consider our use of the car.

We are advised that one of the biggest contributors to climate change is the way we travel. In order to live a more 'eco-friendly' lifestyle, could you reduce your car use? You could consider nominating a day a week as being a 'car free' day and commit to not driving your car on that day each week. This will help to reduce your personal carbon footprint and could also provide opportunity to walk or cycle instead.

Thank you so much for considering helping God's creation in this way.

*Editor's note: These suggestions have been put together by the St Michael's Eco-Team and are part of our church's actions to help build a more sustainable future. Many thanks to the team for all they are doing.*

### Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

Please continue to leave your gifts of non-perishable foods and toiletries in the trolley in the porch by the South Door at St Michael's between 10:00am and 12noon any weekday. Monetary gifts (cheques) can be left in church. Thank you so much for your ongoing help in providing for those in need.