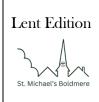
Saturday 8th March 2025

# The Herald

## St. Michael's Church Boldmere



**SMCB** 

#### **Young Peoples Groups**

**South Aisle Saints** for pre-school aged children and their parent/carers in South Aisle.

**FLOK** for primary school aged children in the upper room.

**FLOK+** for Year 6 upwards in the vestry.

Every Sunday apart from the 2nd Sunday of every month when we will all stay together for the Celebrate Multi-Generational Service.



Here is some of the amazing work that the Flower Guild have done for weddings in the church over the last year.



This month we had the pleasure of hosting the Apollo Youth Orchestra @ St. Michael's Church for a truly *Roarsome* Recital of John Williams - Jurassic Park. Selling over 180 Tickets for Charity!

# 🔼 Building Project – Exciting Updates Ahead! 🔼

The design consultants have finished their work and we're finalising costings. We've had in-depth discussions with the PCC, and we're now preparing to move forward with Phase One. Because we are passionate about safeguarding the integrity of creation and minimising our church's impact on the environment, Phase One will focus on renewing the central heating system and implementing several carbon-neutral initiatives.

#### **Next steps:**

- Submitting proposals to the Diocese for Faculty approval next week.
- Applying for planning permission in the next two weeks.

Once we get the green light, we'll be ready to break ground and make some real progress on this exciting project! Stay tuned for more updates – we're so excited to build something amazing together!

## **Lenten Service Times**

9th March Lent 1 - 10.00am Celebrate Multi-Generational Worship Service

- 6.00pm Evening Service with Communion

Reflection Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Luke 19: 28-48

16th March Lent 2 - 10.00am Service with Communion [Hands At Work Partnership Launch] - 6.00pm Evening Service

Reflection The Last Supper Luke 22: 7-28
The Garden of Gethsemane Luke 22: 39 - 46

23rd MarchLent 3 - 10.00am Service with Communion - 6.00pm Evening Service

Reflection Judas Betrayal Luke 22:47-53

Peter's denial and Trial by the Pharisees

30th March Lent 4 - 10.00am Service with Communion [Mothering Sunday]

- 6.00pm Evening Service

Reflection Trial by Pilate and release of Barabbas Luke 23: 1-25

6th April Lent 5 - 10.00am Service with Communion

- 6.00pm Evening Service

Reflection Walking to Golgotha, Crucifixion with two robbers, Jesus Death and Burial *Luke 23: 26-55* 



# Whats Coming Up @ St. Michael's Church

## Hands at Work Zambia Partnership Launch!



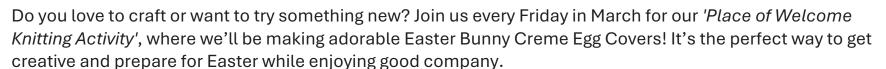
Join us as we celebrate the launch of our Hands at Work Zambia Partnership! We're excited to share the details of this collaboration between St. Michael's Church and Hands at Work Africa, bringing hope and support to those on the margins of the margins!

Join us on Sunday 16th March and discover how you can partner with us to make a difference!

When: Sunday 16th March @ 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: St. Michael's Church Boldmere

## Crafting in Company – Get Ready for Easter! \*\*



When: Every Friday in March @ 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: South Aisle Café Space

Come for the fun, stay for the laughter... and the coffee!

## Children's Easter Garden Workshop – Let's Get Creative! 🌿



Join us on 5th April for our Easter Gardens Workshop! Whether you're an experienced gardener or a mini first-timer, this is your chance to create some beautiful Easter gardens together. It's a fun, hands-on way to celebrate Easter and create something special to take home.

When: Saturday 5th April @ 10:00am - 12:00am

Where: South Aisle Café Space

Come with your creativity, and leave with your own Easter garden!

# Celebrate Gathering - Multi-Generational Worship for Everyone 🎉



Join us for our next Celebrate Gathering on Sunday 13th April at 10am, where we'll come together for funfilled, multi-generational worship, with Jesus at the centre of everything we do. It's a celebration for everyone – young and old – so bring your friends and family to celebrate together!

When: Sunday 13th April @ 10am

Where: Sunday morning Service at St. Michaels Church

We're all in this together and would love to see you there 🤴

## Regular Activities

Men's Night - First Tuesday of each month in Bishop Vesey pub @ 7.30pm

Place of Welcome - Every Friday - South Aisle Cafe space @ 10am to 12pm

Weekday Communion - Every Friday - Epiphany Chapel @ 11am - 11.45am

## Food Container Collection – A Little Reminder!



It was good to see so many people at Rev. Gary's farewell service and community lunch. If you've not yet picked up your food containers, please stop by the South Aisle to collect them as soon as you can. Thanks for your help!

