



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

4<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## The Week at St Michael's

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

**8:00am.** Holy Communion (BCP).

**10:00am.** Christingle Service with receipt of new toys for the Great Notts Toy Appeal. Refreshments and prayer ministry available.

**4:30pm.** Evening Service with receipt of new toys for the Great Notts Toy Appeal. Prayer ministry. Refreshments from 4:00pm.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**10:00am.** Celtic Prayer in the Lounge.

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am – 12noon.** Church Office Open.

**10:00am – 12noon.** Wednesday Morning Coffee.

**7:30pm – 9:00pm.** Choir practice.

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am – 11.30am.** Little Angels.

**10:00am – 10:30am.** Holy Communion.

**1:00pm – 3:00pm.** Silver Surfers.

**2:00pm – 3:00pm.** Weekly Bible Studies for Advent.

Contact [rev.lillian@googlemail.com](mailto:rev.lillian@googlemail.com).

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am – 12noon.** Church Office Open.

**10:00am – 11:00am.** "Come Alive" Keep Fit.

**4:00pm.** Meeting of Resources Committee via Zoom.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**10:00am.** Morning Service in Church with special activities for the children in the Church Centre. Refreshments and prayer ministry available.

**4:30pm.** Evening Service with prayer ministry. Refreshments from 4:00pm.

### Every Weekday

**Church Website.** Daily Bible Reflections.

(The recording of the Sunday's Morning Service is currently not available for technical reasons.)

**10:00am - 12:00 noon.** Church open to visitors and for private prayer.

## Today and Tomorrow at St Michael's

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

**11:00am – 1:00pm.** Christingle making – please come and help – no age limit!

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

Early **Holy Communion** (8:00am) followed by a **Christingle Service** (10:00am) and receipt of toys for the **Great Notts Christmas Toy Appeal** (10:00am and 4:30pm).

**Please wear a face covering if possible and remember to sanitise your hands. Please do not attend the service or preparation if you or any member of your household is suffering from any Covid-19 symptoms.**

## Coming up at St Michael's at Christmas

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**12 noon.** Carols at the Sherwin Arms. Do come and join us.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**10:00am.** We welcome our Mission Partner Tony Paton.

**5:30pm and 7:30pm.** Carols by Candlelight. Choose whichever service that best suits you and your family.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**4:00pm.** Christmas Nativity Service. A special service by and for children and their families.

**11.30pm.** Christmas Eve Midnight Communion.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**8:00am.** Holy Communion (BCP).

**10:00am.** All-Age Christmas Day Service.

**11.15am.** Short Service of Holy Communion.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**10:00am.** All Age Morning Service.

## Christmas at St Michael's



The yew tree has been pruned, the Christmas lights have been carefully put in place, and the church has been lit up for Christmas. Do come to celebrate Christmas with us.

Please go to <https://southwell.anglican.org/bishop-pauls-christmas-message/> to hear Bishop Paul's Christmas message. It is truly inspirational.



### Promoting Lifestyle Changes

Over the last 15 weeks we have provided a series of tips for promoting lifestyle changes in line with a sustainable future for our planet. This has been part of our actions as an Eco church. We really hope these have been useful. Along with this newsletter we are providing a summary of all the suggestions that have been provided. Many thanks are due to Claire Gee and the other members of our Environment Team for producing these.

### Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

Christmas is not far away and routine and special donations are still very welcome. Special mention has been made of **tinned fruit, dried potato mash, long life fruit juice, dried milk, chocolate, shower gel, sweets and chocolate for the children, cakes, mince pies, special biscuits or toiletries**. Thank you so much to all who have already responded. We hope that more will be provided in time for Christmas. Also, monetary gifts are very welcome at this time. Church is open from 10:00am to 12noon every weekday for donations. Thank you all so much.

## Carols at the Sherwin Arms

Members of St Michael's have been invited to the Sherwin Arms to sing carols at **12noon** on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like to join us on this occasion, do let us know. The singing will be followed by lunch for everyone, very kindly provided by the Sherwin Arms.

### Carols by Candlelight Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 5-30pm & 7-30pm

Preparations are well underway for our Carols by Candlelight services, in which we celebrate Christ's birth in words and music within the wonderful setting of St. Michaels, especially decked out for the occasion. There will be lots of well known and much-loved carols for everyone to sing, as well as familiar seasonal readings and the Christmas Message. The choir will be singing several choral arrangements of carols old and new. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at one of the above services and to experience the very special atmosphere of this celebration of the Christmas story.

### Visit of Rev Tony Paton

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December** is a busy day at St Michael's with a visit from Tony Paton in the morning and carol services in the evening. Tony and his wife have been CMS Mission Partners in south-east Asia for the last 16 years, much of that time linked to St Michael's. Three of their 4 children were born in those 16 years. They returned to Scotland in July; their elder daughter began life as an undergraduate at Strathclyde University and the three younger children started new schools. As part of their moving on from CMS, Tony will be preaching at the **10am** service on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Do take this opportunity to **come to two services** that day and hear what they have been doing in those years, how they are settling into life in this country, and what the future holds for them before you attend one of the carol services later that day.

### Message from Donna

I have been reflecting this week on my Aurora Youth Ministry training (2015) and how that will equip me whilst collaborating with everyone towards our Children, Youth and Families Vision, Mission and Strategy. There will many upcoming opportunities to have your voice heard, and to share your ideas and your gifts to make this happen. Many thanks to all the mums, dads and children I met this week at Little Angels. Many thanks also to those responding to the Emmanuel House request for sleeping bags - this is ongoing - so keep them coming in. Looking forward to meeting some new faces at the Christingle Service at 10:00am on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - please do say hello - and don't forget the Nativity at **4:00pm** on **Christmas Eve**.

Blessings, Donna.

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