

# The Gos

## Coming up at St Michael's

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am Family Holy Communion  
7.30pm "House of Prayer"

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

2.00pm Afternoon Prayer

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am "Late Breakfast Service"  
plus **Kids Church**

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashing

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am Family Holy Communion  
7.30pm "Be Still"

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

2.00pm "Young at Heart" Communion

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am Family Worship & Baptism  
6.30pm Holy Communion

## Lent 2012—Together

During Lent this year, the whole church will join together in a programme of study, prayer, reflection and feedback.

In this season of seeking God, we will be learning from the scriptures, each other and the experience of other churches as they've sought to develop in outreach—part of our calling here at St Michael's.

Sunday sermons will be followed by midweek study in Small Groups and specially convened groups for the Lent period. We would encourage everyone to try to connect with either an existing Small Group or a Lent Study group to make the most of this season in the life of the church together.

The series begins on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, concluding on Palm Sunday.

Our key themes will be:

"A New Vision of Church?"; "Seeking, Finding, and Obeying the Call of God"; "Beyond Volunteering: A Fresh Vision of Service"; "Training and Equipping God's People"; "Worship, Presence, Prayer & Power"; "Go (but stay together)".

*There's the usual excellent series of Lent addresses at St Mary Collegiate as part of their regular evensong at 6.30pm.*

*Talks by visiting speakers, including Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, start on 26<sup>th</sup> February, on the theme of "Religion in the Public Square".*

## Adding to the Team at The Open Door...

David Brown writes:

"The next *Gos* will have news of a thank you and celebration party for Bob's retirement - but we need to work hard now to secure the best future for this important ministry.



To build on the great work that Bob has done over these last few years, and to ensure consistent and effective support of our brilliant team of volunteers and helpers, we are now looking to recruit staff to cover the counter/kitchen through the week.

As you will know, in November, we advertised new positions for The Open Door: a Business Manager and a Catering Lead. We sought to provide a new structure which we hope will drive the café forward, grow the business and enable us to sustain the café financially, and progress its vision and work with higher staffing levels as the turnover increases. Key to this is for the Business Manager not to be consumed with hands-on catering / serving so they are able to develop new initiatives. Our recruitment efforts have not been straightforward – but the principles of this plan have been affirmed as the right direction going forward.

So, we need now to appoint 2 or 3 staff members (each part time, hours negotiable) who could creatively job-share to manage the counter/kitchen alongside our volunteer team and work under the guidance of the Business Manager."

**If you share the values of The Open Door, and would be interested in joining a core team of counter-staff, or as a member of the existing team want to find out more, please speak to David Brown, Mary Lodge, Mike Brandsma or Bob Dubock.**

**We intend to host a meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm for all those interested in contributing to the team at the café.**

## Pancake Party

Children (and parents too if they wish) are invited to join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Church centre. An opportunity to eat pancakes, play pancake games and learn a little more about the traditions of Pancake Day.



*On the evening of Pancake Day itself, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, there will be a Pancake Party at The Open Door. Watch the window for details.*

*Our Mission is to: Connect people with Jesus, and help them grow into mature disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit.*



## Fundraising Pudding Evening

Do you like the end of the meal better than the beginning? If so, then our fund-raising 'Pudding Night' will be just right for you—Friday 17th February at The Open Door.

**Enjoy six puddings, a glass of dessert wine and coffee, served anytime between 6.00pm and 9.00pm.**

**Tickets £8 each, or £15 for two, available from The Open Door**

Select six puddings from our fabulously delicious, home-made dessert menu - from traditional puddings to chocolate heaven, to light and fresh citrus desserts. Plus music, raffle and quiz.

Proceeds to The Chase Meadow Appeal.

For further information contact Lorraine (07974 592263) or Claire (07762 165196)

*Anyone wishing to donate puddings and raffle prizes should get in touch, as both would be much appreciated!*

## Women's World Day of Prayer

Val Brant writes: "The first Friday in March is always a special time to join with women worldwide as we all share in one act of worship at different times during the 24 hours. This year the service has been planned by the Christian women of Malaysia, and the group of rural parishes with whom St Michael's is linked will meet at Honiley in the afternoon of **2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Look out for more details in the coming weeks on posters and church notice sheet.

You'll also be welcome at the Warwick churches' celebration which takes place at St Mary Collegiate Church at 11.00am on that day, when the speaker will be Rev'd Linda Duckers of St Nicholas, Warwick."

## The Open Door matters...

### 1. Spring came early!

Many thanks to all those who rolled their sleeves up and helped with the Spring-clean—you know who you are!!

### 2. Price Review

Regrettably, greater operating costs have meant that we have had to increase a number of our prices, effective from 3<sup>rd</sup> February—our first since November 2009.

### 3. Bookstall

On the Bookstall there are a number of books for Lent, the star title quite possibly Jane Butcher's *Family Fun for Easter*, which contains activities for Lent and Easter. (Jane helps to run Messy Church for BRF, and has a wealth of ideas to help families explore the season together.) BRF's new book for Lent is Andrew Watson's *The Way of the Desert* (has anyone else been enjoying *New Daylight's* insights into desert spirituality in recent weeks?), and there is also David Winter's *Journey to Jerusalem* for more seasonal daily Bible readings. *Wise Sayings from the Psalms* would make a good gift, and for children there's *My Little Bible*, stories from Candle Books, and a wipe-clean activity book.

### 4. Knot Just Knitting

These get-togethers take place on Friday afternoons (1.00pm-3.00pm). Dates planned so far are: 10<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Drop in with your latest project and enjoy an afternoon with other crafty folk. Call Gill Frigerio on 07970 433068 for more information.

### 5. Cut and Chat

Meet with Fiona Enticott to help prepare and cut out the many craft activities required at Mini Meadows and special events.

No expertise required, just come along when you can on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2.00pm-3.00pm.**

### 6. Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast takes place at 7.30am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Enjoy a full English breakfast, cereal, hot drink, plus a relevant and engaging talk from the guest speaker, all for £6.

The speaker on this occasion will be Jerry Marshall, probably most well known for his vociferous opposition to HS2 as Chairman of AGHAST. However, his heart lies in fighting poverty through business; he has been involved in creating social entrepreneurship since 1990.

He will speak on the theme "Faith in the Workplace".

*Jerry will have his work cut out to beat Liam Massey who, at January's Breakfast attracted the first ever "full house" with 32 sitting down to eat!.*



### 7. Fairtrade Fortnight (27<sup>th</sup> Feb to 11<sup>th</sup> March)

In 2012, The Fairtrade Foundation is asking everyone to take a step for Fairtrade.



Hot foot it over to [www.fairtrade.org.uk/step](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/step) for more about their exciting new campaign for Fairtrade Fortnight and beyond...

Don't forget that a wide range of fair-traded goods is always available at The Open Door.

*The Traidcraft Spring and Summer catalogue is now in.*

## A REMINDER

*The Gos* is a monthly publication aimed at sharing news of what's going on in the life of St Michael's. It's continuing existence really does depend on YOU sharing news & requests. All contributions gratefully received! – Bob Dubock (Editor)

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