



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

14th May 2022

St Michael's Church Diary

Saturday 14th May

9:00am-11:00am. Dads 'N' Kids (see box opposite).

From 10:00am. Parish Prayer Walk (see box opposite).

Sunday 15th May.

Start of Christian Aid Week (see page 2).

10:00am. Service of Holy Communion. Refreshments and prayer ministry after the service.

3:00pm-3:45am. Afternoon Family Worship (see box opposite).

4:30pm. A Special Service of Wholeness and Healing (see box opposite). Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits at 4:00pm. Prayer ministry after the service.

Monday 16th May

10:00am. Celtic Prayer in the Church Centre Lounge.

10:00am-12noon. Church open to visitors and for private prayer and for receipt of gifts for Ukraine and the Foodbank.

Tuesday 17th May

10:00am-12noon. Church open to visitors and for private prayer and for receipt of gifts for Ukraine and the Foodbank.

7:00pm-8:00pm. Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church Centre (see page 2).

Wednesday 18th May

10:00am - 12noon. Wednesday Morning Coffee. Also, the church is open to visitors and for private prayer and for receipt of gifts for Ukraine and the Foodbank.

Thursday 19th May

9:30am - 11.30am. Little Angels (Toddler Group) in the Church Centre.

10:00am - 10:30am. A service of Holy Communion.

10:00am - 12noon. Church open to visitors and for private prayer and for receipt of gifts for Ukraine and the Foodbank.

1:00pm - 3:00pm. Silver Surfers in the Church Centre.

Friday 20th May

10:00am - 11:00am. "Come Alive" Keep Fit Group in the Church Centre.

10:00am - 12noon. Church open to visitors and for private prayer and receipt of gifts for Ukraine and the Foodbank. Special prayers for Ukraine on the half-hour.

2:45pm. Christian Aid Cake Sale (see page 2).

7:30pm-9:00pm. Bell Ringers practice.

Sunday 22nd May

10:00am. Morning Service (with activities for young people). Refreshments and prayer ministry.

11.30am. Extraordinary Parish Meeting.

4:30pm. Service of Holy Communion. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits at 4:00pm. Prayer ministry after the service.

TODAY

Dads 'N' Kids

Dads 'N' Kids restart's on **Saturday 14th May, 9:00am – 11:00am.** Dads enjoy breakfast while the children play. Do come. It's all in the Church Centre and you will receive a warm welcome.

Parish Prayer Walk

We will be prayer walking the Parish boundary on **Saturday 14th May**, starting and ending at the church carpark. We set off walking at **10:00am.** Do come and join in. Join and leave the walk at any point along the route – the times we will be at the various points along the way are on the big map in the vestibule at the back of the church. Walk as much or as little of the route as you like!

TOMORROW

Morning Service

On **Sunday 15th May at 10:00am** the service in church will be Holy Communion.

Afternoon Family Worship

On **Sunday 15th May** there will be a short service of Contemporary Family Worship in the Church Centre from **3:00pm to 3:45pm.** All are invited to join us for fun, friendly family worship with refreshments.

Wholeness and Healing

On **Sunday 15th May at 4:40pm** there will be a service of Wholeness and Healing. Do come for yourself and for any others you know who are in need at this time.

Last Week at St Michael's

Bishop Paul's Visit

Our Diocesan Bishop Paul visited us on **Sunday 8th May**. Our vicar Paul led the Morning Service and Bishop Paul preached using the text in Acts 9:32-43. His message was that we, as Christians and believers, should trust God and be constantly alert to God's promptings and to respond accordingly. That in so doing, we can point others to the glory of Christ. It was a message of hope and reassurance and was well-received by all who were present. Thank you, Bishop Paul.

Parish Brunch

About 30 people came to the Parish Brunch last **Saturday 7th May** and enjoyed muesli, cornflakes, fruit, sausages, bacon, fried eggs, beans, chopped tomatoes, marmalade, croissants, jam, toast, coffee, tea and fruit juice. No-one went home hungry. We also celebrated two important birthdays with cakes and candles – it was Jonathan Portwood's 60th birthday and Ian Park's 75th birthday that day. Many congratulations to both.

Living in Love and Faith Course

On **Friday 6th May** those who had expressed in interest in attending this course had completed two of the five sessions. In the course we are encouraged to think more deeply about what it means to be human and about how to live in love and faith. In the first session we focused on what it means to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ, and in the second session the focus was on our identity in Christ, and how it relates to sex and gender. All the participants are now looking forward to the next three sessions.

