

1. **Coronavirus:** Please take note of the posters in church with government guidelines to reduce the spread of infection. Please return home if you have any kind of cough/cold symptoms or a temperature, or if you have recently returned from holiday abroad. Please do not touch anyone during the peace - this will be done by sign language.
2. **A Warm Welcome Today:** To Rev'd David Brooks who will be preaching at 9.30am.
3. **Lent:** 40 Days - 40 Items; Discussion Groups; Lent in a Bag; 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 a time full of acts of love.
4. **Welcomers (Sidespeople):** 21st March 1.30pm to 3.30pm. In the light of changing guidelines to deal with the Corona Virus please do all that you can to attend this meeting. This is also an opportunity to come together to reflect with thanksgiving on our varied gifts, share good practice, and learn a little more.

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IN FEBRUARY 2020

BAPTISED
'We welcome them into the fellowship of faith'

Dean Paul
Helen
Francesca Karen
George Jack
Mirela Grace
Myla Grace
Lauren Louise

HOLY MATRIMONY
"God is love and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them"

Michael and Soňa Goulden

ENTRUSTED TO GOD
'Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord'

Edna Masters (92)
Doreen Woodward (85)
Alex Clegg (89)
Barry Thompson (73)
Denise Turner (72)
Grace Ennis (97)
Cynthia Wixey (90)
John Goulden

Tonge-cum-
Alkington,
St. Michael

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD

15th March
2020
Lent 3

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:

*Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The pew sheet today has been dedicated to our brother, Darrell Blakeley, a gifted and talented choir member, the loveliest, gracious gentlemen it has been the privilege to know. A member of St Michael's for over 50 years who sadly died last Friday. God bless you for all we have become because of you, for all we will do in your name. In your name we will be strong and courageous in protecting the vulnerable and elderly as we care for each other. Hope not panic - care not share.

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SUNDAY 15th March - Lent 3

Readings: *Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42*

- 8am Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist Junior Church, Coffee in the Old Vic.
5.15pm Youth Group - in the Old Vic.
5.30pm Family Service followed by Holy Communion
6.30pm Standing Committee Meeting - in church

THE WEEK AHEAD... 16th March to 22nd March

Morning Prayer is said at St Michael's Church, 9.15am Mon. - Fri. All Welcome

- Tues 1.30pm Lent Discussion Group meet at Marjorie's home
Tues 7pm Lent Discussion Group meet in the Old Vic
Wed 10am Eucharist, Feast of Annunciation
7pm Corona Virus response meeting in church
for Middleton Church Leaders & Community Leaders
Sat. 1.30 to 3.30pm Welcomers (Sidespeople) Meeting in church

SUNDAY 22nd March - Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

- Readings. *1 Samuel 1: 20-end 2 Corinthians 1 3-7; John 19: 25b-27*
8am Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist - Commissioning of new MU Branch Leader, plus
Junior Church (Please check on latest messages)
5.30pm Family Service - followed by Holy Communion

For your PRAYERS...

Unwell: those with Covid-19, dementia, cancer, illness of any kind, who suffer in body, mind or spirit in any way, visible or invisible - at home, work, hospital, nursing home or hospice - for the power of God's healing hand, the gentleness & patience of those who care, the love of family & friends.

Those receiving Holy Communion at home: Betty, Doris, Christine, Marjorie B. Marjorie W. Together we are the Body of Christ.

Banns of Marriage: Joanne and Stephen. For the gift of love.

RIP: Catherine Leach (75) daughter in law of late Enid Leach, Margaret Rose Mayo, (83), Darrell Blakeley (88). 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; Roger Nichols, Alice Earnshaw, Elizabeth Wellens, Mary Bennett, Olive Milsom, Norman Howarth, Ronald McHugh, Robert Holder, Brian Manley.

HYMNS TODAY: 39, 296, 226, 188. Communion: 67, 40.

Mothers Union: During the 9.30 Service 22nd March the new Mothers' Union Branch Leader will be commissioned.
On Wednesday 25th March MU members are reminded that we will be celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation during the 10am service.
The next meeting of the MU will be Wednesday 1st April at 2.30pm in the Old Vic. Please bring your own refreshments.

Pastoral Care Contact Details:

Please forward your details to a warden or Rev'd Jackie so that we can make contact with you during this pandemic.
Please leave your full name, address, telephone number and email. Also if you can add a next of kin to contact in an emergency.

MORNING PRAYER READINGS FOR W/C 16th March:

Mon.	Psalm 126;	Genesis 47: 1-27;	Hebrews 4: 14-5.10.
Tues.	Psalm 9;	Genesis 47: 28 end of 48;	Hebrews 5: 11-6.12.
Wed.	Psalm 38;	Genesis 49: 1-32;	Hebrews 6: 13-end.
Thurs.	Psalm 25;	Isaiah 11: 1-10;	Matthew 13: 54-end.
Fri.	Psalm 22;	Exodus 1: 1-14;	Hebrews 7: 11-end.
Sat.	Psalm 31;	Exodus 1: 22-2.10;	Hebrews 8.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Welcomers (Sidespeople) Quiet Afternoon 1.30pm to 3.30pm	21st Mar
Mothering Sunday inc. commission of new MU Branch Leader	22nd Mar
Feast of the Annunciation Eucharist 10am	25th March
Beginning of HOLY WEEK - Palm Sunday	5th April
Maundy Money Service - St George's Chapel, London	9th April
Easter Day	12th April
St George's Day Service 2pm St Michael's	26th April
Remembrance/Memorial Service 3pm - Church	10th May
APCM - The Old Vic	13th May

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