



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## The Week at St Michael's

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Please note this is the last day for delivery of filled Christmas shoeboxes.

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

**3:00pm.** Informal Family Service in the Church Centre.

**6:30pm.** A Service of Wholeness and Healing. Refreshments from 6:00pm. Prayer ministry after the service.

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

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

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

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

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

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**10:00am – 12noon.** Holy Communion.

**1:00pm – 3:00pm.** Silver Surfers; Companionship, Cake and Computers.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**10:00am – 11:30am.** Ladies Keep Fit.

**10:00am – 4:00pm.** Advent Labyrinth in Church.

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

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**10:00am – 4:00pm.** Advent Labyrinth in Church.

**10:30am – 1:30pm.** Christmas Fair in the Church Centre.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Advent Sunday**

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

**6:30pm.** Holy Communion. Refreshments from 6:00pm. Prayer ministry.

### **Every Weekday**

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

### **Services at St Michael's**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November we have a service of Holy Communion in Church at 10:00am and an informal Family Service in the Church Centre at 3.00pm. These are followed by a special service of Wholeness and Healing in Church at 6:30pm. Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, is Advent Sunday. The service at 10:00am is Morning Prayer and that at 6:30pm is Holy Communion.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Last day for delivery of filled Christmas shoeboxes for the T4U Shoebox Campaign 2022**

Your support is very much appreciated in filling a shoebox with small gifts for a vulnerable child living in Eastern Europe. Boxes and leaflets are now available in the Link Corridor at Church for you to take and fill. If you can donate towards transport costs, please do so in the 'envelope' part of the leaflet, putting it on top of your gifts, inside the box, and close the box with a rubber band. Please return by **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Wendy Willan 07786 401332.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**10:00am – 4:00pm**

#### **Advent Labyrinth**

There will be an Advent Labyrinth in Church on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00am – 4:00pm. On the Friday the children in all classes from our Church School will be visiting at different times during the day, but everyone are welcome on both days at whatever time you choose to come.

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am – 1:30pm**

#### **Christmas Fair**

#### **St Michael's Church Centre**

Come and enjoy our annual Christmas Fair in St Michael's Church Centre on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Cakes, jams, jewellery, vintage Radley bags, quality gifts, Christmas decorations, tombola, Fair Trade gifts, coffee, tea and mince pies. Please see the advertisement on page 3. There is a £1 entry charge. Entry to the Prayer Labyrinth in the Church is free.

## Coming up at St Michael's

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7:30pm

### Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army

It's become a tradition at St Michael's to invite the Salvation Army to lead us in singing Christmas Carols. This year the event is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm in the Church Centre. Come and enjoy singing carols over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. Really looking forward to it.

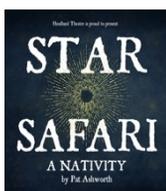
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### Toys and Gifts Day

Can you donate a special toy or gift to a child in need for Christmas? We have our annual Toys and Gifts Service at 10:00am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December but toys and gifts can be brought to any of the services on that day. Here are some ideas: toys for babies; toys, gifts, toiletries and gift vouchers (e.g., Argos) for older children; selection boxes, hats, scarves, gloves and socks for all ages; and personal care items/toiletries for mums. Please, no soft toys and leave all items unwrapped so they can be matched to the recipient. All gifts will be for children (and their mums) in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire who otherwise would get nothing this Christmas. Please do help. *Please note that, for health reasons, only new toys can be accepted.*

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

### Star Safari



A new version of Star Safari will be performed in St Michael's Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 12noon and 3pm. Tickets are £12 (adult), £10 (concessions) or there's a family ticket for four. To buy a ticket go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/headland-theatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/headland-theatre) or get one directly from Pat Ashworth (0115 916 3043). Tickets are also available at other venues on other dates: Southwell Minster (4<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm and 5pm), St Peter's in Nottingham (11<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm), and St Mary & St Laurence at Bolsover (17<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm).

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Carols by Candlelight, 5:30pm and 7:30pm

Our traditional annual services of Carols by Candlelight are at 5:30pm and 7:30pm on the Sunday before Christmas. Both services follow the same format: prayers, readings, choral items and traditional congregational Christmas carols. Simply choose the time that's best for you and your family. No booking is required.

## A Summary of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the PCC held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

The bulk of this meeting was occupied by discussions on the appointment of a new **Vicar of Bramcote**. The PCC has been working hard to produce a Parish Profile for potential applicants, and the discussions helped us move towards a final document to be sent to the Diocese for approval. It is really important that the Parish Profile provides an accurate description of St Michael's and of our aims for the future. It is being produced prayerfully and carefully.

We had been asked by the Diocese to complete another document called **Parish Refresh** with a summary of all that is has been and will be happening at St Michael's regarding Growing Disciples. The submission was approved by the PCC.

There was a report from Tina, our new **Safeguarding Officer**. Various safeguarding and training requirements had been identified and were in the process of implementation. In consequence to actions already taken the Diocese has now moved us up from Level 1 to Level 2 in their assessment of our preparedness for safeguarding issues. Tina was thanked for her hard work on this.

