

Coming up at St Michael's

Sunday 11th March

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

Thursday 15th March

2.00pm Afternoon Prayer

Sunday 18th March MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship & Kids Church
Testimony, teaching, worship & prayer ministry

Sunday 25th March PASSION SUNDAY

10.30am Family Holy Communion
7.30pm "Be Still"

Sunday 1st April PALM SUNDAY

10.30am All-age Palm Sunday Service in King's Meadow (*Parading with donkey from Hampton Magna shops at 10.15am*)

Monday 2nd April

10am to 4pm Easter Prayer Trail in Church
7.30pm Evening Meditation for Holy Week

Tuesday 3rd April

10am to 4pm Easter Prayer Trail in Church
7.30pm Evening Meditation for Holy Week

Wednesday 4th April

10am to 4pm Easter Prayer Trail in Church
7.30pm Evening Meditation for Holy Week

Thursday 5th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

10am to 4pm Easter Prayer Trail in Church
10.30am "Young at Heart" Holy Communion
7.30pm AGAPE meal

Friday 6th April GOOD FRIDAY

12.00noon Churches Together in Warwick
"Walk of Witness" (starting from Northgate Methodist Church and elsewhere, ending with a short act of witness in the Market Square)
1.30pm Reflection and Meditation at the Cross

Sunday 8th April EASTER SUNDAY

6.00am Sunrise Service in King's Meadow
10.30am Easter Day All-age Celebration with Holy Communion and Baptisms

The Gos is a monthly publication aimed at sharing news of what's going on in the life of St Michael's. All contributions gratefully received! – Bob Dubock (Editor) telephone 01926 498626 email bob.dubock@stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk

Creating Gifts for Mothering Sunday

An opportunity for children to make a special personal Mothering Sunday gift. **Saturday 17th March in the Open Door**



3.00pm Craft activities for children (*Pre-school children will need an adult to stay*)

4.30pm Parents, grandparents, etc return for afternoon tea.

Cost £3 per child or £5 per family
Booking Forms available at The Open Door

Contact fiona.enticott@gmail.com for further information.

Pancake Party

On Sunday 19th February, around 30 children enjoyed pancakes together as they thought about the theme of Lent.

As we thought about how some people give things up over the 40-day period leading up to Easter we also thought about some of the special things people do as they reflect on the love of Jesus shown for us through his ministry and death on the cross.

As a response to this the children made simple money boxes to collect loose change or pocket money over the next few weeks. The money will go to William's Church in Uganda to help the children still living on the streets.



If any children would still like a money box to make and fill, they are available in The Open Door.

Money boxes should be handed in to William in the Open Door by Friday 13th April.

Would this suit you?

The composition of the team to run The Open Door after Easter is developing and it is clear that there are a number of elements, not directly related to the catering side of the operations, which could be separately undertaken by individuals on a flexible basis, rather than tied to a weekly rota.

For example: Val Brant has organised a small bookstall for a number of years using resources from the Christian bookshop in Leamington. She refreshes these each month, provides a resume for the Gos, and arranges invoicing.

A similar approach could be used for the Traidcraft stock, (sale or return) silver jewellery, greetings cards, or perhaps totally new elements that you would be willing to take responsibility for and be free to develop. It need not be too onerous, but would be of great assistance.

Flower Arranging for Beginners

A workshop where you will learn how to use flowers and foliage and create your own arrangement.

All materials provided, plus refreshments.

Saturday 24th March 2pm to 4pm at The Church Centre.

Tickets £5 in advance are available from The Open Door, or ring Vanessa on 01926 419772.

Please let Vanessa know if a crèche would be useful.

Coventry Pilgrimage

Val Brant first flagged up this event in our November 2011 issue. It is now almost upon us!

What is it for? Celebration of Peace & Reconciliation – as part of the Golden Jubilee of our Cathedral in 2012 a cross of nails, Coventry's symbol of peace and reconciliation, will be carried from church to church.



Prayer – walk and talk with God, share the evening Pilgrim Services at churches along the way. Pray God's blessings where you walk.

Challenge – get fit as you pray and celebrate.

Community – join together with other walkers – and get to see places you never knew existed.

When is it? It's up to you. What sort of pilgrim will you be? **Strollers:** A short walk each evening and slightly longer walks on Saturday and Sunday. Starts on Monday 26th March. (They'll make sure you can get back to your car or bus.)

Striders: The complete Coventry Way and Sherbourne Walk in a weekend. Starts on Friday evening 30th March. Basic sleeping accommodation provided. Quite a challenge. (Advance registration essential).

Saunterers: As much of the whole route as you like, at your own pace, take as long as you like. You don't even have to finish by 1st April.

Who is it for? Everyone, church-goer or not, who wants to participate in a Christian pilgrimage is welcome. If you are in a walking group or a youth group leader why not register a group for the weekend challenge?

For more details, visit www.sherbournetrust.net

Our Bishops are walking in the daytime during that week, and invite people from our communities to join them. Bishop Christopher will walk in the south of the diocese, whilst Bishop John covers the northern area. [All information can be found at <http://www.divine-inspiration.org.uk/news/45-bishops-pilgrimage> in the News & Events section.]

Wednesday 28th March is when Bishop Christopher will be in our locality, but it would also be good to visit another part of the diocese and walk with them there.

In his latest pastoral letter, Bishop Christopher writes: *I am inviting everyone who takes part in this Pilgrimage (no matter how short a distance) to join us for a Pilgrim Celebration at Coventry Cathedral on Palm Sunday at 6.30pm. Please count this letter as permission for parishes to forgo their evening service in order to attend. It will be a great celebration of God's goodness to the Diocese of Coventry in the past and God's promises for the future.*

The Open Door matters...

1. Bookstall

Books this month look first towards Mothering Sunday – Alie Stibbe's *A Spacious Place* follows on from *Barefoot in the Kitchen*, and would make a good gift for every woman who wants to make the best of the years to come. *Garden of Grace* by Jill Briscoe is for quiet reflection, while *Song of the Nightingale* is Helen Berhane's account of her faith and persecution in Eritrea. For the 'weaker sex', there's Peter Meadows' survival guide entitled *Pressure Points*, and also *God & Stephen Hawking*, the debate about God and Science, by John C Lennox. Books for children have an Easter theme.

2. Knot Just Knitting

Next meeting is on Friday 16th March (1.00pm - 3.00pm). Drop in with your latest project and enjoy an afternoon with other crafty people. Call Gill Frigerio on 07970 433 068 for more information.

3. Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast takes place at 7.30am on Saturday 17th March. Enjoy a full English breakfast, cereal and a hot drink for just £6, followed by a relevant and engaging talk from guest speaker, Jerry Marshall.

These events take place on alternate months, on third Saturday of the month. The theme for this year continues with "Faith at work"

If you are interested, please contact Neil Macrae on 496640 or Richard Lyttle on 498142.

4. 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 23rd March, 2.00pm-3.00pm.

5. Jewellery Making Evening



This takes place from 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th March. Tickets are £2, available from The Open Door.

This is one of a series of evenings especially for women being hosted by Saltisford Church

The next event will take place on Wednesday 25th April on the theme of "cooking".

6. Fairtrade Fortnight (27th Feb to 11th 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 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.

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