

THINGS AND EVENTS AT A GLANCE ...



St Michael and All Angels Advent Course
Exploring the Beatitudes
A three-session course for small groups

This is a course written by The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford. He encourages us all to join in to 3 sessions this advent as we prepare for Christmas.

Course dates are

Tuesday mornings 9:30am
28th November, 5th and 12th December.

Thursday mornings 11:00am
30th November, 7th and 14th December.

Please reply as soon as possible.

Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2017

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH BEACONSFIELD



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THE READINGS FOR THE DAY

First Reading Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

The prophet announces that the day of the Lord is close. This will be a day when the Lord will execute judgement on all the earth, and for some there will be terrible punishment.

Second Reading 1 Thes. 5: 1-11

Paul likens the day of the Lord to a thief coming in the night. It will be sudden and there will be no escape from the consequences. However, unlike Zephaniah, Paul is able to soften the hard message of judgement with the hope of salvation through Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Large sums of money (talents) are left with three servants, with the clear expectation that they will invest the money profitably and wisely while their master is away. On the master's return there will be a reckoning.

PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Those ill in hospital or at home, and for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Prayers are particularly asked for **Helen Baker, Mike Reed, Andrew Ditty, Anna Gray, Katie Gray** and **Elizabeth Meredith**.

We give God thanks for the lives of those who have died **Gerald Painter** and we remember **Dorothy Fruin, John Cordwell, William Willcocks** whose anniversaries fall at this time and we pray for their families and friends.

"May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console you, this day and for evermore". **Amen**

MAJESTIC FILM NIGHT in CCRC

Monday 27th Nov, 6pm
'The Sound of Music'



The wonderful Christingle Service

3rd December, 4pm



Please bring your filled candle collection boxes.

All welcome !

Carols, stories. Bring and share tea in the hall afterwards.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES ...

8:00 am Order 1 Holy Communion Said

9:15 am Family Praise

10:30 am Sung Holy Communion

Weekly Sheet

If you would like a copy of this weekly sheet please email the Church Office Manager.

Deadline for entries into the Weekly Sheet is Wednesday noon.

SERVICES FOR TODAY

- 8:00 am** BCP Holy Communion Said
9:15am Family Eucharist & Baptism
10:30 am Sung Holy Communion

Congratulations to baby **Ollie** on his baptism today.
We welcome his family & friends.



WANTED—FLOWER LADIES

We would like another 2 or 3
flower ladies, please.
No experience required.

THE COLLECT

*Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

THIS WEEK

-Prayers for Puerto Rico—
www.catholic.org

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ...

First Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Second Reading Ephesians 1: 15-end
Gospel Matthew 25: 14-30

WELCOME

St Michael & All Angels' family is delighted to welcome everyone to this church.
If you have moved into the area please ask for details of the church activities. More info on our website.

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 20th November

TUESDAY 21st November

8pm Choir Practice, Church

WEDNESDAY 22nd November

9:00am Holy Communion—Lady Chapel

9:45am Drop-in Coffee, Lounge Room

THURSDAY 23rd November

FRIDAY 24th November

9:30am Bulrushes Toddler Group, Hall

SATURDAY 25th November

SUNDAY 26th November

SPECIAL MENTION ...

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the Christmas fair such a success.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

27th Nov—**Majestic Film Night, 6:00pm**
27th Nov—**T-club, 2:15pm, Hall**
28th Nov—**Advent Course 9:30am**
28th Nov—**Men's and Ladies Lunches**
30th Nov—**Advent Course 11:00am**
1st Dec—**Bulrushes Christmas Party, Hall**
—all Tots and related adults welcome, 9:30am.
1st Dec—**Iain Rennie Concert, 7:30pm, Church**
3rd Dec—**Christingle Service, 4pm**
10th Dec—**Messy Church, Church, 4pm**
11th Dec—**T-club, 2:15pm, Hall**
17th Dec—**Carol Service & Christmas Hamper Draw**

Sunday 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

8:00am Order 1 Holy Communion Said
4:00pm Crib Service
11:00pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

8:00am BCP Holy Communion Said
10:00 Family Holy Communion