



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

30th July 2022

The Week at St Michael's

Sunday 31st July

10:00am. A service of Holy Communion. Refreshments and prayer ministry after the service.

6:30pm. We welcome Revd. Richard Hanford for a Special Evensong based on the Book of Common Prayer. Tea and cakes before the service. Prayer ministry afterwards.

Monday 1st August

10:00am. Celtic Prayer in the Church Centre.

Wednesday 3rd August

10:00am. Wednesday Morning Coffee in the Church Centre.

7:30pm. Choir practice.

Thursday 4th August

10:00am - 10:30am. A service of Holy Communion.

1:00pm - 3:00pm. Silver Surfers Internet Café meet in the Church Centre.

Friday 5th August

10:00am - 10:30am. Special prayers in Church for Ukraine.

7:30pm - 9:00pm. Bell ringing practice.

Sunday 7th August

8:00am. Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer.

10:00am. Informal Worship in the Church Centre, A service for all ages. Refreshments will be available throughout and prayer ministry available afterwards.

6:30pm. Evening Prayer. Tea and cakes before the service. Prayer ministry afterwards.

Weekdays

10:00am-12noon. Church is open to visitors and for private prayer, for receipt of gifts for Ukraine and the Foodbank, and for collection and receipt of questionnaires on the future shape of ministry at St Michael's.

TOMORROW, Sunday 31st July, 10:00am.

Morning Service

At 10:00am there is a service of Holy Communion in Church. Refreshments and prayer ministry will be available after the service.

TOMORROW, Sunday 31st July, 6:30pm.

Evening Service

At 6:30pm there is a service of Evensong. We are delighted to welcome Revd. Richard Hanford who will join us to preach and sing the responses. Cakes and biscuits are available before the service and prayer ministry afterwards.

EVERY WEEKDAY, 10:00am – 12 noon

CHURCH OPEN

You are welcome to come into church for prayer. There is also the opportunity to chat with a member of our Parochial Church Council on the future shape of ministry here at St Michael's, and for collection and receipt of questionnaires designed to obtain your own views. And although collections for Ukraine are being discontinued (see page 3), we remain a collection point for gifts for the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank.

NEXT SUNDAY, 7th August, 8:00am

Holy Communion

This is a traditional service of Holy Communion in Church, said according to the Book of Common Prayer. Do come and join us.

NEXT SUNDAY 7th August, 10:00am

Informal Worship

Every Sunday morning in August the service at 10:00am will be an informal service in the Church Centre. It is for all ages and there will be special provision for children. Refreshments will be available throughout the service and prayer ministry will be available afterwards. We look forward to welcoming you.

NEXT SUNDAY, 7th August, 6:30pm

Evening Prayer

This is a service of Evening Prayer in Church using Common Worship. Tea, coffee and cakes are available from 6:00pm and the service starts at 6:30pm. Prayer ministry is available after the service, Everyone is welcome.

Special Meeting and Questionnaire

In preparation for a meeting with the Archdeacon of Nottingham and a representative of our patron, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, on Saturday 24th September, everyone with an interest in the future of St Michael's is being asked to complete a questionnaire to let us know your views. We want to find what you like about St Michael's and also what ideas you may have for change. This is so that we know what we are looking for in a replacement vicar following Paul's retirement. Please do complete and return the questionnaire to us in good time for the results to be processed in time for the meeting. A version of the questionnaire is available for you to complete and return electronically, and there is also a paper version and a box for collecting these in church. We at St Michael's would really value your views. Your thoughts and ideas are very important to us. Many thanks, in advance, for your help with this.

August at St Michael's

August is a month in which many of the volunteers who run various groups and activities take a well-earned rest. The exceptions are Wednesday Morning Coffee which continues, as does the Silver Surfers Internet Café on Thursdays, and, of course, choir and bell ringing practices continue. An additional special event is the presentation by the charity T4U (see page 3).

Services continue with Holy Communion at 8:00am on the first Sunday in the month and another service of Holy Communion every Thursday morning at 10:00am. Sunday evening services continue every Sunday at 6:30pm. The 10:00am on Sundays is different in August in that it is an informal service for all ages, held in the Church Centre.

Prayer continues with Celtic Prayer every Monday at 10:00am, the August Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 16th August at 7:00pm and Prayers for Ukraine every Friday at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome at all of these.

A **Holiday Club** is scheduled at the Bramcote CofE School. Please see the separate notice on this on page 3.

September at St Michael's

Here are some highlights of what is coming up in September. These are in addition to the normal activities that will resume after the August break. Please see the weekly newsletter for full details of all that will be happening.

- Messy Church is at 2.45pm on Saturday 3rd.
- At 10:00am on Sunday 4th it is Creationtide, and our own Robert Cleave will be the presenting.
- Dad's 'n' Kids is at 9:00am on Saturday 10th.
- We host Ride and Stride on the 10th (see this page).
- Holy Communion at 10:00am on Sunday 18th September with Revd. Colin Bourne, our Area Dean.
- Family Worship at 3:00pm on Sunday 18th, led by Donna.
- **On Saturday 24th September there will be a special meeting to consider the vacancy at St Michael's. This will include a lunch.**

Ride and Stride

Saturday 10th September 2022

A message from Tina Newton:

I am organising St Michael's contribution to Ride and Stride, a sponsored event that raises funds for the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust has supported St Michael's in the past, and this year is helping us with grants towards the cost of replacing the south roof, repairing the West window and upgrading the church lighting. St Michael's will be open to Riders and Striders from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday 10th September, providing a resting point, refreshments and toilet facilities.

