

St Michael's Notice Sheet News

You will see that scaffolding work has commenced on the church, with building work starting next week, beginning with the replacement of the Upper Hall roof. The whole work is predicted to finish on Friday 27th March. During this period, as today, there will be a 9.30 am Family Service and at 11.15 am there will be Holy Communion. The Holy Communion services will alternate in style - so on the 1st and 3rd Sundays the services will be conducted in the style of the original 11.15 am service. (slides, band) On the 2nd and 4th Sundays Holy Communion will be as the previous 9.30 was, with service order, music sheet and organ. The 6.30 pm services will have Choral Eucharist (BCP) and Choral Evensong (BCP) on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings, with Evening Prayer (BCP) on the 2nd, 4th and, when appropriate, 5th Sundays. Please note that during building works there will be no Children's Light Groups available at the 11.15 am service. Families with young children are encouraged to attend the 9.30 am family service.

The congregation and public only will be able to access the church itself, as there will be works in the halls and lower part of the building. The church will still be in use for events, meetings and concerts.

We thank you in advance for your support and patience during this time.

February



Saturdays at Six

The next 'Saturdays at Six' concert is with Zara Jealous (Flute) and Bethan Griffiths (Harp). Music by JS Bach, Claude Debussy, Arnold Bax, Bernard Andrès and Andy Scott



St Michael's Church Gardens

Please can you spare an hour or so to help plant snowdrops in the church garden? This is the best time of year to plant them 'in the green' so they can keep growing and establish themselves for years to come. The bulbs are ordered for planting on Saturday 22nd February between 10.00 and 12.30. Bring along a trowel or small spade if you have them (I'll have a few to lend). Green-fingered children welcome! Any queries please email Julia Rigby



Baptism Celebrations

On Sunday February 23rd there will be a family get-together at 12.30 pm, following the 11.15 am service. This is an opportunity for those families who have had a baptism in the past 2 years, to meet. All the family are welcome, all ages. There will be pre-lunch drinks and snacks for all, available from the servery at the back of church. Everyone is welcome to join in!



Children's Ministry Training

On 29 February between 10 and 12.30 at the back of church, we will be running two one hour sessions for those who currently volunteer, or would be interested in starting to support our children's and youth ministry, run by Katie the London Diocese's children's support minister. We would like to have as many volunteers as possible to be at the training which will cover behaviours and room management, how to plan, resources and an overview of children's spiritual and faith development. If there is enough demand, we may also run the sessions on different dates. If you would like more details and are interested in coming, please contact:

Alex on alex.ollier@stmichaelshighgate.org or

Pamela on pamela.chesire@stmichaelshighgate.org

March



World Day of Prayer 2020

Friday 6th March is World Day of Prayer 2020. All around the world people will be praying with Zimbabwe. Locally there will be services at The United Reformed Church, Queens Avenue, Muswell Hill N10 at 10.30 am and The United Reformed Church, Pond Square, Highgate N6 at 4.00 pm. With refreshments and a chance to chat whilst looking at displays about the country. A trip to Zimbabwe through prayer, music, images and readings; and a service for everyone.

Other Notices



Give a Little App

You may have noticed that we have recently installed a new “Giving” terminal at the back of the church. The Give a Little app allows you to make one-off credit card payments to St Michael’s using the wireless SumUp tap and pay terminal. Our parish does not receive any funding outside of what we raise through standing orders and donations from our parishioners and friends of the church. We try to raise £250,000 each year (approximately £5,000 each week) for non-project related funding. Approximately half of this goes towards the general day to day upkeep of the church and church staff, and the rest goes towards the [Common Fund](#) to support churches that have insufficient funds to support themselves but are greatly needed in the communities that they serve. Whilst the Give a Little app is not intended to replace regular giving, it serves to facilitate visitors and parishioners who aren’t in a position to donate via standing order, and really helps us in our efforts to raise funds for our church and our community.



Choir News

During the building works the choir will sing at the following services: On the 4th Sunday of each month at the 11.15 am service, including the Probationer Choir. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6.30 pm for Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong respectively. On Sunday 9th February our choirs will be joining with the choir of Hornsey Parish Church for a joint Evensong Service at their church in Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH at 4.45 pm. Music by Victoria, Stanford and Handel. It would be lovely to see some of our congregation there. When Hornsey Choir came to join us for Evensong, some of their congregation attended at St Michael’s.



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 for the 9.30 service or Gilly 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 or speak to one of the clergy.



Mission Partner ZVSF - Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund

During the months of February and March, we particularly remember our Mission Partner ZVSF - Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund. Please see the Mission Partner Board at the back of church and the February report from Albert Chatindo, together with letters of thanks for our recent support following our Christmas collections.