



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8 MARCH 2026

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The deadline for notices for the Sunday sheet is Wednesday at 12.00 noon

### WELCOME TO OUR INCLUSIVE CHURCH FAMILY

StM&AA's is a member of the Inclusive Church network. We are a church where people are called to come together to explore the mystery of God's love. All of us, without exception, are called by God. A special welcome to all visitors and newcomers. If new, please make sure you pick up a *Welcome Pack* before you leave

### JOIN THE BOOK GROUP IN LENT

We will be reading Mark Oakley's *The Collage of God*, Canterbury Press (2012). This book is available online as well as from local bookshops. It can also be purchased second-hand. Mark is Dean of Southwark Cathedral and has a special affinity with poetry and literature. This book shares Oakley's experience of picking up the pieces, trying to find God's colour, shape and pattern

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During lent we will continue the devotion every Friday at 5pm. Might this be a new thing to take up in Lent?

### PARISH AWAYDAY

We had an excellent day which was full of promise and commitment to the future. We will send out a report about the day and the priorities which we have discerned as important to the congregation after the PCC has been consulted

### FOODBANK COLLECTION - CAFÉ STYLE

It was good to see tables and chairs decorated with coffee and cakes as people dropped off their contributions to the foodbanks today. Please consider staying for a coffee next month (Thursday 2 April from 11am)

### OXFORD CITIZENS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Oxford Citizens is concerned about threats of violence towards asylum seekers and others in Oxford so is beginning to plan a Safety Campaign. StM&AA's has been invited to bring a team of 4+ to join others from Blackfriars, Asylum Welcome, and the Unitarian Church to a meeting on Mon 9 March 18.30-20.00 at 'Asylum Welcome Unit 7, Newtec Place, Magdalen Rd OX4 1RW. Contact Alyson, [aspeberdy@icloud.com](mailto:aspeberdy@icloud.com) or 07552958257 for more information if you might be able to attend.

### ECO CHURCH TIPS FOR LENT

Traditionally, Lent is a time when Christians fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast helps us think about our carbon footprint and ask if there is any excess or unnecessary use in our lives, and if any of that excess is acting as a distraction to our relationship with God. With a different focus each week, you'll learn more, ask questions, and focus on what God thinks about these areas of our lives:

<https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>



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## WHY I LIKE ST MICHAEL'S

*Some recent comments from those in the know!*

"... the beauty of the flowers and the cleanliness of the church"

## SUNDAYS

### 10.00 am Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month: All-Age Family Eucharist  
 2nd Sunday of the month: Sung Eucharist from the High Altar, Including the ministry of healing

### 6.30pm Taizé

In the Lady Chapel

### 3pm Monthly Pavilion Service

1st Sunday of every month (except Aug) at Cutteslowe Park NOA pavilion

## WEEKDAYS

### 9.00 am Morning Prayer

In the Lady Chapel

### Choir Practice

Thursdays 6.30-7.45pm

Contact Duncan Saunderson

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### Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday of the month

Contact Steve Hunter - 01865 552475

## FOR CHILDREN

### Godly Play

Every 3rd Sunday of the month for primary school-age children

### St Michael's Choristers Age 3+

practise Thursdays in church

in term-time at 5.30 pm and sing on the

1st Sunday of the month

Contact Alice - 07791 328108

### Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00 noon

Play for children and chat for carers

Contact Juliet - 01865 552640

## FOR STUDY

### The CATechesis Group

An occasional meeting by Zoom for study and conversation

### Book Group

Meets during various seasons on Thursdays at 10am in the Threshold