# How Can I Help?

If you would like to get involved in the life of St. Michael's Church Boldmere, here are a few ways you can join in and make a difference.

#### Ramada Refugee Support – Sharing Christ's Hospitality



As we seek to follow Christ into the lost corners of our community and serve those on the margins of society, we're reaching out to support refugees arriving at Ramada. Let's come together to share the hospitality of Christ, helping those in need rebuild their lives and find a sense of belonging in our community.

#### How You Can Help:

Speak to David Newsome, Jane Newsome or Ann-Marie Klaus to: Donate time, toiletries or finances to help us provide as many welcome packs as we can. Every bit makes a difference.

## Calling All First Aiders!

Are you first-aid qualified? We'd love to have your details on file! If you're willing to lend a hand in case of emergencies, please email the office with your certification details.

Let's make sure we're ready to care for one another!

## Join The Team 👋



Be a part of something amazing at St Michael's! Whether you're great with people, love tech, enjoy music, or have a heart for hospitality, there's a place for you to make a real difference.

Love making people feel at home? The **Welcome Team** is all about offering a warm smile and a friendly hello. Prefer getting stuck into events? The Hospitality Team and Social Committee help bring people together over great coffee and cake - on Sundays as well as other special events!

If you're into tech, the **Audiovisual Team** makes sure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Musically gifted? The **Music and Singing Team** would love to have you on board!

For those who like to keep things running, the **Team Wardens**, as well as **Building** and **Finance** Committees help with the practical and financial side of church life - keeping the cogs running smoothly... and if you have a passion for inspiring young hearts and growing young disciples, the Children and Youth **Teams** are an incredible way to share faith and fun with the next generation.

Above is just the tip of the iceberg and there are so many other ways you can serve. Whatever your gifts, there's a place for you at St Michael's. If you would like to get involved, meet great people, and be part of what God is doing in our community... then lets chat 降

If you would like to find out more, please contact our Churchwarden Pam Baxter or Rev. Matt Mason.

## Let us Prav 🙏

#### As we journey through lent together, let's continue to pray for...

- Rev'd Gary and Maggie as they enter retirement and leave Boldmere for pastures new.
- A new Churchwarden to work alongside Pam.
- The people who mentor, disciple and support our younger companions in Christ. •
- For Azaria Spencer, our Church Mission link working with young people in Guatemala.
- For peace where there is conflict, both locally and globally.
- For all those who are unwell in our community.

#### A Prayer for Interregnum

Loving God, as we journey together through this period of Interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. Guide and give wisdom to those appointed to discern the way ahead. We pray that you would prepare the heart of the new incumbent that you have in store for this Parish and make clear to them your call.

Amen



## **Useful Information?**

Here is some useful information about the different ways that you can connect with St. Michael's Church Boldmere.

#### Meet the Team



Churchwarden: Pam Baxter Curate: Rev. Matt Mason

Readers: Gary Connell, Elaine Riley, Rob Rolfe and Matthew Lumley

Parish Administrator: Danielle Woolaston

Children's Work Co-Ordinators: Trudy Walsh, Gail Adams, Jan Peel, Tusheeta David

Safeguarding Team: Gail Adams (PSO) and Rev. Matt Mason

Sacristan: Kevin Plummer

Pastoral Team: Trudy Walsh, Peter Edmonds, Helen Menniss, Margret Smoldon & Rev. Matt Mason

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The Parish Office voice mail will be checked on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays afternoons - one of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Join The Mailing List, WhatsApp Group or Facebook Page 🖴



If you would like to join the mailing list, we promise not to share or sell your details with anyone else!

E-mail: stmichaelschurchboldmere@gmail.com

# Supporting the work of St. Michael's in the community



Here at St. Michael's, financial giving is a part of our Worship. A way to honour God, serve the marginalised and take part in the building of God's Kingdom locally, nationally and internationally. Whether it's a onetime gift, regular giving, leaving a legacy, or starting a fundraiser - every contribution helps to serve the community and share the good news of Jesus Christ!

If you would like to support the work of St. Michael's in the community, you can do it in many ways. From the collection plate or tap-and-go contactless terminal in the church, or making either a regular or one off donation online.

If you would like to tithe, or make a regular donation - you can set it up easily by using the following link...

https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/boldmere-st-michael-birmingham

If you would like to make a one-off donation you can scan the QR code below.





Thank you for your support.

