



# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

## Church Diary

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Our monthly prayer meeting held via Zoom is at 7.00pm. Those unable to join the meeting are encouraged to pray from home. Contact David Curnock at [dcurnock@doctors.org.uk](mailto:dcurnock@doctors.org.uk) for the link and/or a copy of the Prayer Diary.

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

"Wednesday Morning Coffee" has restarted. Coffee will be served from 10:00am. For the time-being, the tables will be located outside the Church Centre.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Bramcote Care Group Afternoon Tea Party and Discussion, from 1:00pm with discussion from 2:00pm. Please let Elaine know by email if you are attending - [eannem1955@outlook.com](mailto:eannem1955@outlook.com).

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

*The Reverend's Rebuke*, a play by Pat Ashworth, at The Old Bramcote Church Tower on Town Street. Performances at **2:30pm and 5:00pm**. Strictly ticket only.

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**A Service of Reflection in church at 10:00am.** Please let us know if you are coming to this quiet, reflective service. As from today, coffee will be served after the service. For now, this will be outside church in the open air.

**An On-line Service of Reflection**, accessed via the church website. This service is for everyone, including those who feel unable to come to church at this time.

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

"Wednesday Morning Coffee" has restarted. Coffee will be served from 10:00am. For the time-being, the tables will be located outside the Church Centre.

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

"Reflections on a Biblical Place", a presentation by Robert Cleave. Please contact Robert at [robert.cleave@ntlworld.com](mailto:robert.cleave@ntlworld.com) for the zoom link.

### **Every Monday to Friday**

The church is open each day for personal/private prayer from 10:00am to 12noon. Donations to the foodbank can be left in the porch at the South Door.

### **Every Monday to Friday**

A daily reflection on a Bible Passage produced by our own Clergy and Reader Team can be accessed via the church website.

## Wednesday

### Morning Coffee

It is now deemed possible for us to re-introduce our weekly "Wednesday Morning Coffee" session. For the time being, coffee and biscuits will be served in the open air outside the Church Centre at St Michael's. The session runs from 10:00am – 12noon. For more information please contact Hillary Brian on (0115) 939 2829.

## Bramcote Care Group

The volunteers of the Bramcote Care Group, led by Elaine Morris, continued to provide lifts and practical help during the pandemic. Also, the newly formed St Michael's Support Group provided help to church members and others where this was needed. As we look to the future, it has been suggested that these groups combine.

Elaine is holding an afternoon tea party and discussion in her garden at 26 Rufford Avenue, Bramcote, NG9 3JH from 1:00pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, where, at 2:00pm, this is one of the issues that will be discussed. Please contact Elaine if you would like to attend – [eannem1955@outlook.com](mailto:eannem1955@outlook.com).

## Eco-Church Logo Competition

Now that St Michael's is committed to becoming an Eco Church, the search is on for a logo that can be used to further our cause. As part of this, local children are being asked to enter the "Eco Church Logo Competition".

There are two categories: Key Stage 1 (aged 4-7) and Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11) and children are encouraged to enter according to the group they are in.

The requirements for each category are being circulated with this newsletter along with an additional information sheet. Alternatively please contact Kate Prayle who will let you have all you need - [kateprayle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kateprayle@hotmail.co.uk).

Entries should be delivered to St Michael's by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

## Coffee and Biscuits after the Service at Church

As from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July it is planned to serve coffee and biscuits after the 10:00am service at St Michael's. The serving will take place from tables outside the South Porch. It is a long time since we have been allowed to offer refreshments in association with church services and we welcome this relaxation of the national rules that allows this to happen.

## Getting back to Normal at St Michael's, Bramcote

A grand re-opening weekend is planned from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. All details of the weekend, and of all that follows, will be published in this newsletter. One edition will be available for delivery to every household in Bramcote. We hope and pray that all church members will offer support; the weekend will have something for everyone. We will need people to help organise and steward individual events and to deliver the newsletter. It is not too early to get in contact us with offers of help.

## Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

Non-perishable foods and toiletries are always very welcome and go a long way in helping those in need. Please leave your gifts in the trolley in the porch by the South Door at St Michael's between 10:00am and 12noon any weekday and Sunday. Monetary gifts (cheques) can be left in church. Thank you so much for your help.

## An Important Message from Christian Aid

*The following is copied from the Christian Aid website:*

"In a time of crisis, stand together with the world's poorest people.

The UK government has broken its manifesto pledge and cut the overseas aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of gross national income (GNI). This 0.2% cut represents £4bn less going to the world's poorest people.

**This 0.2% is a matter of life and death.**

Cutting the UK aid budget from 0.7% has dire consequences. We have compromised our country's values and broken our foreign aid promises but ultimately, the poorest and most vulnerable people will pay the price.

[We will continue to speak out](#)

Fewer children will be able to access a basic education. People will not be able to access vital health care during a global pandemic. More families will go hungry.

As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: A promise to the poor is particularly sacred."

Christian Aid are inviting us not to turn our backs on the world's poorest people, especially during a global pandemic.

They say: Whilst your gift won't plug the gap left by government cuts, we invite you to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours for the months and years to come.

**Take a stand and pledge to give 0.2% of your income each month."**

For those interested in responding, please go to:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate/0.2-pledge-aid-budget#aid-budget>

## Contacting us at St Michael's

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