Meeting of the Social Reference Group

This important group has a representative from all other church groups and helps plan and organize church social activities. At the meeting on **Thursday 5th May** the focus was the arrangements for St Michael's participation in the Hemlock Happening where we will help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Many volunteers are needed for us to do all that is planned.

First Meeting of the New PCC - Appointments

The first meeting of the new PCC took place on **Monday 9th May** and the following persons were appointed to various positions:

Lay Chair – Stan Heptinstall

Treasurer - Alan Bateman

Financial Advisor – Christine Langton

Planned-Giving Officer – Ken Bird

PCC Secretary – Cindy Jones

Minute Secretary – Sarah Elbourne

Safeguarding Officers – Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall (interim appointment) working with Donna Snowden

Ministry Committee Chair – Revd Canon Lillian Heptinstall

Mission and Outreach Committee Chair – Revd Jonathan Smithurst

Resources Committee Chair – Stan Heptinstall

The Coming Week at St Michael's

Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid week is **15th – 21st May**, and a special *St Michael's Christian Aid Newsletter* has been produced which details how we can all contribute to Christian Aid this year. Copies of this are distributed with this newsletter and are available in church.

Christian Aid Cake Sale

Tina Newton writes:

Ian and I will be holding a Christian Aid Cake Sale at 15 Balmoral Drive Bramcote on **Friday 20th May at 2:45pm**. All proceeds to Christian Aid Week. If anyone wants to donate a cake, I would be happy to accept donations.

Tina's email address is lapwings1@gmail.com and she can be phoned on 07545 642192.

May Prayer Meeting

Our monthly prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th May from 7:00pm to 8:00pm** in the Church Centre. It will include prayers for Ukraine. Everyone is invited.

The Leprosy Mission

Worship evening and update

Thursday 19th May at St Mary's Church, Arnold (NG5 8HJ) from 7:15pm (light refreshments) for 7:40pm with a prompt finish at 8:40pm.

Following a time of sung worship and prayer, Guy Willcock, the new TLM Community Partnerships Manager - Midlands & North Wales, will give an update on the work of the mission. Please advise **Lalage Smithurst** if you intend to attend (0115 9677150). This helps with the planning.

Extraordinary Parish Meeting

An Extraordinary Parish Meeting will be held at St Michael's on **Sunday 22nd May at 11.30am** following the morning service at 10:00am. **The purpose of the meeting is to elect one churchwarden.** Those on the electoral roll on 11th April 2022, and others who live in the Parish of Bramcote and are listed on the local government electoral roll, are able to attend and vote.

The following PCC members accepted appointments to the following PCC subcommittees:

Ministry: Jenny Biss, Liz Cardwell, Christine Cleave, David Ducker, Sarah Elbourne, Cath Ortori, Kate Prayle

Mission and Outreach: Glynn Bannister, Hillary Brian, Cindy Jones, Jimmy Smith

Resources: Alan Bateman, Robert Cleave, David Jones, Wendy Willan, Alan Windsor

Each committee also co-opts non-PCC members to contribute to the work that is done.

Important Notices

An Invitation from Donna

'Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.' 1 Peter 4:10.

What gift do you have? How could you serve as part of the Children Youth and Families Team as we grow what we can offer at St Michael's?

There are many opportunities to be involved:

- Supporting recruitment of Volunteers
- Messy Creativity Planning and Shopping
- Family and after-school worship
- Noticeboards
- Social Media/ PA system
- Holiday Club
- Future Youth Groups

Induction and Safeguarding training will be given. An opportunity to develop skills and add to CV 😊

Contact me to find out more if you wish, or email / message your interest and you will be emailed a Volunteer Role Enquiry Form.

Blessings

Donna Snowden

Children Youth and Families Minister

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** by having stalls at the **Hemlock Happening** on **Saturday 4th June**. We will be located on the main field in Bramcote Hills Park from **1:00pm to 6:00pm**. Here is what we will be providing:

- Children's activities: *Messy Church at the Hemlock Happening*, to include writing and colouring, games, competitions, a prayer tree, and free bubbles.
- *Cheeky Panda* books for pre-school children.
- For adults, free copies of *Our Faithful Queen*, a lovely publication, specially written for the Jubilee, that celebrates the Queen's reign, a reign markedly influenced by her Christian faith.
- *Strawberries and cream*.
- A Traidcraft stall, *Fair-Trade products* and *Ethical Gifts*.
- Information on our activities as an *Eco church*.
- Information on how to engage in *70 Acts of Service* during 2022 in honour of The Queen's 70 years of service to us all.