We need volunteers to be at the Church for hourly sessions during the day. Donations of cakes to offer to Riders and Striders would also be welcome. In addition, if you know anyone who is a cyclist or walker, let me know and I will get the sponsor forms out to them. Perhaps, in thanks for what the Trust are doing, you will make a personal donation to them? Please let me know if you would like to do this and I will organise it for you. This is a chance to showcase our lovely church to people who may have never been inside before too, so is another example of outreach.

On the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches website they say, *"In 2022 the Trust will be celebrating 35 years of awarding these grants, awarding over £70,000 to 38 churches in the past two years alone. They go towards the repair and conservation of stonework, roofs, windows, timberwork, bells as well as precious artefacts and paintings. Grants also help replace old heating and electrical systems, ensuring that today's congregations can visit and enjoy these historic spaces in comfort."*

All of this is paid for through donations and Ride and Stride is one of their big fundraising opportunities.

Thank you for reading this and I hope you can help in some way. I can be contacted on 07545 642192 or by email at lapwings1@gmail.com.

Bramcote Care Group

Those who volunteer to provide practical help for those who contact the Bramcote Care Group, met this week for a chat and to enjoy refreshments in the garden of Elaine Morris, the Care Group co-ordinator. It was a very pleasant occasion.

In the discussion it became clear that in recent months the number of requests for help from our Care Group volunteers is not as high as pre-Covid. Consequently, there is room for more referrals.

The volunteers can help with shopping, can offer lifts for medical appointments, or provide other types of help when this is needed. If you know of someone who would value such help, now is the time to let us know.

Either contact Elaine directly on 07850 985349 or leave a message on 0115 943 0137 or email office@bramcoteparishchurch.com and we will get back to you.

Please pray for

The Lambeth Conference is taking place from 27th July to 7th August. Pray for all those attending this meeting of the bishops of the Anglican Communion, and for their deliberations.

Please respond to this invitation

'Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.' 1 Peter 4:10.

What gift do you have? How could you serve as part of the Children Youth and Families Team as we grow what we can offer at St Michael's?

There are many opportunities to be involved:

- Supporting recruitment of volunteers
- Messy Creativity Planning and Shopping
- Family and after-school worship
- Noticeboards
- Social Media/PA system
- Holiday Club
- Future Youth Groups

Induction and Safeguarding training will be given. An opportunity to develop skills and add to CV 😊

Contact me to find out more if you wish, or email/ message your interest and you will be emailed a Volunteer Role Enquiry Form.

Blessings

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Holiday Club

Donna is aiming to hold a Holiday Club at Bramcote CofE School, 16-18th and 23-25th August IF WE GET ENOUGH DBS CHECKED VOLUNTEERS. The children are really looking forward to it! Do let Donna know you can help. Getting a DBS check is very easy.

Helpers needed

There are all kinds of jobs in church that we need volunteers for:

- Providing a welcome as people arrive for services – we really need more help with this and it is very important that we welcome visitors properly.
- Helping serve refreshments before and after some church services – not every week, just every now and then.
- Helping in the kitchen on special occasions.
- Helping other "Office Angels" in the church office every now and then.
- Helping other volunteers clean the church on a rota basis.
- Maybe you have a special talent and can help run the sound system, or help improve our website, or help produce videos, or provide help with things we haven't even thought of yet?

If you are able to help in any way, do let us know. Please.



Ukraine Update

Next week will see the shipment of our third tonne of aid to Ukraine – thank you to all who have contributed. Since starting this appeal, donations have slowed right down and we have now decided to cease collecting from the end of July. Financial donations are still much needed though, and will be sent to our partners in Ukraine to buy the basic foodstuffs to support those living there in desperate conditions. Please go online to donate at www.teams4U.com.

Support for Ukraine does not stop. A very recent visit to an orphanage in Chernivtsi where T4U has already funded a new toilet block, was televised this week showing the plight of children with special needs: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48as_IU_jFs.

On 23 August at 12.30pm the Nottingham T4U volunteers will be holding a 'Meet Us/Come and See' lunchtime event here at St Michael's for anyone who would like to learn more about the work of T4U/Shoobox Appeal/Ukraine support. Dave Cooke, Founder of T4U will be talking to us about the ongoing work of T4U and how you could be involved. Do please come and join us – we would love to welcome you. Just phone or text to say you're coming.

Thank you so much for your continued interest in and support of T4U. We couldn't do any of this without you.

Wendy Willan 077864 01332

T4U Regional Representative

Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

Sincere thanks for your continuing support as we receive and transfer gifts of non-perishable food items and toiletries to the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank. All gifts, including monetary gifts, can be left at church any weekday between **10:00am and 12noon**. All are very gratefully received and go a long way to providing the regular help that is needed by so many people.

Contacting us at St Michael's

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The *Bramcote Care Group* offers practical help to anyone in the parish who needs this – phone Elaine on 07850 985349

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