



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

18th November 2023

Summary of The Week

Sunday 19th November

10am. Holy Communion in Church

10am. Sunday Stars in the Church Centre

3pm. Afternoon Concert

6.30pm. Evening Prayer led by Charlie Barber

Tuesday 21st November

10am – 11am. Small Steps – dance for 1–4-year-olds

7pm – 8pm. Parish Prayer in the Church Centre

Wednesday 22nd November

10am. Coffee Morning

7.30pm. Choir Practice

Thursday 23rd November

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

10am. Holy Communion

1pm - 3pm. Silver Surfers – Companionship, Cake and Computers

Friday 24th November

10am – 11.30am. Fitness & Friendship – Ladies' Keep Fit

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

4pm. Resources Committee

7.30pm – 9pm. Bellringing practice

Saturday 25th November

10.30am – 1.30pm. Christmas Fair

Sunday 26th November

10am. Morning Worship in Church

6.30pm. Holy Communion

Every Weekday

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

Sunday 19th November

At 10am there is a service of Holy Communion which is followed by refreshments and prayer ministry. At the same time our Sunday Stars meet in the Church Centre. At 6.30pm we have a service of Evening Prayer which will be led by Charlie Barber, a long-standing friend of many of us at St Michael's. Tea and cake will be served from 6pm and prayer ministry will be available after the service.

Please note that this is the last day for delivery of a shoebox to be sent to an impoverished child in Eastern Europe this Christmas. It is also the last day to order Christmas Cards in support of Bible Reading Fellowship.

Sunday 19th November – Afternoon Concert

We have a special Afternoon Concert in church starting at 3pm with clarinet and piano. Please see the poster on page 2 for details. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are available from church and other outlets priced £10.

Tuesday 21st November – Parish Prayer

Everyone is invited to meet with us at 7pm in the Church Centre for an hour of prayer. We do this every month. Those who are unable to come pray at home using the November Prayer Diary which is available on our church webpage. Do come and join us in the Church Centre if you can. There is much to pray for currently.

Thursday 23rd November – Holy Communion

Our regular service of Holy Communion is at 10am in Church, and all are welcome. Do come. It's a special time.

Saturday 25th November

St Michael's Christmas Fair, 1030am – 1.30pm

Cakes, Wooden Toys, Jams, Local Books and Prints, Jewellery, Quality Gifts, Jigsaw Puzzles, Christmas Decorations, Tombola
Do join us. Admission £1 (to include coffee/tea and a mince pie)

Church Motto 2023

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

Coming up

Sunday 19th November, 3pm Afternoon Concert at St Michael's

Tickets £10 including interval refreshments available from Windblowers – 0115 9410543, Kate- 0779 4649030, Cindy Jones - cndjones@btinternet.com or St Michael's Church (open 10am – 12noon, Monday– Friday). See you there.

VARIATIONS
Kate Hawkins - Clarinet
Phil Smith - Bass Clarinet
Alistair Parnell - Piano

19 NOVEMBER
3PM

**ST MICHAEL'S AND
ALL ANGELS CHURCH**
BRAMCOTE, NG9 3HD

Tickets £10
including interval refreshments
available from

Windblowers - 0115 9410543
Kate - 0779 4649030
St Michael's Church - cndjones@btinternet.com
Church Office - each weekday morning

Sunday 26th November CHRIST THE KING

On Sunday 26th November, the Sunday before Advent, the focus of our services is **Christ the King**. At 10am we have Morning Worship followed by prayer ministry and refreshments. Then at 6.30pm there is Holy Communion with tea and cake from 6pm and prayer ministry will be available afterwards.

Saturday 2nd December SPARKLING BAROQUE

An evening of Sparkling Baroque at St John's Church, Carrington by the Nottingham Chamber Singers and Classical Players conducted by Angela Kay. "A concert of joyful and uplifting music for Advent and Christmas." Please see the notice in the link corridor at St Michael's.

Saturday 18th November, 11am – 3.30pm

Open Day at Jubilee House

On Saturday 18th November there is an Open Day to celebrate the first ten years of Jubilee House serving the Diocese. Everyone is invited. The day starts at 11am and ends with worship at 3pm. For more information telephone 01636 814331, email openday@southwell.anglican.org.

Saturday 18th November Tower Trust Square Dance

We were asked to advertise this event by the Old Tower Trust but please note that the Trust have now CANCELLED this event.

Sunday 3rd December ADVENT SUNDAY

Toys and Gifts and Christingles

On Sunday 3rd December, Advent Sunday at 10am there will be a special service to which you are invited to bring new toys and gifts for distribution to underprivileged children in and around Nottingham. Gifts can also be brought to the service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am and the service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 6.30pm. The service will also be a Christingle Service and the uniformed organisations have been invited to take part, not only in the service itself but also in making the Christingles. This will be a service to remember!

Saturday 25th November St Michael's Christmas Fair, 10.30am – 1.30pm

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR
10.30am – 1.30pm Saturday 25 November Admission £1

Cakes Wooden Toys Jams
Local Books & Prints Jewellery
Quality Gifts Jigsaw Puzzles
Christmas Decorations Tombola

+ free coffee/tea & mince pie

Last Week at St Michael's

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

The special service for Remembrance Sunday was held at 10.45am so as to accommodate the national 2 minutes silence at 11am. The uniformed organisations presented their colours and the brownies and scouts made significant contributions to the service. The sermon was on the concept of remembering and included us remembering God's promises to us all. The service was attended by nearly 300 people, with additional seating having been brought into the church to accommodate the large numbers. It was a very special service.

In the evening we celebrated Holy Communion. One of the readings (John 15:9-17) emphasized God's love for us and, in turn, the commitment we have made to Him. Again, it was a very special service.

