



St. Michael & All Angels

CHURCH IN THE PARK | LIVING, LOVING, SERVING

4 November 2018 : Fourth 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:

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Collect:

**Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Old Testament Reading: **Deuteronomy 6: 1-9** (page 185)

The first commandment given by God to Moses was to love and honour the one and only God. As Jesus was to repeat to an enquirer, love with heart and soul and strength is required of us before all else.

New Testament Reading: **Hebrews 9: 11-14** (page 1207)

This writer continues to expound his concept of Christ entering heaven in a way similar to the Jewish High Priest entering the holy place of the Temple. Once and for all, he writes, Christ's sacrifice of himself cleanses from every taint of sin.

Gospel Reading: **Mark 12: 28-34** (page 1018)

Jesus quotes to a questioner the two greatest commandments – love of God and of neighbour – and tells the man that to know these comes close to knowing his kingdom.

8.00 am Holy Communion (Said) (BCP)

9.00 am Holy Communion (Sung) (Common Worship)

10.45 am All Age Family Service

3.00 pm Annual Memorial Service

4.30 pm Youth Group (North Room)

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP) (No sermon)

Psalm 145 (Oxford Psalter page 269)

Daniel 2:1-11 & 25-48 (page 884)

Hymn 150

Revelation 7: 9-end (page 1238)

Hymns 349 & 227

Intercessions: In our prayers this week we remember Cerys Seys Llewellyn, Florence Pinfield, Ann Way, Mary Harris, Pat Bottomley, Alma Hansford, Audrey Todd, John Brooks, Stella Blake, Joan Palmer, Michael Harris, Moira Lewis, Ann McCarthy, and all who care for and about them.

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Lois Crane and of Bill Findlay (especially Penny Austin), who both died this past week.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer is said on Monday to Saturday at 7.30 am. Do join us.

National Trust Victorian Christmas Educational Visits to church each week day at 9.45 am from 6th to 16th November.

MONDAY 5 November

10.00 am Come and Meet the Vicar: Hughenden Village Shop

12.30 pm Interment of Ashes

TUESDAY 6 November

7.30 pm Mothers Union: Church House. Alan Jaycock will be giving a talk entitled "To the Outer Hebrides and Back". All are welcome.

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

WEDNESDAY 7 November

10.00 am Come and Meet the Vicar: Bon Ami Café, Naphill

10.15 am Visiting Bell Ringers (3 hours)

1.00 pm Knit and Natter: Church House

7.00 pm Alpha Course: Church House

7.45 pm Choir Practice: Church

THURSDAY 8 November

9.30 am Toddler Group: North Room

10.30 am Tiny Tots Service: Church

12.30 pm Funeral of John Stephenson

SATURDAY 10 November

9.30 am Alpha Holy Spirit Day: Church House

7.00 pm Viennese Evening: Church House. Please note that all the tickets for this have now been sold. So sorry if you have not been able to get any but spaces are very limited.

Next Sunday:

11 November : Third Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (Said) (Common Worship)

9.00 am Matins (Sung) (BCP)

NB 10.55 am Act of Remembrance, followed by Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong (Sung) (BCP)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 November – American Thanksgiving Bring and Share Supper This is being held on Saturday 24 November between 5.30 pm and 8.30 pm in Church House. Everyone is welcome for this traditional Turkey and Pecan pie supper and if you would like to come you will be invited to help by bringing some of the food with you. Please let Frank Hawkins know and he will advise what might be required. 07850 150462.

GENERAL

Men's Breakfast Important Notice With sincere apologies, there will be no Men's Breakfast events until the new year as Nick and Roger will both be out of the country this month. A sincere and big THANK YOU to all those who have attended and supported this special fellowship gathering over the year, with a special mention for Nick (Administrator); Geoff (IC purchasing) and to our fantastic cooks Tom, Ant, Tony and Patrick.

Roger, in discussion with Lynn (Parish Administrator) is currently preparing the diary and roster of new speakers for 2019 which will be published on ChurchSuite in due course.

Church House Teas Many, many thanks to all the people who have supported Teas over the summer months, especially to our amazing organisers, but also to all those who made cakes, served or helped in any way. Together we provided not only wonderful Teas but friendship and outreach to many people over 6 months. We also raised a total of £6362 (before expenses) which is vital to the work of our church. Julia Grant.

Eco Church 10.45 coffee! Lynn has managed to source disposable compostable cups for the coffee after the 10.45 am service and these will go in the green bin. These cups are much more expensive and we would encourage as many of you as possible to bring your own cup every week. Cups are available to buy in many places now and you even get around 25p off your coffee if you use them in one of the large coffee outlets. They are also much safer with the number of small children we have running around the back of the Church when people are stood with hot coffee.

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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