



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

18th March 2023

This Week at St Michael's

Saturday 18th March

11am. Parish Brunch in the Church Centre

Sunday 19th March – Mothering Sunday

10am. A special service for Mothering Sunday – prayer ministry and refreshments afterwards

6.30pm. Celtic Communion - tea and cakes from 6pm and prayer ministry afterwards

Monday 20th March

10am. Celtic Prayer

Tuesday 21st March

9am and 1pm. Viewing our Church - Bramcote Hills Primary School (9am) and year 1 of Bramcote CofE Primary (1pm)

9.45am – 11.45am. Open House

7pm – 8pm. Monthly Parish Prayer

Wednesday 22nd March

10am. Wednesday Morning Coffee

7:30pm. Choir practice

Thursday 23rd March

9:30am - 11:30am. Little Angels

10am. Holy Communion

1pm - 3pm. Silver Surfers; Companionship, Cake and Computers

4.30pm – 6pm. Youth Café

Friday 24th March

10am – 10:30am. Prayers for Ukraine and other important matters

10am – 11.30am. Friday Fitness & Friendship (Ladies' Keep Fit)

7.30pm – 9pm. Bellringing practice

Sunday 26th March

10am. Morning Prayer – prayer ministry and refreshments afterwards

6.30pm. Holy Communion - tea and cakes from 6pm and prayer ministry after the service

Monday 27th March

7.30pm. Annual Parochial Church Meeting - in the Church

Every Weekday

10am – 12noon. Church is open to visitors and for private prayer - and for receipt of gifts for the Foodbank

Prayers please.....

Please pray for the relatives and friends of Jen Neal who's funeral has just taken place (see "In Memoriam" on page 2). Please also pray for Yvonne Wright who is very ill in hospital and for Joe Whiteley recovering from a stroke, and for Gill Wilmot also in hospital undergoing some tests.

Saturday 18th March, 11am - Parish Brunch

Another Parish Brunch from 11am on Saturday 18th March. If you are intending to come please let Stan and Lillian know by Friday 17th when they will be doing the shopping for this popular event – heptinstallstan@gmail.com or 07792 987890.

Sunday 19th March, 10am and 6.30pm Mothering Sunday and Celtic Prayer

Two special services are planned for Sunday 19th March. It is Mothering Sunday and this will be the focus of the morning service at 10am; children and families are specially invited to recognise the important role of mothers in our lives. And in the evening there will be a special service of *Celtic Communion* at 6.30pm.

Tuesday 21st March, 7pm – 8pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

This month's prayer meeting is in the Church Centre and starts at 7pm. Everyone is invited. The Prayer Diary for March/April can be downloaded from the parish website. If you are not able to come in person, please use the Prayer Diary as a basis for prayer at home.

Monday 27th March, 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This important meeting provides everyone with the opportunity to look back on the last year and review the progress being made at St Michael's. All church members and all those who live in the parish are invited. There will also be elections, including election of churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. The meeting starts in the Church at 7.30pm.

Church Motto 2023

"Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing." Isaiah 43:18-19

In Memoriam

Jennifer Lucy Neal, 1988-2023

Jennifer Lucy Neal (Jen) was born in Bristol in 1988 and moved to St. Michael's Square, Bramcote, in 1990. With her two brothers she attended the Bramcote Church of England School before moving on to the Bramcote Comprehensive School. During these years she played the clarinet for a time and was a member of the 2nd Bramcote Brownies and 2nd Bramcote Guides. She studied for her "A" levels at Bilborough College before reading English at Newcastle University where she achieved a 2:1 Honours Degree and then an M.Litt. (Master of Letters). In addition to her academic achievements she made many firm friends at Newcastle. Leaving University she secured an internship with BYG systems in Nottingham Business Park and worked there for the rest of her life, latterly as a project manager.

Jen was involved in a number of community activities: she helped her mother with the Saturday Beaver Scouts, she was a very active member of the Long Eaton Ladies' Circle (for a time she was "in the chair") which did lots of fundraising and supported many local events, and lastly, she had a close relationship with Beeston Round Table, helping with their fundraising, including the famous Santa sleigh tours round Beeston and Bramcote at Christmas.

Bright, attractive, personable, with a successful career and so much positive community involvement, Jen has been taken from us all too soon and will be very sadly missed by all who knew her.

