



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

17<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## The Week at St Michael's

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**10:00am.** Holy Communion with our Area Dean, Colin Bourne. Refreshments and prayer ministry.

**3:00pm – 3:45pm.** Afternoon Family Worship.

**6:30pm.** *A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.* Tea and cakes before the service. Prayer ministry afterwards.

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September: The Queen's Funeral.**

**10:00am.** Bells to be rung prior to the funeral at 11:00am, and church open for prayer.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**12:30pm.** Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jean Willis at All Saints' Church, Strelley.

**7:00pm.** September Prayer Meeting.

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**10:00am.** Wednesday Morning Coffee.

**7:30pm.** Choir Practice.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**9:45am-11:45am.** Little Angels.

**10:00am – 12noon.** Holy Communion.

**1:00pm - 3:00pm.** Silver Surfers Internet Café.

**4:00pm.** Social Reference Group.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**10:00am – 12noon.** Special prayers in Church for Ukraine followed by private prayer.

**7:30pm – 9:00pm.** Bell ringing practice.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**9:30am for 10:00am.** Special Meeting for all church members to discuss the future of St Michael's, followed by a bring and share lunch (see page 3).

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Patronal Festival and celebration of 40 years of ordained ministry by Revd. David Edinborough.**

**10:00am.** Morning Prayer. Refreshments and prayer ministry after the service.

**6:30pm.** Holy Communion. Refreshments from 6:00pm and prayer ministry afterwards.

### **Every Weekday**

**10:00am – 12noon.** Church is open to visitors for private prayer, for visitors to sign the Book of Condolence, and for receipt of gifts for the Foodbank.

## A Prayer on the Death of Her Majesty The Queen



*Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant  
Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue  
to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## A Prayer for King Charles III



*Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.  
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
Help us to work together  
so that truth and justice,  
harmony and fairness flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## Special Arrangements at St Michael's

*Please see page 2 of this newsletter.*

## Special Arrangements at St Michael's following the death of our Queen

**Prayers for the new King and the Royal Family** will be included in all services and prayer meetings and the church is open for private prayer every weekday from 10:00am to 12noon. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a  
**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING,  
REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION  
FOR HER MAJESTY QUEEN  
ELIZABETH II on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September at 6:30pm.**

Please do come.

**A Book of Condolence** is available at St Michael's and everyone is welcome to come to church to contribute to it following the passing of our Queen.

### Bells for Our Queen

The bellringers rang following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon, along with other churches worldwide. The tenor bell was tolled 96 times and then all six bells were tolled half-muffled. Several members of the congregation came to watch and listen. The bells will remain half-muffled until after the Queen's funeral."

**The bells will be rung again from 10:00am before the Queen's funeral on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The church will also be open for prayer.**



### In Memoriam

#### Rita Elizabeth Portwood, 1931 – 2022

Rita was born in Kettering and educated at Kettering Girl's High School before reading History at Nottingham University from 1949-1952. At Nottingham she met a fellow student, Richard, also from Kettering. Following graduation, whilst still post-graduate students, they were married at Fuller Baptist Church in December 1952 .... a marriage subsequently blessed with two boys, Jonathan and Tim, and four grandchildren. Rita accompanied Richard to Blackburn when he accepted a teaching post at Blackburn Grammar School, but less than two years later they came to live in West Bridgford when he came to work at Ericsons, and then in 1958 they moved to Thornhill Close where she lived for the rest of her life. Rita originally taught in a Nottinghamshire Secondary School but after a break from teaching between Jonathan being born and Tim starting school in 1970, she taught mainly the top year at St. John's Primary School in Stapleford before moving to Greasley Beauvale Junior School until her retirement in 1991.

By way of hobbies and relaxation Rita enjoyed, for example, a Scandinavian cruise, an enthusiastic music lover she attended concerts at the Albert Hall and Royal Concert Hall, and whilst being creative she did much beading, for example necklaces, and our Christmas bazaar benefitted from this talent! She also made many of her own clothes. She cared greatly for people, including her widowed father and she visited Kettering to care for him weekly. She helped organise and run the Wednesday coffee morning, including collecting people and taking them home again. She worshipped weekly at St. Michaels and, having attended a house group for many years, then hosted it for many further years. Nor must we forget that she helped Richard as he organised Christian Aid in this area for a considerable time. And for many years she suffered seriously from cluster/migraine attacks which she bore so stoically. Rita was a good, kind, caring, courageous, Christian lady who will be much missed by all who knew her.

**Revd. David Edinborough**

## Coming up at St Michael's

### Visit of our Area Dean

**Sunday 18th September, 10:00am**

Rev. Colin Bourne, our Area Dean, will visit us and take part in the service of Holy Communion. Refreshments and prayer ministry after the service.

### Afternoon Family Worship

**Sunday 18th September, 3:00 – 3:45pm**



This is the third Sunday in the month and Afternoon Family Worship resumes after the August break. The service is led by Donna in the Church Centre. Do come, whether you are a family or not. Everyone is welcome.

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR HER MAJESTY**

#### **QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**Sunday 18th September, 6:30pm**

The service is preceded by refreshments at 6:00pm and prayer ministry is available afterwards. Everyone is welcome. It also provides an opportunity for visitors to sign the *Book of Condolence*.

### Thanksgiving Service - Jean Willis

**Tuesday 20th September, 12:30pm**

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jean Willis will be held in **All Saints' Church, Strelley** at 12.30pm followed by refreshments in **Strelley Hall**.

### September Prayer Meeting

**Tuesday 20th September, 7:00pm**

This month's prayer meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September in the Church Centre starting at 7:00pm and lasting for one hour. Please do come. The September prayer diary will be available for download from the parish website.