Fireworks at Bramcote CofE School

Sarah Meredith writes:

Yet again, we were treated to excellent firework display on Tuesday thanks to our Friends of Bramcote PTA. I want to extend our thanks to the Friends team and to Will Ottewell for another wonderful display raising £1699, A massive thank you!

Dads 'n' Kids

On Saturday once again Dads 'n' Kids was enjoyed by everyone who came including a family attending for the first time. Thanks to Marc and Donna for arranging everything, and to the Dads for help in making all the equipment available and then tidying it all away afterwards. Great bacon cobs as usual!

Advertisement

Admin Assistant Grade 2

Type of vacancy

Temporary for 12 months – with review

Work pattern

Part Time - Term Time Only

Number of hours to be worked per week

10 hours per week (over five days TTO), 8:30am till 10:30am

Location

Bramcote CofE Primary School – Hanley Avenue, Bramcote, NG9 3HE

The Opportunity

The Head Teacher and Governors of Bramcote CofE Primary School wish to appoint **a Temporary Office Administration Assistant** to start as soon as possible.

We are looking for someone who

- Can communicate effectively with parents, carers and stakeholders.
- Will enjoy working in a busy office environment and is flexible to adjust to the demands of school each day.
- Is enthusiastic, motivated and has excellent time management skills.
- Is an excellent team player.

We can offer:

- A supportive, committed and enthusiastic staff team
- The chance to make a difference to the lives of our children and families
- Opportunities for professional development

Application available by emailing Miss White, the Office Manager at office@bramcote.notts.sch.uk. or by contacting the school office 0115 925 8548

Closing Date: 24th November 2023

PCC Meeting - 6th November

Here is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting of the PCC held on 6th November.

- A subgroup of PCC members will meet under the chairmanship of Rev Lillian Heptinstall to discuss the possible incorporation of new styles of worship in services.
- The AV system in the Church Centre is now much improved. The factors causing interference on the screens in the Church are being investigated.
- The Diocesan Prayer Day at St Michael's was well supported and was felt to be an excellent time of encouragement.
- Martin Leighton's exhibition of photography was well-received.
- A new Fire Risk Assessment was approved.
- PCC received an update on the vacancy and further discussions with the Diocese and Patron were to be held.
- The continuing need for more welcomers at church services was discussed.
- An Energy Audit of the church buildings has been undertaken and a report is awaited.
- Our reader Lalage Smithurst was appointed as the new Chair of the Outreach & Mission Committee.
- There was a discussion on the need for us all to be vigilant to lapses in security within the Church and Church Centre.
- There had been a collection for a gift to be sent to Azaria to celebrate her wedding to David.
- The floor in the Octagon Centre had been professionally cleaned and a protective seal will be applied.
- A new Work Alone Policy was approved.
- The emergency lighting in the Church and Church Centre has been checked and is now fully operational.
- There are plans for the refurbishment of the Church Office.

Notices

Appeal for Help with Intercessions

We still need more people to join the list of those who lead the intercessions in church. This is a valuable ministry and service to the church. No experience is needed and there is a booklet available to help you prepare. We also need people to welcome people to our services and give out books, again a very valuable ministry. Please contact Lillian on 0115 8380377 or email rev.lillian@googlemail.com.

Home Group Studies

The next five studies from Romans (Studies 6-10) are available in church. Also, four meditative studies from Isaiah will be available very soon; these are for groups and individuals who may wish to do something different for Advent which starts on 3rd December. Contact Lillian for more information.

Volunteers Needed!

Donna writes:

As part of the St Michael's Church Family, are you able to spare some time to support Children Youth and Families work? The following opportunities are available:

- Friday 1st Dec Bramcote CofE School Christmas Fayre, 3.20pm -5pm. The PTA are requesting support.
- Saturday 2nd December, Preparing for the special Christingle Service the following day.
- Thursday 14th December, an Advent Prayer Day in Church inviting Children from Bramcote CofE School.
- Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve Nativity in Church, 4pm.

Please email or message Donna for more details.
07950 379175, famlifemin@bramcoteparishchurch.com

Thankyou 😊

Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

A big thank you to all those who so generously donate each week and for all those who deliver. Please continue to bring items of non-perishable goods but **please would you start to add a few special items for Christmas** especially for the children, e.g. sweets, chocolate, selection boxes and perhaps biscuits and cakes for the families.

T4U Shoebox Campaign 2023

If you would like to send a shoebox to an impoverished child in Eastern Europe this Christmas, boxes and leaflets are available in the South Porch in Church giving details of what to do and what to put in your box. Our challenge is to fill 100 boxes. Wendy, tel. 07786 401332. **Please return your filled box(es) to Church by Sunday 19th November.**

Christmas Cards at St Michael's

There is a selection of Christmas cards to view in church with a sign-up list. **The deadline for ordering, Sunday 19th November.** All proceeds go to Bible Reading Fellowship. Contact Lesley Hill, email lesley@nexusuk.org for more information.

£130 for our church

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Tina's Eco Tips

As an Eco Church, currently one of the few in the Diocese that has attained "silver" level, we want to do all we can to encourage environmental sustainability, and to this end Tina Newton has put together a series of Eco Tips for us all to consider. This week's Eco Tip is below.

Eco tip for washing up.

Washing up sponges are made of micro plastics. There are wooden washing up brushes available, loofah sponges for washing up and worktop sponges made from vegetable material for wiping down surfaces. These are available from The Art Shop on High Road Chilwell, Zero on Friar Lane in Nottingham and online. Look for biodegradable sponges at supermarkets when shopping.

Contacting us at St Michael's

Telephone 0115 943 0137

Email office@bramcoteparishchurch.com

Website. www.saintmichaelsbramcote.com

St Michael's Church, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD

Bramcote Care Group - practical help - contact Elaine on 07850 985349