



Welcome to
St. Michael's Church,
Dines Green



Sunday 15th September: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Prayer followed by refreshments

Thursday 19th September

10.45am Said Eucharist

Sunday 22nd September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 26th September

10.45am Said Eucharist

2.30pm MU Deanery Festival at St. Michael's

Sunday 29th September: Michael and All Angels

10am Group Eucharist – note the earlier time

Thursday 3rd October

10.45am Said Eucharist

Sunday 6th October: Harvest

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 10th October

10.45am Said Eucharist

Saturday 12th October

7pm Quiz Night (see poster on back page for details)

Sunday 13th October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 17th October: Ignatius

10.45am Said Eucharist

Sunday 20th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Prayer followed by refreshments

Please note: The service on Sunday 29th September will be a Group Eucharist and will be held at St. Michael's Church. The service will start at 10am, the new time for all 5th Sunday Group Eucharists.

Psalm 51.1-11

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,**
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 **I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 **Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.**
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Coffee, Tea and Cake Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that baked cakes, helped on the day or came along and supported our “Coffee, Tea and Cake Afternoon” held on 21st August. We had about 40 people through the door and raised an excellent £173.46, of which £86.73 was raised for St. Richard’s Hospice. We are aiming to repeat these events on a quarterly basis, working alongside the Age UK shop. Our next one is arranged for Thursday 21st November.

PCC "Away Day"

On Saturday 31st August the PCC had an Away Day at Phil’s Vicarage to discuss the mission and ministry of our church and how we can serve our community in Dines Green. After a short formal PCC meeting, we launched into some really exciting discussions.

First, we talked about the free Community Café that has been running at the DG Den during the summer holidays. One of the churchwardens has been helping at this and we discussed how we might be able to help this venture continue in the future as it has been beneficial to many families in our local community.

Following this, we discussed the very successful “Coffee, Tea and Cake Afternoon” that had recently taken place at the church alongside events at the Age UK shop further up the road. We agreed to repeat these “Coffee, Tea and Cake Afternoons” on a quarterly basis, with each event sharing proceeds with a charity, and that they should run in conjunction with an effort at the local AgeUK shop. We also decided that on the months between the quarterly “Coffee, Tea and Cake Afternoons” we would run a lower-key social coffee afternoons on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

This led on to a discussion about how we will let people know about the exciting things we have planned for the church in the future and particularly advertising forthcoming events. This included a discussion about how we should best use online resources such as the “A Church Near You” website and social media. You can now keep up to date with our news on our pages on the “A Church Near You” website and we will soon have a Facebook page too.

After this, the next topic for discussion was the possibility of St Michael's becoming an Eco Church! We filled in the survey and looked at the many different ways we could become more sustainable as a church. Alice Evans volunteered to be an Eco-rep for St Michael's

This also led us to deciding that we would twin our two church toilets with toilets overseas through the scheme "Toilet Twinning".

Children's ministry has been very much on our minds recently as part of our Group of churches being involved in the Diocesan "Calling Young Disciples" project. We started to look at ways we could begin to encourage and support more families in our community as well as how we might work with the local school.

Our final topic for discussion was about how we might make changes to our building to facilitate and support all of our other ideas.

It was a really encouraging and energising day and we are very excited about the future of St Michael's and how we can share God's love and care in Dines Green.

Philip and Alice Evans

Time, Talents & Treasure

During the month of September, the PCC is encouraging us to think about and review what and how and how much each of us contributes to the Mission of The Church and to our shared life here at St. Michael's Dines Green. As the name of this campaign "Time, Talents & Treasure" suggests, this is more than just what money we give. The PCC hopes to help everyone think about all these elements. Therefore, at the beginning of September packs were handed out for everyone to take away. There are various resources in these packs to help us consider these things. We also have two visiting preachers lined up to speak to us: John Fitzmaurice, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, will be leading our service and preaching on Sunday 22nd September and Alison Maddocks, Diocesan Stewardship Officer, will be joining us to preach on Sunday 29th September.

Please return your "Response form" (on the pink paper) for the Harvest service on Sunday 6th October.

Advance Notice

Our next Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday 26th October.



