

## Ministry Team

Vicar: Rev'd Gary Birchall

Assistant Curate: Rev'd Simon Cocks

Churchwardens: Peter Swaine and Pam Baxter

Readers: Gary Connell, Elaine Riley, Rob Rolfe

Pastoral Team Co-ordinator: Lin Benson

Parish Administrator: Danielle Woolaston

Children's Work Co-ordinators: Trudy Walsh, Gail Adams, Jan Peel

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Danielle Woolaston, Parish Administrator is usually in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.00am -1.00pm

## Website

[www.stmichaels.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels.org.uk)

## Facebook Group

St Michael's Church Boldmere

## WhatsApp Group

Ask Rev'd Gary Birchall if you would like to join the St Michael's WhatsApp Group

## Emailing List

If you would like to join the St Michael's Email list then speak to Rev'd Gary Birchall.

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# St Michael's Herald 2023



St Michael's Boldmere

# November

## Services in Church

Sunday Mornings 10.00am – usually a Holy Communion Service + groups for different ages. Usually livestreamed on YouTube

Sunday Evenings 6.00pm – usually a quiet reflective service following a particular theme.

Morning Prayer on Zoom- Wednesdays 10.00am  
Meeting ID: 298 679 1058  
Passcode: 905710

Friday Holy Communion in Epiphany Chapel at 11.00am as part of Place of Welcome

## Celebrate – Jesus at the Centre

*A service for younger families: 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30pm – next date: 12<sup>th</sup> November*

## Sunday Groups

South Aisle Saints – for pre-school children and parents/carers in South Aisle

FLOK – for primary school aged children.

FLOK+ for Year 6 upwards.

## Good News

**Aston and Nechells Food Bank** have expressed their thanks for our ongoing support and the Harvest Collection of 177.76kg of food and toiletries. These will be given to families and individuals experiencing food crisis. They also included a special thankyou to John and Rachel for faithfully continuing to bring donations to our Warehouse many times a year.

Jamaal, Sirwan and Bahman have been preparing for Baptism this Autumn and will be baptised on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November as part of the morning Holy Communion service.

## Looking Ahead – Sunday Services

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October** – 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm – Memorial Service

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm – Evening Service

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service  
3.30pm – Celebrate Jesus at the Centre  
6.00pm – Holy Communion

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Breathe Café Service

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 10.00am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Evening Service

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – Advent Service  
6.00pm – Holy Communion

## Looking even further ahead

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Advent Calendar making Saturday morning in South Aisle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Christmas Market  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Celebrate Nativity Service – 3.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service – 4.00pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Advent Service of Light 7.00pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec – ‘Oranges and Hay’ – Crib Service and Christingles – 5.00pm  
Midnight Communion – 11.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day Communion 10.00am  
January/February 2024 five week course on Mark’s Gospel.

## Regular Weekly/Monthly Activities:

**Men’s Night** – first Tuesday of each month in the Bishop Vesey pub from 7.30pm

**Place of Welcome** – Fridays in the South Aisle in St Michael’ Church from 10.00am to 12.00noon

**Music and Singing Team** – 6.00pm to 7.00pm most Fridays in the Church

## Building Update



Andrew Mitchell MP visited St Michael’s and met with the Building working group as they shared plans and hopes with him.

200 plus groups and individuals have been invited to an open evening at the church on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November as part of the community consultation process.



## ADVENT CALENDAR WORKSHOP

Make your own Advent Calendar  
Decorate an ‘eco’ Christmas tree

## Listen to the Real CHRISTMAS STORY

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

30 child places available

Please book with the Church Office



Refreshments available

“All of us are welcome”

**Welcome** – the PCC have been exploring ways to build on the welcome that people are given at the church. Look out for a range of simple steps that will help us all do this.

**ST MICHAEL’S LUNCH CLUB** Strenuous efforts have been made on behalf of everyone who formerly attended Lunch Club, but it has not been possible to find a suitable person, together with a team of helpers, who could organise and run a Lunch Club on a weekly, or fortnightly basis at a new venue. Chester Road Baptist Church caters for lunches on a Tuesday, and currently have approximately 15 spare places for those who book and this can be done through Liz Clayton 0759622580. Lunches are also available at St John’s in Walmley and the URC in Sutton town centre.

## Please pray for:

Peter Swaine will be stepping down as Churchwarden at the Annual Meeting in 2024 after nine years as a great Churchwarden for St Michael’s. Please pray for who might join Pam Baxter as Churchwarden from May 2024. **Could it be you?.** Speak to Pam and Peter about what is involved.