We do need helpers to set up our stalls and to be around to help on day. Will you come along to help? Please contact Cindy at cndjones16@gmail.com or phone her on 0115 9224078, or speak to her when you see her in church.

70 Acts of Service

The Queen has served her country and Commonwealth for 70 years. To honour her, let's celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by serving others and join together in **70 Acts of Service** during 2022.

In honour of her 70 years of service, HOPE Together has listed 70 Acts of Service to start you thinking. Details are given at www.theplatinumjubilee.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Platinum-Jubilee-70-Acts-of-Service-3.pdf.

Paper copies are also available in church for those who do not have access to the internet.

Revd Jonathan Smithurst

Chair, Mission & Outreach Committee

Pentecost

We celebrate Pentecost on **Sunday 5th June** with three services in church including a special **Songs of Praise** in the evening. More details later.

Special Evening Service

Join us for a special service on the evening of **Sunday 12th June** when David and Anne Curnock will be commissioned as Associate Mission Partners at St Michael's. This is just prior to them leaving Bramcote for pastures new, and enables us to keep a link with them regarding their continuing missionary activities. Everyone is invited.

An Invitation from Hillary

Church Flowers

We like to provide fresh flowers above the Holy Table and the War Memorial every week, and these are paid for by donations from kind people. This may be in memory of a loved one or as a thank you for an answer to prayer. Sometimes those who provide the flowers ask for the flowers to be arranged for them, and sometimes they prefer to arrange them by themselves. In the month of May the donations are as follows;

- May 8th – Hillary Brian
- May 15th – Vicky White
- May 22nd – Ann Mellon
- May 29th - Vacancy

If you would like to provide the flowers for the week beginning May 29th or for a week later in the year, please contact me, **Hillary Brian**, on 0115 9392829.

Other Important Notices

Children and Families

Donna writes:

Another great Messy Church learning about the gift of the Holy Spirit. We welcomed some new families and children and some new volunteers too. Thank you.

Messy Church continues on the **first Saturday of every month starting at 2:45pm.**

Blessings

Donna Snowden

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Condolences

We read in the White Hills Park Trust Newsletter that a former Executive Head Teacher, **Kevin Dean**, has died, and we wish to offer our condolences to his wife Cath and her family and to all who knew him and worked with him. We have fond memories of Kevin. The news of Kevin's early death, from pulmonary fibrosis, evokes great sadness, but also brings back fond memories of Kevin and those who worked with him. Those who remember him may wish to donate to Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis at <https://www.actionpf.org/get-involved/donate>.

Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank

We continue to collect monetary gifts and also gifts of non-perishable food items and toiletries which are taken over to the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank every week. All gifts can be left at church any weekday between **10:00am and 12noon**. All are very gratefully received and go a long way to providing the regular help that is needed for so many people. Sincere thanks for your continuing support.

Prayers for Ukraine

We continue to pray for Ukraine. Please come to church on **Fridays from 10:00am to 12noon** when prayers are said on the half-hour. We will also pray for Ukraine during our May Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday 17th May, 7:00pm**, Church Centre.

Donating for Ukraine

We continue to collect essential items for the people of Ukraine These are transported and delivered by the charity T4U. Our own Wendy Willan (phone 07786 401332) is the regional coordinator for T4U.

Items now needed are listed below. Please bring these to St Michael's Church between **10:00am and 12noon on Mondays to Fridays**. All donations are passed on very quickly to T4U who then take them to Eastern Europe by van and lorry. Distribution is via their own local representatives who are already in place. Thank you all so much.

Blankets - Good Condition
NO OTHER BEDDING PLEASE

Torches and batteries

Nappies (size 5 and 6)

Sanitary Products

Crayons & Colouring Books

First Aids Kits

Hairbrushes – NEW

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Toiletries

Bandages – NEW

Non-Prescription Pain Killers

Non-perishable food

i.e., Pasta, Rice, Sugar,

Pulses, Packet Soup – No tins please

Socks and Underwear all ages – NEW

Baby formula/milk/ baby food in jars

Or make a monetary donation online at

www.teams4u.com/donate

CONTACTING US AT ST. MICHAEL'S

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

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