

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Together in God, growing in faith and love, reaching out to all

10th March 2019 - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT – PARADE

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

SERVICES TODAY:

8am - Eucharist
9.30am Parade/Eucharist
5.30pm Family Service,
followed by Holy Communion

SERVICES: 11th March to 17th March

Monday to Friday Morning Prayer at 9.15am
Monday: Fit 4 Lent 10am Parish Walk
Tuesday Lent Discussion Groups 1.30pm and 7pm (Rhodes)
Wednesday – 10am Eucharist; Lent Soup Lunch 12noon
Sunday - 8am and 9.30am Eucharist; Baptisms 12.45pm and 2pm
5.30pm Family Service, followed by Holy Communion.

For 'Young People' today

INFANT CHURCH

at 8am and 9.30am

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

UNWELL: those with dementia, cancer, illness or disability of any kind, who suffer in body, mind or spirit in any way, visible or invisible - 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.

UNIFORMED GROUPS and their leaders, especially the Monday Rainbows helping to lead our worship.

*Heavenly Father, your son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

NOTICES: INFORMATION: NEWS:

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Following new diocesan guidance about the administration of communion, intinction (dipping of bread) will no longer be possible for any reason. Please refer to the February & March magazine, notices and handouts on display for more details. Please speak to Rev'd Jackie or a member of the PCC if you require support through this process.

MAGAZINE: available **today:** with additional inserts. If you would like additional copies of the inserts please do pick up from the back of church. Whilst many of you support the magazine, contributions are still very limited. We are 4 pages shorter than last month. Once again, unless we receive more contributions the April issue will definitely be our last publication.

40 DAYS – 40 ITEMS CHALLENGE: Instead of giving up something for lent, why not give back – remove one item from your wardrobe/cupboard that you no longer wear or need and put a bag or box. At the end of the forty days donate these items to a charity.

EASTER CHICKS: Sebastien & Madeleine will be selling their Easter Chicks at £2 each after Church parade **today**.

FIT-4-LENT: FIT FOR MISSION! Improve your mind and body in our Lent fitness walks taking place throughout Lent from 10am each **Monday** morning. Gentle pace from Church walking in the parish as we share thoughts in our Lenten journey.

LENT STUDY GROUPS: Every Tuesday in Lent for 5 weeks. Daytime group will meet at Marjorie's home at 1.30pm discussing, 'Daring To See God Now', led by May Towler; the evening group will meet at All Saints, Rhodes at 7pm led by Rev'd Jackie and Dorothy Haynes discussing themes of faith, hope and redemption based on the film, The Greatest Showman.

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES: Every Wednesday in Lent at 12noon. Relaxed, informal, good soup and fellowship with table time reflections. Helpers needed please to set up, serve and clear away. Please see a warden if you can help.

MOTHERS' UNION: Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Old Vic. Join us to relax at our Armchair Yoga Session. Please attend in comfortable and relaxing clothing. The MU require volunteers, please to assist with the tying of bunches of daffodils ready for Mothering Sunday, 31st March. If you can help with this activity which will be held on 30th March please contact Janet Robinson.

APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) Sunday 24th March. A legal requirement to present reports. Also an opportunity to celebrate the work of our parish in 2018. We will start with worship at 9.30 followed by a coffee aiming to start at 11am followed by shared lunch. Please note only those registered on the electoral roll may attend and take part in the 2nd part of the meeting. If you have any pictures of events or activities from 2018 please send to Rev'd Jackie so that we can share 'the story' of our parish in visual form.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: The next update of the record in our Memorial Area is due to take place soon. If you wish to add a name(s) of a loved one contact Warden, Neil McClure no later than **31st March**. The cost is £15 per entry, see March Magazine page 7.

MIDDLETON BAND: Will present the Cotton Chorus at St Michael's Church on Saturday **6th April** together with special guests; the Middleton Youth Band. Tickets now available for a 7.30pm start costing £10. Please see Elaine Morgan to secure your ticket.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH: Any donations towards the cost of Easter flowers in Church would be much appreciated, please. There is a box at the back of Church or please see Janet from flower team. You will see that during Lent flowers are absent in Church, however, we hope that with your help we are able to renew the decorative beauty of our building and the glorious celebration of **Easter Day**.

ST MICHAEL'S PRAYER CHAIN: Do you need someone to pray for you? Call 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.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK: Please pick up a leaflet in Church or download a copy from the Data Page of our website.

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PEW SHEET: Entries for **next week:** to Peter Duce, pd21up@aol.com by **Thursday** evening please.

MAGAZINE: articles for April magazine to Rev'd Jackie no later than **18th March** please.

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MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 11th March.

Mon. Psalm 98; Jeremiah 4: 19-end; John 5: 1-18.

Tues. Psalm 44; Jeremiah 5: 1-19; John 5: 19-29.

Wed. Psalm 6; Jeremiah 5: 20-end; John 5: 30-end.

Thurs. Psalm 42; Jeremiah 6: 9-21; John 6: 1-15.

Fri. Psalm 22; Jeremiah 6: 22-end; John 6: 16-27.

Sat. Psalm 63; Jeremiah 7: 1-20; John 6: 27-40.