

1. **We Welcome:** St Michael's Brass Band playing for us today.
2. **Contactless Giving:** up and running and ready to go, for all donations and fees, sponsorship, etc. Easy to use, just select the appropriate option. We are grateful for all your donations.
3. **Eucharistic Ministers, Intercession Leaders and Welcomers (Sidespeople):** please note the dates advised in the 'Dates for your Diary'. This is so that we may come together to reflect with thanksgiving our varied ministries, share good practice, and learn a little more. Everyone involved in these ministries is strongly encouraged to attend. Eucharistic ministers especially, as part of your license to administer Holy Communion.
4. **Middleton Central Foodbank:** Donations needed urgently please. Just a couple of tins or packets each week makes a huge difference.
5. **World Day of Prayer:** Annual service will be held at St. Thomas Moore Church, Main Way, Friday 6th March at 2pm. Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, the theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. All ages are called to join this day of prayer.
6. **Viennese Evening** at the Alkington United Reformed Church with the Middleton Musical Society on Saturday February 22nd at 7.30pm. Please see Janet Albiston for more info.
7. **Wood Street Mission:** Have said thank you to St Michael's Church for the kind donation of toys and gifts at Christmas. These were distributed to families to ensure that their children were able to open a gift on Christmas morning making the day a special one for them.
8. **Lent Discussion Groups & Ash Wednesday Services:** please see posters in church & The Old Vic for further details. Lent is a time for drawing close to God - please make every effort to make Lent 2020 a time to know Jesus better and make Jesus better known.
9. **Coronavirus:** Please take note of the posters in church with government guidelines to reduce the spread of infection. A reminder too that intinction (dipping bread) is not allowed in this parish.

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Tonge-cum-Alkington, St. Michael

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

16th Feb. 2020
2nd Sunday
before Lent

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

...especially if you're a guest here today, or worshipping in church again for the first time in a long time



THE COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) for today:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The pew sheet today has kindly been sponsored by: Janet & Steve Robinson, in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Married at St Michael's on 14th February 1970, they were subsequently invited to



attend a special service to celebrate their first anniversary along with other couples who had also been married at St Michael's, where they retook wedding vows along with Rev'd Ratcliffe who had officiated at their wedding. Janet is a member of our Flower Team. Congratulations to you both

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SUNDAY 16th February 2nd Sunday before Lent
Readings: Genesis 1: 1-2.3; Romans 8: 18-25; Matthew 6: 25-end.

8am Eucharist Infant Church.
9.30am Eucharist Infant Church, Junior Church followed by Coffee
2pm Holy Baptism Mirela Grace
5.20pm Youth Group meet in the Old Vic
5.30pm Family Service followed by Holy Communion

THE WEEK A HEAD... 17th February to 23rd February
Morning Prayer is said at St Michael's Church, 9.15am Mon. - Fri. All Welcome

Tues 1.30pm Bible Study Group meet at Marjorie's home - see May
Wed 10am Eucharist, followed by coffee in the Old Vic.
Wed 7pm PCC Meeting in the Old Vic.
Fri 6pm Family Film Night - All Saints, Rhodes
Fri 7.30pm Men's Group - Old Vic.
Sat 1.30pm Eucharistic Ministers: Quiet Afternoon in Church

SUNDAY 23rd February - Sunday next before Lent
Readings. Exodus 24: 12-end; 2 Peter 1: 16-end; Matthew 17: 1-9
8am Eucharist - Infant Church
9.30am Eucharist - Infant Church, No Junior Church
12.45pm Holy Baptisms - Francesca Karen and George Jack (All Saints)
2pm Holy Baptism - Myla Grace
5.30pm Family Service - Followed by Holy Communion

For your PRAYERS...

Unwell: those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, for the power of God's healing hand, the gentleness, love & patience of those who care.
Those receiving Holy Communion at home: Betty, Doris, Dorothy, Christine, Marjorie B. Marjorie W. Together we are the Body of Christ.
Holy Baptism: Mirela Grace. God bless you joy in your journey of faith
Holy Matrimony: Michael & Soña married yesterday, for the gift of love.
RIP: Grace Ennis (97), Barry Thompson (73), Denise Turner (72), Cynthia Wixey (90), John Goulden. May they rest in peace.
Book of Remembrance: We thank God for all we have become because of those who have loved us and who we continue to love; Daniel Taylor, George Legg, Ethel Walsh, John Ernest, Olwen Smith, Edward Greenwood, Minnie Tattersall, Thomas Gornall, Doris Locke, Frederick Cooper, George Baguley, Christianna Cooper, Elsie Wetherell, May Cooper, Harry Earnshaw, Sardar Gill, Thomas Horsfield.

HYMNS TODAY: 422, 490, 541, 114 Communion: 311

The next **Men's Group** night is Fri. 21st February in the Old Vic 7.30pm. The Speaker is Brian Topping, retired Customs Officer at Heathrow Airport. This promises to be an interesting evening. A Hot Supper will be ordered please provide your own drinks, cost just £6. Please confirm to Graham or Roger asap.



PANCAKE EXTRAVANGANZA
Shrove Tuesday 25th February
From 4pm with last orders at 6.30pm
The Old Vic. - Everyone welcome!
Plain, sweet, fruity, savoury pancakes - you name it and we will have your favourite. Maybe try something new! Come & share the fun with your family and friends without a mess in your kitchen. All donations will go towards our new Hymn Books.



MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 17th February:

Mon. Psalm 44;	Genesis 29: 31-30.24;	2 Timothy 4: 1-8.
Tues. Psalm 48;	Genesis 31: 1-24;	2 Timothy 4: 9-end
Wed. Psalm 119: 57-80;	Genesis 31: 25-32.2;	Titus 1.
Thurs. Psalm 57;	Genesis 32: 3-30;	Titus 2.
Fri. Psalm 51;	Genesis 33: 1-17;	Titus 3.
Sat. Psalm 68;	Genesis 35;	Philemon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Men's Group Meeting:	21st Feb
Friday FAMILY Film Night, All Saints, Rhodes 6pm	21st Feb
Eucharistic Ministers Quiet Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm	22nd Feb
Pancake Extravaganza 4pm to 6.30pm	25th Feb
Ash Wednesday Services 10am & 7pm - start of Lent	26th Feb
Lent discussion groups begin (5 weeks) 1.30pm & 7pm	3rd Mar
Lent soup lunches and discussion (5 Weeks) 12noon	4th Mar
World Day of Prayer, URC 2pm	6th Mar
Intercessors Quiet Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm	14th Mar
Welcomers (Sidespeople) Quiet Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm	21st Mar

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