You're invited to a **FREE** breakfast

at St. Michael's Church
on

Saturday 26th October

Drop-in between
9am and 11am.

Find us



We're on Gresham Road,
next to Co-op

Scan here to see us on
Google Maps



We are aiming to serve
tea, coffee, fruit juice,
toast, sausages and a
selection of cereals,
however all will be subject
to availability.



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[www.wikihow.com/Make-Ginger-Tea-\(Indian-Style-Chai\)](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Ginger-Tea-(Indian-Style-Chai))

Quiz Night – a date for your diary.

What event should you have in your diaries on Saturday 12th October? A Quiz Night here at St. Michael's! Only £3 per person. See poster on back page for full details.

Exploring becoming an Eco Church!

On a sunny day at the end of August, St. Michael's PCC met for what turned out to be an exciting "PCC Away Day". As part of our discussions we talked about exploring becoming an Eco Church. I volunteered to be an Eco-rep for the church in order to explore this more thoroughly. I am very excited about what we can do to become more sustainable and to better care for God's creation.

So how do you become an Eco Church?

To become an Eco Church, a church completes an 'Eco Survey' about how they are caring for God's earth in different areas of their life and work. The answers a church provides will collect points towards an Eco Church Award: Bronze, Silver or Gold. Points are gained in five key areas of church life which are:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

Points can be gained in many ways for example; creating wildlife areas in churchyards, having services with teaching on caring for God's earth, insulating church buildings, going Fairtrade or switching to green energy. You can find out more information at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> It would be great to hear from anyone who might be interested in the project and working together.

Alice Evans

Group Eucharist with "Diddy Disciples"

On Sunday 29th September St Michael's will be hosting the Group Eucharist. This will include the "Diddy Disciples" children's group (for children aged 0-7years) who normally meet at St. John's Church during the 10.30am service. The "Diddy Disciples" will be using the garden area to the rear of the church (and a gazebo in case of rain!). They will be doing their usual Bible-based songs and activities during the service. If you know of any local families to whom this might appeal, please let them know!

Clergy Letter

Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley

Over the summer I read the Good Childhood Report 2019 published by The Children's Society, and was sad, but not surprised, to learn that children and young people have become increasingly unhappy as childhood becomes ever more complex. The society's research shows that many children are unhappy with their friendships and their appearance, and are concerned about wider issues like school culture, the experiences of those with low or strained family finances, and whether or not some children actually feel safe during the school day. Too many children are struggling with their lives now, and large numbers are also anxious about their future. Large proportions of children are worried about everything from money and getting good grades at school, to wider issues like crime and the environment.



It is so important that we keep reminding ourselves and each other that working with children and young people is one of our strategic priorities, and that as part of our Kingdom People vision we are

dedicated to helping children and young people to belong and be nurtured in faith

We can all play a part in this. Even if we don't have many children in our church, most of us will have contact with children in our family and friendship groups. How can we better mentor them, share faith with them, instil confidence in them and communicate their inherent value to them? How can we help to ease their unhappiness? Perhaps by showing unconditional love, and spending quality time with them; certainly by committing to pray for them.

Mark Russell, Canon of Worcester Cathedral and new Chief Executive of the Children's Society, said in his introduction to the report, "How can we enable children to thrive not just survive. How do we solve problems like rising mental ill-health, millions living in poverty and the scandal of far too

many young lives being lost to knife crime and exploitation? We must start by listening to young people. I mean REALLY listening. We need to stop side-lining young people and harness their enthusiasm and radical energy for change.”

As a new school year gets underway, let's commit afresh to helping the children of the Diocese of Worcester to belong and be nurtured in faith. Let's pray for our church schools, all who work with children in paid or voluntary roles, and the Mission Enablers supporting churches as part of our Calling Young Disciples project, and let's listen to the children and young people we know and harness their enthusiasm and energy for change, that their future might be full of hope, and our lives enriched by the part they play.

Nikki Groarke

Quiz Night

Saturday

12th October

7pm ~ 9pm



St. Michael's Church,

Gresham Road, WR2 5QS

£3 per person *includes one free drink*

Questions on a wide variety of **general knowledge** subjects

Come as part of a team – max. 5 people – or join a team on the night