



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

27th May 2023

The Week at St Michael's

Saturday 27th May

9.50am. Meet in the car park for the start of the Parish Prayer Walk starting promptly at 10am.

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost Sunday

10am. Service of Morning Prayer with refreshments and prayer ministry afterwards

6.30pm. Service of Holy Communion with tea and cakes from 6pm and prayer ministry afterwards

Monday 29th May – Spring Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30th May

9.45am – 11.45am. Open House in the Church Centre

Wednesday 31st May

10am. Wednesday Morning Coffee in the Church Centre

7.30pm. Choir Practice

Thursday 1st June

9:30am – 11:30am. Little Angels (toddler group) in the Church Centre

10am. Holy Communion in Church

1pm – 3pm. Silver Surfers – Companionship, Cake and Computers, in the Church Centre

Friday 2nd June

10am – 10:30am. Prayers in Church for Ukraine and other matters

10am – 11.30am. Fitness & Friendship (Ladies Keep Fit) in the Church Centre

7.30pm – 9pm. Bellringing practice

Saturday 3rd June

2.15pm – 4.30pm. Messy Church in the Church Centre

1pm – 5pm. St Michael's at the Hemlock Happening

Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday

8am. Traditional Service of Holy Communion

10am. Morning Worship with refreshments and prayer ministry afterwards

12pm – 3pm. Caring for creation at St Michael's

6.30pm. Service of Evening Prayer with tea and cakes from 6pm and prayer ministry afterwards

Every Weekday

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

Thy Kingdom Come, 18th - 28th May



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for people to come to faith

and thereby play our part in “the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities”. Here in Bramcote, we are encouraged to use this time:

- to pray for 5 people to come to faith in Jesus,
- to join in the Prayer Walk on 27th May, and
- to pray together.

Saturday 27th May, 10am start

ANNUAL PRAYER WALK

A 7-8 mile walk around the parish with pauses to pray for our neighbours, friends, organisations, businesses, schools. Details are on page 2.

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 21st May is Pentecost Sunday and “The Coming of the Holy Spirit” will be the focus of both the morning and evening services. At 10am it is Morning Prayer and at 6.30pm it is Holy Communion.

Saturday 3rd June – Messy Church

It's the first Saturday in the month and in the afternoon there will be a **Messy Church** for younger children and their carers at St Michael's. Messy church runs from 2.45pm to 4.30pm.

Saturday 3rd June – Hemlock Happening

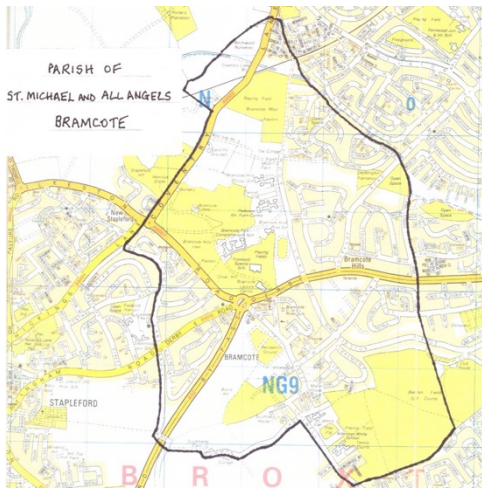
It's the **Hemlock Happening** in Bramcote Hills Park (see the poster on page 2). St Michael's have booked a stall for the afternoon and volunteers are needed to help with this. Please contact wendywillan@hotmail.com.

Church Motto 2023

“Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing.” Isaiah 43:18-19

Coming up at St Michael's

Saturday 27th May, 10am start ANNUAL PRAYER WALK



A 7-8 mile walk around the parish with pauses to pray for our neighbours, friends, organisations, businesses, schools. Meet in the church car park at 9.50am. Join along the route if you prefer and walk as much or as little as you like. A sign-up sheet and more information on the times at which we will be at various points along the route are in church (or see the document *Parish Prayer Walk* distributed with this newsletter).

Sunday 3rd June – Hemlock Happening



Come and join us in the afternoon as we at St Michael's engage with our community at [this wonderful event](#). And if you would like to help us on the stall for a time between 1pm and 5pm, do let us know. Email wendywillan@hotmail.com

Services on Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday


There is a traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8am followed by Morning Worship. Refreshments and prayer ministry will follow the 10am service. In the evening at 6.30pm there is a service of Evening Prayer; tea and cakes are available from 6pm and there will be prayer ministry after the service.

Sunday 4th June - Caring for Creation, 12noon

Invitations were given to all at the Coronation Big Lunch to come along again on 4th June from 12pm – 3pm to help create a database of everything growing in the churchyard at St Michael's and support us in increasing the biodiversity of our churchyard. As a taster the children were able to go bug hunting with magnifying lenses with ants and spiders being two of the creepy crawlies found.