### Special Meeting

**Saturday 24th September, 10:00am**

This is a meeting for **all church members** with the Archdeacon of Nottingham Phil Williams, and with Mike Duff, a representative of our patron, the Church Pastoral Aid Society. They will be discussing the future shape of ministry here at St Michael's and will base the discussion on the responses to the questionnaire that has been widely distributed. Coffee will be available from 10:00am and the meeting starts at 10:30am.

*The meeting will conclude with a "bring and share" lunch at 12.30pm. Everyone who comes is asked to bring something that can be set out with food brought by others. If you bring food that YOU like, be sure that others will enjoy it too!*

### St Michael's Patronal Festival

**Sunday 25th September,  
10:00am and 6:30pm**

Sunday 25th September is the day we celebrate our Patronal Festival here at St Michael's. It is a double celebration in that this is also the day that the Revd. David Edinborough celebrates 40 years of ordination as a Priest. David will preach at both the morning and the evening service on that day.

### Concert at Bramcote Methodist Church

**Monday 26th September, 7:30pm**

On Monday 26th September at 7:30pm there will be a concert celebration of Bramcote Methodist Church led by Lyrical Songbirds, a ladies 4-part harmony choir. You are very welcome to join us for this special event during which we will informally share memories of our Church as we anticipate our last service on Sunday 23rd October. *Ruth Coffey*

### Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend

**Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd October**

We will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd October, starting with a Harvest Supper and Entertainment on the Saturday at 6:30pm for 7:00pm. **Tickets** cost £5 each (£3 for under-12s) and are available **NOW** in church or at Coffee Morning from Lalage Smithurst and/or Tina Newton.

There are 3 services on Sunday 2nd October to which everyone is invited. It is at times like harvest when we stop to reflect on how fortunate we are that we have plenty of food and water available. It provides the perfect opportunity to help others.

On this special Sunday we welcome non-perishable gifts at all 3 services. They will be given to the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank; suggested gifts include cereals, jams, sugar, tea, coffee, long-life milk and fruit juice, tinned food, washing powder, toiletries, etc.

If you prefer to give a donation of **MONEY** in thanks for our plenty, it has been agreed that monetary donations given in the special envelopes which will be available in church in September, will be given to BREAD (Berega Relief Education and Development) Trust for their **Water** project to improve the water supply for the hospital and villages in Berega in Tanzania. **These envelopes are now available in church** – for you to bring back at the Harvest Thanksgiving weekend or to hand in earlier if you are not around that weekend.

### Special Celebration

**Sunday 9th October, 10:00am**

On Sunday 9th October we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Lalage's admission and licensing as a Reader on 9th October 1982. Lalage will be preaching at this service.

## Coming up at St Michael's (continued)

### Special Services

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

This is Safeguarding Sunday and at 10:00am the speaker will be our own Safeguarding Officer, **Tina Newton**. And at 6:30pm we are delighted to welcome **Rev. Pippa Scott** who will lead a Taizé service in church.

### Final Service - Bramcote Methodist Church

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 3:00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for our final service as we mark our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also the closure of Bramcote Methodist Church. **Our worship will now be led by Rev. Melanie Stoodley, and Rev. John Hudson will be returning to preach.** We do hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving the life of our Church and the many blessings we have received.  
*Ruth Coffey*

### Afternoon Tea Concert

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

The classical pianist Jill Crossland will give a piano recital at St Michael's on the afternoon of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Afternoon tea will also be provided. Jill is an established concert and recording artist and you can most easily see her at: <https://youtube.com/c/jillcrosslandpiano> and at [www.jillcrossland.org](http://www.jillcrossland.org). Jill has recordings with Warner Classics, Signum Classics and on other labels, all of which have received very good reviews from critics..

### Choral Evensong

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6:30pm

Following the Afternoon Tea Concert, at 6:30pm there will be a service of Choral Evensong in church. Once again, Revd. Richard Hanford will join with us for this special service.

### Bereavement Service

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00am

Our annual Bereavement Service will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. This is an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died and is intended to be a source of comfort and encouragement. Everyone is most welcome.

### Remembrance Sunday

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10:45am

This is the Sunday designated for special services for Remembrance Day. Please note the start time for this special service, 10:45am.

## Other News and Announcements

### What Happened at the Lambeth Conference?

Pat Ashworth's talk scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> September on what she heard at The Lambeth Conference was, of course, not possible because of the immediate focus on our Queen following her death. Pat's talk will be rescheduled for delivery at a later date.

### Final Goodbye to Mike and Sarah

After the special goodbye in church, Mike and Sarah Elbourne send us all the fondest of farewells as they move following Mike's retirement. They are very happy for anyone who would like these to have their contact details. We have their new address here at church and Mike and Sarah are happy for us to pass this on.

### Donations for Church Roof Repair

Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the costs of the repairs to our church roof. We are very grateful indeed. If there are others that would like to contribute please contact one of the below. Thank you.  
[heptinstallstan@gmail.com](mailto:heptinstallstan@gmail.com),  
[a.ibateman@btinternet.com](mailto:a.ibateman@btinternet.com).

### Kneelers Now Available

We have a huge collection of kneelers that are now available to anyone who would like one. Do take a look. If, in return, you would like to make a donation to church funds, that would be great but this is not obligatory. We are delighted that you will be able to make use of them.

### Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

We receive and transfer gifts of non-perishable food items and toiletries to the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank. At present, the following are in short supply: **tinned potatoes, spaghetti, tinned fruit, toiletries**. All gifts, including monetary 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 needed by a growing number of people.

Please note that we will also be collecting for the foodbank at each of our Harvest services on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, as detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Contacting us at St Michael's

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The *Bramcote Care Group* offers practical help to anyone in the parish – phone Elaine on 07850 985349

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