



Saint Michael's Messenger

November 2012

Welcome to this first edition of a new communication, the re-launched St Michaels Messenger. Printed copies will be available at St Michael's but the intention is to distribute it mainly by e-mail and to make it available to download from our website: www.stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org

If you are not on our e-mail list but would like to be among the first to receive each issue of this letter, as well as other news updates, please send your e-mail address to:

mailing@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org

This Newsletter will be monthly, and we ask you all to keep us up to date with news, information, contributions. We will be pleased to publish any dates reference births, marriages, obituaries etc. or any other notices.

Perhaps you have something to sell, or are looking for an item. This will be the place to let us all know.

Can you recommend a good restaurant, venue, shop, a walk or visit that you have enjoyed? Please let us know.

If you have news to share or want to contribute in any way you can contact us at:

news@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org

A Christmas Market is to be held on Saturday 24th November from 12.00 until 16.00.



Speciality Stands will include:

Christmas cards, decorations, stocking fillers, many under 5 euros.

Seasonal foods and home made produce.

Designer clothing (quality second hand items).

An English book stand

A good selection of DVD's and CD's.

Bric a Brac, with new and second hand items.

Raffle tickets will be available before and on the day, at 5 Euro's per book of 5. *Prizes include a Christmas hamper, a case of wine, foie gras etc. **The Raffle will be held at 16.00***

Our Café Corner will be serving drinks, mulled wine and mince pies. There will be a delicious home made Curry with rice available, to eat-in or take away.

This is to be a major Fundraising event, so any items that you can add to the sale will be appreciated. Please see Father Peter or Nicola for more details.



We aim to keep you up to date with items related to chaplaincy finances. The amount raised in collections during October was 952 Euros.

34 people enjoyed our All Hallows dinner recently. The company, the food and the wine were good, and the lively evening raised a very useful 500 Euros for Chaplaincy funds.

We send our very best wishes to Helga, who will be returning to her native Germany after some 30 years. She has been a valued member of the community here at St. Michael's and will be greatly missed.

Likewise we shall sorely miss Vance and Linda who are returning to the States. They have both been stalwart supporters of St Michael's with Vance serving as Church Warden for a number of years and Linda as a Sacristan. We understand their last Sunday at St Michael's before departure will be 25th November. They have promised to return on vacation from time to time and we look forward to seeing them then.

Events for the rest of November

Sunday 4th November	10.00	All Saints Day Sung Eucharist
Sunday 11th November	10.00	Remembrance Sunday Requiem
Saturday 24th November	12.00 to 16.00	Christmas Market
Sunday 25th November	10.00	Christ the King Sung Eucharist

Father Peter will give a talk on 'The Wife in Art' at 17.00 on Thursday 15th November at the Bibliotheque Pour Tous, 15 Boulevard Marinoni, followed by canapés and fizz.

We All Need Friends!

The newsletter is not the only subject of a re-launch. Letters have been sent out recently to supporters far and wide to remind them of the Friends of St Michael's scheme and to encourage those who have not joined to consider it. The scheme is there so that supporters can sign up to make regular contributions which go towards the running costs of the Chaplaincy.

The recent costs of restoration and improvement programmes have drained our funds and those who have given so generously are understandably feeling a little donor fatigue. However there are bills to be paid and continued support is needed. Enrolment forms for the scheme can be downloaded from the 'Support' page of our website

Many, many thanks to those who are already Friends or Patrons of St Michael's, you have made a difference. The scheme accounted for over half the Chaplaincy income in recent years.

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Details of Christmas services will be in already on the website). Last date



the December newsletter (key dates are for insertion is 25th November