



# St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

**19 November 2017 : Second Sunday before Advent**

**Welcome to our services today.** If you are a visitor and usually take communion in your own church, we hope you will share the sacrament with us. If you are not a communicant, please still come to the altar, but carry a book, and you will receive a blessing. Do join us for Fairtrade refreshments in Church House after the 8:00 am and 9:00 am services and at the back of church after the 10:45 am service.

**A Crèche** is available in the North Room during the 10:45 am service. All children attending the 10:45 am service are welcome to meet in school year groups during term time as follows:

Bubbles – Pre-school & Reception: North Room

JC Club – Years 1 - 8: Church House

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of events in the coming week which you might want to join in with, or pray over.

## **COLLECTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES**

### Collect:

Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son was revealed

to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory

we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Post Communion Collect:

**Gracious Lord,**

**in this holy sacrament**

**you give substance to our hope:**

**bring us at the last**

**to that fullness of life for which we long;**

**through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**Church Notices:** please send to [notices@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk)

**Today's readings** with their pew bible page numbers are:

Old Testament Reading:                    **Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-18** (page 944)

The Bible has much to say about the anticipated 'Day of the Lord'. For this prophet in the seventh century BC, it would be a time for God to root out all corruption; he will destroy and punish in a sudden outburst of his righteous judgement.

New Testament Reading:                **1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11** (page 1188)

In this early letter Paul still expected Jesus to return soon and draw all things to an end. He asks the Christians to live with that sense of expectancy, in confidence that the faithful will be taken into the Lord's company when he comes to complete our salvation.

Gospel Reading:                            **Matthew 25: 14-30** (page 994)

Matthew tells another of Jesus' parables about the Day of the Lord. Then, the fullness of the kingdom of heaven will reveal what each person made of the gifts God gave on trust. It is the parable of the talents, and the joy in store for those who are faithful stewards.

**8:00 am Holy Communion (Said)** (Common Worship)

**9:00 am Holy Communion (Sung)** (Common Worship)

**10:45 am Service of the Word and Holy Baptism**  
of Harper-Rae Ball

**6:00 pm Evensong** (BCP) (No sermon)  
Psalm 89: 20-36 (Oxford Psalter page 175)  
1 Kings 1: 15-40 (page 334)  
Revelation 1: 4-18 (page 1233)

**Intercessions:** In our prayers this week we remember Cerys Seys Llewellyn, Margaret Butler, Sheila Morecroft, Diane Hawkins, Dory Morgan, Florence Pinfield, Neil Palmer, Cynthia Reid, Edie Sadler, and all who care for and about them.

We also remember in our prayers the family of Sylvia Hinton who died this past week.

The funeral of Joan Gibson will be on Friday 1 December at 2:00 pm in church followed by burial in the churchyard

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer** is said on Monday to Saturday at 7:30 am. Do join us.

### **MONDAY 20 November**

6:00 pm Visit to church by local cubs

### **WEDNESDAY 22 November**

7:30 pm Alpha Course: Church House

### **THURSDAY 23 November**

9:30 am Babies and Toddlers: North Room

1:30 pm Funeral of Anthony Haynes followed by interment at Four Ashes.

7:30 pm Parochial Church Council Meeting: Church House

### **FRIDAY 24 November**

7:30 pm Zither Concert: Church House. Tickets £10 or £15 on the door.  
Information from [petergieler@gmail.com](mailto:petergieler@gmail.com) or 01494 562473

### **SATURDAY 25 November**

3:00 pm Thanksgiving Potluck: Church House (see below)

### **Next Sunday:**

### **26 November : Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King**

8:00 am Holy Communion (Said) (Common Worship)

9:00 am Matins (Sung) (BCP)

10:45 am Family Communion

3:00 pm Piper's Corner School Christingle Service

6:00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**24 November – An Invitation for our Best Ever Big Sleepout** Wycombe Homeless Connection is ten years old, and so we're inviting you to come and get a taste of what it's like to sleep rough – and to raise vital funds for our work. It will take place in the church yards of All Saints Churches in High Wycombe and Marlow, and will be staffed by volunteer security marshals and tea-makers. Come and join us! Check out our website for more information - [www.wyhoc.org.uk](http://www.wyhoc.org.uk)

**25 November – Thanksgiving Potluck** from 3:00 pm in Church House. All are invited to bring a dish and join in on this American tradition. Please contact Kalyn at [kalynfranke@gmail.com](mailto:kalynfranke@gmail.com) or Guy on 07814 214287 to RSVP by Tuesday and let us know what you'd like to bring (or we can give you suggestions). American style dishes highly encouraged!

**2 December – Men's Breakfast** in Church House between 8:30 - 10:30 am. The speaker on this occasion is Justin Montague, an ex-marine who is now training for the ministry. Justin's unique perspective should be of interest to the Men's Breakfast audience. Whether you come for the company, a friendly chat or just to enjoy a good meal, you are very welcome. As Nick will be away, to help with numbers for catering, please contact Roger at the following email address [roger\\_h\\_grant@hotmail.com](mailto:roger_h_grant@hotmail.com)

## GENERAL

**We are pleased to announce** that following recent interviews, the Vicar and Church Wardens offered the post of Part-Time Parish Administrator to Lynn Brooks, who has accepted the post. Lynn will be commencing in January 2018. We are very grateful to Lin Smit for all her hard work and dedication over the years in this role, and we will be formally thanking her in due course.

**Invitation for Singers** to join choir for the Nine Lessons and Carols service on 17th December at 6:00 pm. Rehearsals Wednesday 6th & 13th December at 7:45 pm in church. Ability to read music is helpful. Please contact Neil so he knows who to expect: [neilb@miles33.co.uk](mailto:neilb@miles33.co.uk)

**Thank You** to all of you who serve in any way for the Church. A gentle reminder that if you are on any of the church rota's and are unable to carry out your duty, we ask you initially try to swap the day and if you can't, contact the rota organiser. If that fails please do not contact the clergy as they are very busy with services but ring Rob or myself as Church Wardens.

We are always keen to encourage any of the congregation to offer their service and there are many different opportunities. At the moment we are trying to increase the number of sidespeople (not as difficult as it sounds!), welcomers and crèche helpers. Sylvia is always looking for coffee rota for 10.45 am service and there are other areas such as intercessions, readers, IT and scanning. Something for everybody! Please speak to Rob or myself if you are interested in finding out more. Julia Grant.

**Dorcas Project** Christmas presents for the children this year are going to be reading books, colouring books and pencils; the age range is from 0-11 years. This Christmas campaign is now launched and I have placed a collecting basket at the back of the church for any donations, which will be very much appreciated by Jo Preston. The deadline for this campaign is 30 November. Any further information you need just call Yvonne on 563960.

**Will, Ben, Roger, Tom and Chris** are sleeping rough on 24 November to raise money for Wycombe Homeless Connection. Please have a look at the link and consider sponsoring them: [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/WilliamHurrell1](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/WilliamHurrell1)

**If you are aware of any member of our church family** who is unwell, in hospital, housebound, lonely or in need of support, please let Keith the Vicar know (or Helen, Associate Minister, if Keith is not available).

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