St Michael & All Angel's Church, Church Street,
Bramcote NG9 3EE

Sunday 4 June 12 – 3pm



Do you know what is living in our churchyard? Can you identify the plants, trees, birds, butterflies, creepy-crawlies and wildflowers making their home here?

We hope you will come and join us to 'count nature' on Sunday 4 June when leaflets will be available to help identify what you find, together with the tools to pick up and look more closely at your specimens.

We are trying to increase the biodiversity of the churchyard and encourage more wildlife into the area.

Ways in which you can help to establish a natural diversity:

1. Build a birdbox – patterns available
2. Build a hedgehog box – pattern available
3. Grow meadow wildflower seed to 'plug plant' size and then come and plant them out in the churchyard
4. Donate to sponsor any of the above
5. Identify as many species as possible
6. Record your findings at iNaturalist



St Michael and All Angels,
Bramcote

Good Use of a Bird Box

A Great Tit is making good use of one of our bird boxes at St Michael's. [Watch the 7 sec video here](#).

Sunday 11th June, 10am service

Do come to the morning service at 10am on Sunday 11th June when Nigel Webster will be our visiting preacher. Nigel heads up the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank and will be talking about how our help fits into all that goes on there.

Friday 16th June

Bramcote CofE School Summer Fair

The Friends' Summer Fair takes place at the Bramcote CofE Primary School at the far end of Hanley Avenue on Friday 16th June, 3:30pm - 5:00pm. We are all invited.

Saturday 17th June – Parish Brunch

Another chance to enjoy a Parish Brunch at St Michael's. A full English Breakfast is served in the Church Centre from 11am. This event has been hugely popular in the past and we expect the same again. Put the date in your diary.

Last Week at St Michael's

Christian Aid Week 2023



A big thank you to everyone who has helped during this week. We have really appreciated all the support received from the many different people who have made donations, baked and sold cakes, done quizzes and also prayed for the appeal itself. We will let you know how much money has been raised as soon as we have the final figure. *Penny and Graeme*

Parish Prayer Meeting

On Tuesday 16th May several of us joined together in our monthly prayer meeting to pray for witness in the local community, to our nation, to the world and for the witness of our Mission Partners. The May-June Prayer Diary is still available on our website if you would like to use this in your own prayers. The next monthly prayer meeting is on Tuesday 20th June.

Traidcraft Sale

The sale on Sunday May 21st went very well and the sale of residual items will continue at in-church events during the week following. Proceeds will benefit producers in the Global South. More details from Christine Cleave on 07491 520803.

Sunday 21st May – Holy Communion

On Sunday morning there was a service of Holy Communion. This followed two services of Holy Communion on the Thursday before which was Ascension Day. On Sunday the focus of the sermon was the Glory of God. If you missed the sermon, or would like to hear it again, [it can be viewed here](#). It is well worth listening to.

Sunday 21st May – Taizé Worship



On Sunday evening there was a special service of Taizé Worship. The congregation joined in with three guest musicians in singing simple and beautiful worship songs. These were interspersed with readings, reflections, meditations and prayers. It was a truly wonderful occasion that we all enjoyed very much.



Notices

Green Pages

The new edition of Green Pages is now available for all those included in it. This enables church members to stay connected with one another. There is no charge for a copy, but contributions towards the printing costs would be gratefully received. On receipt, please carefully dispose of any previous editions.

Help Urgently Needed

Rev Canon Lillian Heptinstall writes:

We are very short of sides people. Their duty is:

- to arrive before the start of a service
- to give out relevant books, as directed by the duty warden, for the congregation as they arrive
- to receive the offertory and present it at the Holy Table
- to shepherd people to the Communion rail (if it is a Service of Holy Communion)
- to collect the books at the end of the service

We would be very grateful if people would come forward for this important ministry. All you need is a friendly smile! If sufficient people were willing to help, it would only mean being on duty one Sunday per month.

Please contact me by phone on 0115 8370377 or email rev.lillian@googlemail.com.

URGENT - CANDLES for UKRAINE

The Ukraine Association are collecting candles for melting down, re-wicking and sending for use in the trenches in Ukraine. If you have any new or old, used, unwanted candles please pop them in the bag in the South Porch any weekday from 10am-12noon, or when you come to services during May and June.

Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

St Michael's continues to be open every weekday from 10am to 12noon for receipt of gifts of non-perishable foods and toiletries, all of which are very gratefully received at this very difficult time. Donations are taken over to Bestwood weekly by volunteers from our church. Many thanks to all those who continue to contribute to those who need this important help.

Contacting us at St Michael's

Telephone us on 0115 943 0137

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Visit our new website at
www.saintmichaelsbramcote.com

Write to us or visit us at
St Michael's Church, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD
The Bramcote Care Group offers practical help,
contact Elaine on 07850 985349