

# St Michael's Notice Sheet News



## Advent Prayer Meetings

Wednesday evenings @ 8pm at St Michael's Church Hall. 4th, 11th and 18th December.



## Tommy's Children's Carols

St Michael's Church on Thursday 5th December. Including music from the Bach Choir and Tommy's Highgate Children's Choir; with readings by local celebrities. Drinks and festive treats provided at 6 pm Concert 6.30 - 8.00 pm. Tickets £30 are in aid of Tommy's Charity and available from Eventbrite. Under 5's are free.



## Messy Christingle

At St Michael's Church and hall – another chance to enjoy family fun making Christingles and other excitement followed by messy supper!



## St Michael's Christmas Curry

It's time to schedule another Christmas Curry at our favourite Highgate Indian restaurant - Kiplings! Same format as previous Christmas curries - arrive at around 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start. Please RSVP to Alan West on: [alanwest60@gmail.com](mailto:alanwest60@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

## Advent and Christmas Services

01 December – Advent Carols – 6.30 pm

08 December – Messy Christingle – 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

15 December – Family Carol Services – 9.30 am and 11.15 am

22 December – Nine Lessons and Carols – 6.30 pm

24 December (Christmas Eve) Midnight Mass – 11.30 pm

25 December (Christmas Day)

- Holy Communion (BCP) – 8.00 am

- Nativity Service – 10.00 am

- Holy Communion – 11.00 am

29 December

- Holy Communion (BCP) – 8.00 am

- Family Service with Holy Communion – 10.30 am

# Other Notices



## C4WS Homeless Project

The United Reformed Church, with volunteers from St Michael's Church, is hosting the winter shelter from 10th November to 12th January 2020. Sunday evenings through to Monday mornings. If you can volunteer to help with suppers, breakfasts and/or staying overnight please email Patricia Judd on: [admin@highgateurc.co.uk](mailto:admin@highgateurc.co.uk).



## CARIS Christmas Toy appeal 2019

As usual CARIS will be holding parties for homeless children living in temporary and unsecured accommodation, and are seeking donations of toys, games and books which will be distributed at them. With your support each child receives a present and they are needed for children 0-14 years. New, not second hand please and also not wrapped - as the organisers need to see them to know what is suitable for particular children. From next Sunday, Advent Sunday, we will put a box at the back of church for you to put in your donations. Thank you.



## St Michael's Church Gardens

Work has been done to clear the forecourt gardens and now we are ready to plant for spring. Please would you consider making a contribution to buying some new shrubs and planting bulbs? We should like to make improvements to the forecourt space and eventually the Memorial Garden and need more funds. There are leaflets at the back of church with more details and a form you can fill to let us know you can support. Contributions to this project can be gift aided. Planting needs to begin soon! Thank you.



## Request for Help - Refreshments after 9.30 and 11.15 am Services

We are currently struggling to find enough people who are able to provide this valuable part of coming together as a church community after the services, to enjoy a chat and to help make those new to St Michael's welcome. If you can spare 10 minutes before or during the service to set up and 20 minutes or so afterwards to serve juice, tea/coffee and biscuits every month or six weeks, do get in touch with Matt Kerr [mrmkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:mrmkerr@hotmail.com) for the 9.30 service or Gilly [gilly.wesley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gilly.wesley@blueyonder.co.uk) for the 11.15 service.



### **Request for Help – 11.15 Service Rota**

As those who attend this service on Sunday mornings will know, it is a more informal service than others, sometimes with musical accompaniment from a band of dedicated musicians made up of members of the congregation (new members always welcome!) There also is a good deal of lay involvement from the congregation in running the service - each Sunday we try to have a different person introducing the first part of the service, someone else to give the readings and a third person leads intercessions.

We need more people to come forward to fill these roles. If you are interested in joining the service rota, please contact [gilly.wesley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gilly.wesley@blueyonder.co.uk) or speak to one of the clergy.



### **Church Works Update**

We are delighted to inform you all that the Faculty (like a planning permission) for the proposed works to the church has been granted. This means that we should be able to commence the works in January as we had hoped. We thank you all for your support and patience over this period. We couldn't have got this far without you.

The works will undoubtedly cause some disruption to the way we operate as a church so please bear with us. We will seek to get them done speedily with as little inconvenience as possible. There will be lots to do over the next couple of months getting the church ready for these major works so please let us know if you are able to help in any way.

*Alex Ollier and Pamela Chesire (church wardens)*