Revd. David Edinborough

Looking back at Last Week

Emerging Plans for Social Events

Our Social Reference Group has representatives from all sections of our church and the group met on Friday 10th March to discuss our emerging plans for social events in the period after Easter. These include a May Day Walk on Monday 1st May, a Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May held in the church grounds arranged by a team of enthusiastic people from both the church and the local community, a Car Rally with Café Bramcote on Tuesday 9th May, and an annual Prayer walk around the bounds of the Parish on Saturday 27th May. Full details on all these and subsequent events will be published in this newsletter and on our new website.

Dads 'n' Kids

The most recent meeting of Dads 'n' Kids was on Saturday 11th March and a great time was had by all.

Marc Holliday writes:

Busiest Dads 'n' kids since we restarted after Covid. 20 kids brought 8 "grown-ups" and munched their way through 40 rashers of bacon, 30 buns, half a loaf of toast, 10 doughnuts, 12 scotch pancakes, 6 cakes, and more tea, coffee and juice than you would believe possible in 2 hours. This gave them the energy to (deep breath) play Pokémon, table tennis, table football, air hockey, Duplo, and generally run around until exhausted (the grown ups obviously). Not sure how we'll top that one, but we'll try!

Azaria Spencer

We were delighted to hear from Azaria Spencer at both our services on Sunday 12th March, when she told us about her work with the Church Mission Society in Guatemala. She described how the following bible verses helped her to sustain her focus on the women and young people in Guatemala who so desperately need the help of the church where she works.

Matthew 11, 28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Special Service for

"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"



Following the morning service on Sunday 12th March there was a short ceremony in our churchyard when some new trees were planted. The trees are

from The Woodland Trust and were planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Licensing and Installation of Revd. Karen Hanford

It was a huge pleasure for many of us from St Michael's to support Karen Hanford as she was licensed in her new position of Priest-in-Charge in the Benefice of Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell by Bishop Paul, and installed in the benefice by Archdeacon Phil Williams. The service was at St Peter's, Awsworth on Monday 13th March. The church was full with all of Karen's family (husband David, son Richard and daughter-in-law Rachel) together with members of all three churches in the benefice as well as supporters from churches where Karen had served previously, all present to offer their enthusiastic support. It was a truly lovely service. In his sermon, Bishop Paul spoke of the importance of focussing on prayer, mission and hope with the aim of bringing those not yet attending the churches in the benefice into full fellowship with those who have already discovered the importance of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Easter Notices

Getting Ready for Easter at St Michael's

Wednesday 29th March Easter Experience

Donna is working with her counterpart Lindy Jones at St Leonards, Wollaton to produce an "Easter Experience" for the children at Bramcote CofE Primary and Firbeck Primary. St Michael's will host the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from our church school on Wednesday 29th March. Adult volunteers are needed to help for both the morning and afternoon sessions. Donna is at famlifemin@bramcoteparishchurch.com

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Services

On Sunday 2nd April at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm we will have our three Palm Sunday services in which we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We start with a traditional service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am followed by Morning Prayer at 10am. And we conclude with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm.

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday Agapé Meal, 6.30pm

An Agapé is an informal fellowship meal, celebrating Jesus' last meal with his disciples the night before he died. We eat together in the Church Centre and celebrate a short, informal service of Holy Communion at the same time. All ages are very welcome and the start time has been selected with this in mind.

Friday 7th April – Good Friday Seven Words from the Cross, 10am

Seven Words from the Cross - a meditation for Good Friday morning, in words and music. Followed by Hot Cross Buns in the Church Centre.

Friday 7th April – Good Friday Reflections on the Cross, 7.30pm

Reflections on the Cross - our Good Friday evening service takes the form of a Passiontide meditation for congregation and choir. As we gather around the cross, this promises to be a moving reflection on the events of that first Good Friday in hymns, anthems, readings and prayers.

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday Easter Sunday Services

On Sunday 9th April at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm we will have our three Easter Day services in which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We start with a traditional service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am. Easter Day Morning Worship follows at 10am. And we conclude with a Service of Holy Communion (CW) at 6.30pm.

Easter Activities by the Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust



Easter Trail
Free event
BRAMCOTE OLD CHURCH TOWER TRUST

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun Easter Trail! Follow the clues to find pictures of Easter eggs hidden around the site.

