



Saint Michael's Messenger, Newsletter, March 2018

The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10.00 am followed by refreshments

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday	2nd Mar	12h00	Lenten Service (Prayer of Service)
Sunday	4th Mar	10h00	Eucharist – Lent 3
Friday	9th Mar	12h00	Lenten Service (Prayer of Awareness)
Sunday	11th Mar	10h00	Eucharist – Lent 4 (Laetare or Mothering Sun)
Tuesday	13th Mar	10h00	CCC Meeting
Friday	16th Mar	12h00	Lenten Service (Prayer of Faith)
Sunday	18th Mar	10h00	Eucharist – Lent 5 (Passion)
Friday	23rd Mar	12h00	Lenten Service (Prayer of the Lord)
Sunday	25th Mar	10h00	Eucharist – Palm Sunday followed by Annual General Meeting
Tuesday	27th Mar	10h00	CCC Meeting
Thursday	29th Mar		Passover Supper
Friday	30th Mar	15h00	Good Friday service
Sunday	1st Apr	10h00	Eucharist – Easter Sunday
		11.45	Danish Lutheran Service
Sunday	8th Apr	10h00	Eucharist – 2 nd Easter
Sunday	15th Apr	10h00	Eucharist – 3 rd Easter
Sunday	22nd Apr	10h00	Eucharist – 4 th Easter
Sunday	29th Apr	10h00	Eucharist – SS Philip & James

FATHER'S NOTES...



The seasonal lull in January very quickly dissipated and over the past few weeks we have been pretty busy at St Michael's. The Council Secretary has been filling in no fewer than nine separate returns to the Diocese, arranging the update of the Electoral Roll and preparing all the necessary documents for the Chaplaincy Church Council prior to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer has been compiling the Annual Statement and Report of our finances for the past year and the Independent Examiner has spent several days at St Michael's inspecting all our receipts and expenditure records, bank statements and reconciliations. The Churchwarden has almost every day been dealing with our complaint to Eau d'Azur regarding faulty meter readings at the church which is costing us ten times the normal cost for our water. He has had to take daily meter readings and arrange several visits by the plumber to verify that there have been no leaks in the system. We have also had four days of work in the church having the new glass porch installed.

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All this extra activity has been done alongside the routine maintenance of the church and garden, conducting additional Lenten services, preparing the liturgies and music for Easter, pastoral visiting, charitable work, providing a fellowship lunch and the first of the year's guided tours of the church. Not bad for a church that some people might think is only open for an hour one day a week!

The story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10: 38-42) comes to mind, where Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to him while *Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made...* Jesus said that Mary had chosen *what is better*, yet it was Martha's work that allowed Mary to be able to sit at the Lord's feet. The great majority of our congregation might only be able to come and sit at the Lord's feet in Saint Michael's for one or two Sundays in the year, but for them to have a beautiful church and grounds conducive to worship and prayer and the availability of a chaplain to conduct the Church's liturgies each Sunday requires the continuing support of everyone.

Mary had chosen the better part by being in the Lord's company and listening to his words of hope and comfort. That is precisely the mission of St Michael's - to provide through our work and your donations, a suitable place for Christ to be present in word and sacrament for all who wish to sit at his feet.

Fr Anthony Ingham

'THE VIEW FROM THE PRESBYTERE...



We have very little routine in our life, and we like it that way as no two days are the same, but there is a certain time every day when the phone rings and the sound of the little voice at the other end completely fills our hearts. Jessica, our granddaughter. She is such a funny little thing and so earnest for a six year old, particularly when she's telling us 'something wonderful' - perhaps that her fish has had babies or she's got a new reading book, or as she explained last night, lots of kittens don't have homes and she's going to give £3 to the television to help them... At the moment she's very much into religion and this is the first year she's understood anything of the discipline of Lent, and particularly fasting, so she was keen to

know what her Grandpa and I are giving up for Lent - she was very proud to tell us she's given up sweets. The fact she isn't allowed sweets seemed to have passed her by! But at least she's thinking of what she can do to increase her very sweet and very innocent Faith.

We are well into Lent at this stage, and we are all doing our own personal preparation for the greatest feast of the church's year; be that fasting, contrition, self examination or resolve - or ideally all of these. But we are also, as a whole church, collectively preparing for Easter. So please remember that we are collecting specific foodstuff for the Red Cross throughout Lent. Also, some of you will already have attended the Friday services and talks, which will be a feature every week until Easter, but those of you who haven't attended yet, the service and talk is just 20 minutes and is a great addition to any private discipline you're following for Lent. This season really does focus us and gives us the disciplined time to assess and increase the Faith in our own lives.

'Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.'
Hebrews 11:1

Fiona

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fridays during Lent 12.00 Lenten Service
Palm Sunday Eucharist 25th March 10 am followed by AGM
Thursday 29th March Passover Supper
Friday 30th March 3pm Good Friday service
Sunday 1st April 10 am Easter Eucharist

PASSOVER SUPPER Thursday 29th March



PASSOVER at ST MICHAEL'S

Maundy Thursday 29th March 2018

6.30 p.m.

Places are limited to our catering capacity
so please make sure you book in advance with
Fiona

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FOOD DONATIONS

We continue to collect for the Red Cross and have been asked specifically to donate the following:
Tinned vegetables, soups, cooked meals, rice deserts, stewed fruit.
There will be a collection point at the back of church until Easter Sunday.
Many people here in Beaulieu rely on food parcels, so please be as generous as you possibly can.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.



Once again our **EASTER SERVICES'** flier is attached on the next page.

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EASTER at ST MICHAEL'S



Thursday 29th March

6.30 p.m. **Passover & Last Supper**
(please book in advance)

Friday 30th March

3.00 p.m. **Good Friday Liturgy**

Sunday 1st April

10.00 a.m. **Easter Sunday Eucharist**

11.45 a.m. **Danish Lutheran Service**