The next edition of **Green Pages** is now moving forward following the recent requests to church members for any changes that were needed. The next stage will be to produce a draft copy that will be made available for checking.

The Treasurer restated our aim to pay our **Parish Share** (our contribution to the Diocese to cover ministry costs) in full this year. This is despite our monthly income not completely matching our monthly expenditure at this time. Alan also announced that we now have a **card reader** that we will be starting to use soon as an alternative means of making donations to the work of our church.

Details of setting up and running the **Prayer Labyrinth** at Advent were discussed.

Some actions initiated by our **Environment Group** were discussed. In line with meeting the requirements of an eco-church at silver level, these included planting more trees and installing some bird boxes in our churchyard.

An **Alpha Course** is being considered for the new year with details still to be finalised.

Volunteers are needed in all areas of church activities and a **Volunteer Day** is proposed, again with details to be finalised.

There was consideration of how the PCC might help in providing for the children who attend the **Nativity Service** on Christmas Eve.

Christine Cleave will cease running **Traidcraft** at the end of January 2023 and is seeking some else to take over; she is very happy to help during the transfer of responsibility. The PCC thanked Christine for the work she has done on this, and it was agreed to advertise for a replacement from within the church community via the weekly newsletter.

There was a request that Church Members be able to send a single **Christmas card** to the whole church community this year. This was agreed and Wendy will find a suitable place to display these greetings.

## In Memoriam

**Gill Fazey 1940 – 2022**

Born in Nottingham. Gill's parents were Jack and Dorothy and she had one brother Michael. After leaving school she eventually went into nursing and met a young man, Dean, who was visiting the hospital. Gill then spent a year or so nursing in Toronto but on her return became engaged to Dean at the top of the Eiffel Tower. They were married at St Michael's, Bramcote, in 1963 and were blessed with three daughters and subsequently four grandchildren - their married life being spent in Chilwell, Bramcote and Toton. After her youngest child was born Gill returned to nursing and served as school nurse for eighteen years at Bramcote Comprehensive and Foxwood Schools. Gill led a very full and active life: she became an assistant leader in the Cubs with 6<sup>th</sup> Beeston and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bramcote and also presented a paper to the British Medical Association having helped to develop a scoliometer. On retirement from the schools she worked for both the Red Cross and St John's Ambulance. She and Dean enjoyed many holidays touring Europe, and a real highlight was attending their daughter's wedding in South Africa. She was also a keen gardener, belonged to a Keep Fit class and in her sixties did many long distance walks, including Wainwright's coast to coast walk. Gill very much enjoyed her life and gave so much joy to others with her caring nature, her cheerfulness, her openness, her lovely welcoming smile - and she always put herself last. For a number of years she brought all these qualities to her role as a much valued Deputy Churchwarden at St. Michael's. She will be much missed in so many ways by so many people - family and friends alike.

*Revd David Edinborough*



St Michael & All Angels Church, Church St, Bramcote NG9 3HD

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

**10.30am – 1.30pm**  
**Saturday 26 November**

**Admission £1**

Cakes  
Jams  
Jewellery  
Vintage Radley Bags  
Quality Gifts  
Christmas Decorations  
Tombola  
Fairtrade Gifts

**Coffee / Tea and Mince Pie £1**

### Traidcraft Advent Calendars, Christmas 🎄 Gifts and Cards

Ways to buy:

- At the Traidcraft stall in the church vestibule
- At the Christmas Fair on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November or Carols with the Salvations Army on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December (largest selection of seasonal gifts and cards at these events)
- By ordering from Christine Cleave.

Contact details

01159 258394

[christine.cleave@gmail.com](mailto:christine.cleave@gmail.com)

*Also, please ask Christine for the Green Christmas Gift Guide, or look on the [website](#) for full details of what's available. Currently 10% off many items. P.S. Plenty of Advent calendars available. Do consider purchasing one to donate to the Foodbank!*

### Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

Christmas is a particularly busy time for the foodbanks as the volunteers provide for those who need help. Please do what you can to help them build up their supplies now. Gifts of non-perishable foods and toiletries can be left at church any weekday between 10:00am and 12noon. Maybe its also time to think about some special items for us to take over to Bestwood at this Christmas time? Thank you very much!

### Services over Christmas

These include a Nativity Service at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve, a traditional Midnight Communion starting at 11:30pm, Holy Communion (BCP) at 8:00am on Christmas Day, a Christmas Day Family Service at 10:00am and a shortened version of Holy Communion at 11:30am.

### Welbeck Primary School Appeal

Children's books and winter coats needed! Please continue to bring your donations to Church and leave in the box in the South Porch. They are for 5-11 year-olds.

### Contacting us at St Michael's

Telephone us and leave a message on [0115 943 0137](tel:01159430137) Email us at [office@bramcoteparishchurch.com](mailto:office@bramcoteparishchurch.com)

Visit our website at <https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>

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