**1st to 16th April
Bramcote Old Church Tower
NG9 3DP**

Download a Spotter Sheet from our website or use the QR Code
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

www.bramcoteoldtower.org.uk
Reg. Charity No:1135913



Easter Egg Hunt
& other activities

**Wednesday
5th April
1pm to 4pm**

**Bramcote Old Church Tower
NG9 3DP**

**"Prize every time"
£1 entry**

Craft activities
Small charge may apply

Refreshments available

Children to be accompanied by an adult

Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust

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Other Notices

New Electoral Roll

The full list of people on the new Electoral Roll is now available for inspection in the vestibule at St Michael's.

What is Going On at St Michael's?

As well as through the weekly newsletter and the new website you can learn about "What is Going On at St Michael's?" by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17853/>.

This is thanks to our church administrator Claire who keeps our page on the "A Church Near You" website up to date.

Coronation of King Charles III

Local plans to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III are now being put in place. There will be a special Thanksgiving and Celebration service at St Michael's at 10am on Sunday 7th May to which everyone is invited. In addition there will be a Coronation Big Lunch in the afternoon held in the church grounds; this is being arranged by a team of enthusiastic people from both the church and the local community.

Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

The Church of England is calling for a period of prayer leading up to the Coronation of King Charles III and has produced a book of Daily Prayers to be used for the 28 days from Easter Day to the Coronation.

Running from Easter Day (9th April) up to the day of the Coronation (6th May) the book provides daily themes, reflections and prayers for use by individuals, churches, or groups to

- **pray** for The King and the Royal Family, our nation, and the world;
- **explore** the Christian symbolism and significance of the Coronation Service;
- **reflect** on Jesus, the Servant King.

Commending the book of Prayers, the Archbishops of Canterbury and of York said: "*We are delighted to offer this book to everyone who wishes to join us in praying for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family as they prepare for the Coronation. Please set aside some time each day between Easter and the Coronation to pray with us for Their Majesties, the Royal family and our nation.*"

Copies of the book will be available shortly from church at a cost of £1, or contact Lalage Smithurst (0115 9677150) or another member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.

Sponsored Leukaemia Walk 2023

It's on Saturday 13th May starting at 26 Moor Lane between 8.30am and 9.15am, finishing at St Michael's. Contact Diane Jones on 0115 9258024 or 07472 423139.

Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

Many thanks to all those who bring non-perishable foods and toiletries for those in need who attend the foodbank that we support. Church is open every weekday from 10am to 12noon for receipt of your kind gifts.

Anne and David's Newsletter and Prayer Requests

Anne and David Curnock have produced a newsletter describing the success of their recent work in Romania and the plans for an imminent visit to Berega in Tanzania with Robert and Christine Cleave. If you received this edition of the St Michael's Newsletter by email, Anne and David's newsletter is also included as an attachment. Copies are also available in church and on the church website.

Syria/Turkey Emergency Appeal

The money collected for this appeal at recent Sunday services came to £189.50 and this has been sent on. Thank you so much to all those who donated either in cash or through the Church Card Reader.

Nottingham Street Aid

Cindy Jones writes:

Nottingham
Street Aid
Giving people on the
street a helping hand

Give real help to homeless people by donating to a fund that goes directly to people in need. Every penny you donate to Nottingham Street Aid will go to a homeless person in Nottingham to help them leave the street behind.

**Its easy to donate –
just scan this QR code:**



Or text **STREET** followed by a number 1-20 to 70560 to donate between £1 and £20. For example, text **STREET10** to donate £10. Texts cost the chosen donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

Want to volunteer or donate goods or money to a specific charity?
Visit streetsupport.net/nottingham

are ways in which we can all help. We can give food or a hot drink to a homeless person and we can also support Nottingham Street Aid which directs every penny that is donated to a homeless person in Nottingham to help them leave the street behind. Please see the poster in church (also reproduced below) which describes ways to do this.

Church Centre Bookings

Our Church Centre is available for hire for group meetings, classes and activities and we do have a number of spare time-slots. Our continuing aim at St Michael's is to improve and strengthen our links with the wider community by opening up this wonderful space, so please spread the word! Bookings can be made through office@bramcoteparishchurch.com via Claire Morrell-Stone.

Contacting us at St Michael's

0115 943 0137

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<https://saintmichaelsbramcote.com>

St Michael's, Bramcote, Nottingham, NG9 3HD

The Bramcote Care Group offers practical help, contact Elaine on 07850 985349