WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Together in God, growing in faith and love, reaching out to all
30th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester
CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

SERVICES TODAY
8am Said Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist
2pm Baptism

SERVICES 31st December to 6th January - EPIPHANY
Wednesday – Friday Morning Prayer at 9.15am.
Wednesday: 10am Eucharist
Saturday: 8.30am Prayer Breakfast in the Old Vic Prayer Room.
Sunday: 8am Eucharist; 9.30am Sung Eucharist;
5.30pm Family Service followed by Holy communion.
5.30pm Youth Group.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

THE HOMELESS and SOFA-SURFERS: Those who will be without food and shelter, especially during the season of Christmas. Pray for the work that charity organisations perform for those less fortunate than ourselves, including the Brentwood Centre, Middleton, Mustard Tree, The Booth Centre, Manchester and also the Winter Night Shelters in churches in and around Manchester.
UNWELL: those with dementia, cancer, illness or disability of any kind, who suffer in body, mind or spirit in any way, visibly or invisable - at home, hospital, nursing home or hospice – for the power of God's healing hand, the gentleness and patience of those who care, the love of family and friends.
H&M DEANERY, DMPC AND OUR PCCs: please pray for our parish Mission Action Plans, area dean Sister Frances, Archdeacon Cherry and all clergy / DMPC members in our deanery as we work together on the Deanery Mission Action Plan.

God in Trinity, eternal unit of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family,
and draw into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ . Amen.

MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 31st December.

Mon. Psalm 102; Isaiah 59: 15b-end; 2 John 1: 29-34.
Tues. Psalm103; Genesis 17: 1-13; Romans 2: 17-end.
Wed. Psalm 18: 1-30; Isaiah 60: 1-12; John 1: 35-42.
Thurs. Psalm 127; Isaiah 60: 13-end; John 1: 43-end.
Fri. Psalm 89: 1-37; Isaiah 61; John 2: 1-12.
Sat. Psalm 48; Isaiah 62; John 2: 13-end.

NOTICES: INFORMATION: NEWS:

THANK YOU To all who made our first BLUE CHRISTMAS MEAL a wonderful success - especially our Pastoral Care Team - Elaine, Jenny, Yvonne, Gaynor, Glenda, and May, the many helpers and all who made donations. See you next year on the 21st December for another wonderful time.
WELCOME TO: Rev'd Dr Christopher Halliday presiding and preaching at all our services today.
BIBLE STUDY GROUP: meets every **Tueday**, 2pm at Marjorie's home. Please see May for further details. Everyone welcome.
PRAYER BREAKFAST: Please join May and Dorothy on Saturday 5th January at 8.30am for prayer and fellowship, followed by a tasty breakfast. Sets you up for the day ahead and better still why not make this a New Year resolution and add your support.
YOUTH GROUP: Meet on Sunday **6th January** at 5.30pm, Subs still good value at £1, and this months theme is a Film Night.
PCC MEETING: Wednesday 16th at 7.15pm in the Old Vic.
APCM REPORT: - if you are connected with ANY group / organization for St Michael's and normally submit a report for inclusion in the annual report, please make sure this is forwarded to the PCC secretary, James Watson, no later than the 31st January.
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Sunday **27th January** at 5.30pm with St Michael's Brass Band. Join us at our Chrstingle to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World as we support the work of the Children's Society. Please see lists with the wardens to sign up for your Christingle – applies only to those NOT connected with St Michael's SCHOOL who will automatically be allocated a Christingle.
SOUND DESK OPERATOR: We urgently require a volunteer to operate the sound desk on Sundays at the 09.30am service. The duty, suitable for any adult male or female, would be for ONE WEEK only in every FOUR. Full Training will be given, please contact Graham Barr 643 4055.
READERS LIST: Those asked to read during January 2019 will be given copies of their readings. The readers list for February will be notified during the second half of January and again Peter will ensure that copies of their readings will be provided.
USED STAMPS: We will donate them to charity – please place in the box in the welcome area – ask a welcomer!
ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER CHAIN: Do you need someone to pray for you? It takes one phone call to May Towler, 643 2579, to activate the prayer chain. All we need is the name OR purpose we are to pray for, our Heavenly Father knows all the other details.
CHILDREN"S SOCIETY: Those who have collection boxes are requested to bring them into Church or make arrangements to hand them to either Ann Mackenzie or Yvonne Jennings please, during the next couple of weeks.
FOODBANK: This has been a wonderful year in the manner you have supported the hungry. If you are able a continued gift of a food item would be much appreciated and ensure that we are reaching out to others in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves.

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PEW SHEET: Entries for next week: to Peter Duce, pd21up@aol.com by Thursday evening please.
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Rev'd Jackie, all the ministry team, Wardens, PCC and communications team offer you their warmest wishes for this Christmas Season and for 2019.