

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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

17th March 2019 - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

SERVICES TODAY:

8am - Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist
12.45 & 2pm Holy Baptisms
5.30pm Family Service
followed by Holy Communion

SERVICES: 18th March to 24th 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
5.30pm Family Service, followed by Holy Communion.

For 'Young People' today
INFANT CHURCH at 8am & 9.30am.
JUNIOR CHURCH at 9.20am.

Uniformed Groups Show
Heywood Civic Hall
Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

RIP: Diane Harries (61), victims of terrorism attack in NZ. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

VICTIMS OF TERRORISM: For healing of people, interfaith relations and New Zealand itself. Jesus calls us to welcome strangers and love our neighbour however different.

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.

BAPTISED TODAY: Francesca and Freya – for joy in their journey of faith with parents, godparents and God.

INTERVIEWS: For all candidates and those interviewing for a new Headteacher at St Michael's School this week.

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES: INFORMATION: NEWS:

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Intinction (dipping of bread) will no longer be possible during Holy Communion. Please refer to the March magazine and notices for more details. Please speak to Rev'd Jackie or a PCC member if you require support through this process.

MAGAZINE: 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.

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 about our Lenten journey.

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES: Every **Wednesday** at 12noon. Relaxed, informal, good soup and fellowship with table time reflections. Please bring a friend along or nominate someone who you think would appreciate the gift of a soup lunch delivered to their home.

PCC MEETING: in the Old Vic at 7.15pm **20th March**. If you are considering joining the PCC please join us to see how we work.

APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) next Sunday **24th March**. A legal requirement to present the APCM report. Also an opportunity to celebrate the work of our parish in 2018. Starting with worship at 9.30 followed by coffee then APCM at 11am then a shared lunch. Electronic copies - please add your email details to the list in Church. Printed copies available for those not on email.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Please kindly check the electoral roll on display that your details have been entered correctly on the new roll.

APCM SLIDESHOW: If you have any pictures of events or activities from **2018** please send to Rev'd Jackie (Whats App or email) by tomorrow (**Monday 18th**) so that we can share 'the story' of our parish in visual form.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION: also known as Lady Day - Monday **25th March** Eucharist at 1pm in the Lady Chapel.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE UPDATE: Located in our Memorial Area is taking place soon. If you wish to add a name(s) of a loved one contact churchwarden, Neil McClure no later than **31st March**. The fee is £15 per entry, see March magazine, page 7 for full details.

MIDDLETON BAND: Will present the **Cottontown Chorus** in Church on Saturday **6th April** 7.30pm together with special guests; the Middleton Youth Band. Cottontown Chorus are a multi award winning Male Voice Choir from Bolton who have been named among world's best singers at contest in Las Vegas. They are a leading barbershop group within the UK with a great sense of fun and unique style of entertainment, winning the BBC 3 choir of the year competition in 2008. Tickets £10 available from churchwarden, Elaine Morgan.

MEN'S GROUP: will meet again on Friday **12th April** in the Old Vic. at 7.30pm. There will be a quiz and the usual refreshments. Please inform Graham Barr or Roger Albiston your intention to attend. Please see page 16 of the March magazine.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH: Any donations towards the cost of Easter flowers in Church would be much appreciated, please.

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

NEW PEW SHEET DESIGN COMING SOON: Each week there will be an opportunity to sponsor the pew sheet with a dedication to a loved one or maybe thanksgiving for special birthday, anniversary, baptism, marriage, etc. Suggested donation will be £10 to do this. There are only 52 weeks available so if you have a particular date in mind please contact a churchwarden asap please.

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 18th March.

Mon. Psalm 32; Jeremiah 7: 21-end; John 6: 41-51.

Wed. Psalm 35; Jeremiah 8: 18-9.11; John 6: 60-end.

Fri. Psalm 41; Jeremiah 10: 1-16; John 7: 14-24.

Tues. Psalm 25; Isaiah 11: 1-10; Matthew 13: 54-end.

Thurs. Psalm 34; Jeremiah 9: 12-24; John 7: 1-13.

Sat. Psalm 25; Jeremiah 10: 17-24; John 7: 25-36.