

# **St. Michael and All Angels Church, Colehill**

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## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany**

**8.00 Holy Communion**

**9.30 All Age Worship**

## **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

8am Morning Prayer

## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

8am Morning Prayer

12-1.30pm Centre Rendezvous

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

8am Morning Prayer

2.30 pm MU Service in Church  
& afterwards in hall

7.30-9pm Community Choir

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

8am Morning Prayer

930-11.15 Cherubs

7.15-8.15 Choir Practice

## **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

10-12am Knit and Natter Coffee Morning  
See Notices

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 1**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

**Suzanne is on leave until  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

## **ST. MICHAEL'S MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY**

**Please pray this week –**

For peace makers and peace-keepers –  
pray especially for the peace of Jerusalem

For the people of S. Sudan, Yemen  
and Nigeria, facing famine.

For the people of Zimbabwe

For Rohingya Muslims displaced by  
persecution in Myanmar

For the Brexit negotiations and our  
relationship with the EU

For charities working for the relief of need  
both at home and abroad

For all who have to work over the Christmas  
season – especially those in the emergency  
services, care givers, hospital and surgery  
staff and those working in the retail sector

### **Madeline Spatchet**

holding St Michael's Cross.

### **The sick & infirm & others in need:**

Sheila Spenceley, Sheila Soper,  
Joe West, Louise, Natasha, Richard Boyce,  
Vicki Piper, Colin Smith, Jane, Samuel  
Thomas, Nedra Gilson

### **Prayers in memory of a loved one:**

We have a prayer tree with gift tags to write a  
loved one's name on if you would like to  
remember someone in particular at this time  
of year. This will remain in church over the  
whole of the Christmas period.

## **ST. MICHAEL'S CROSS**

Please sign up for St. Michael's Church Cross.  
The sign up sheet is at the back of church on yellow card.  
Please ask the church wardens if you can't see it.

**What is St. Michael's Cross?** Some years ago, two members of our congregation with family in South Africa returned from a visit there with great enthusiasm for something they had seen in an Anglican Church about 25 miles outside Johannesburg. It was the custom in this Church to periodically hand a cross to a member of the congregation. The recipient would pray for the Church and the Church would pray for the recipient. It was a custom adopted by St. Michael's about 20 years ago. One of our congregation, a skilled craftsman in wood, made several crosses, which were called St. Michael's Crosses. Every two weeks, one person, or a couple or a family, is presented with St. Michael's Cross during worship.

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### **KNIT AND NATTER COFFEE MORNING: SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 10AM-12PM**

Come for Coffee and Cake.  
Bring your knitting for a natter.  
Bring your craft to create or a play a board game!  
All welcome!

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### **CARDS SOLD IN AID OF SOUTH SUDAN**

Many, many thanks to everyone who has bought or helped to make the cards that we have been selling in aid of South Sudan. Thanks to your generosity with your time, talents and money in 2017 we have raised over £600 and have sent £550 from money raised in previous years out to South Sudan. I am so grateful to all those who support this project in anyway. Please leave this Thesill. We will be starting our card making sessions again on **Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm** in the Church Centre. We will be making Easter cards and renewing our stock of Birthdays, Get Well, Thanks, etc. Do pop in to join us for a cuppa or just to see what we do. All welcome!  
Look out for the cards on sale each month after the 9.30am service or you can always contact me direct and I can arrange to let you see them.  
Thank you everyone. **Jill Beech 01202 882197 jillmbeech@hotmail.com**

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### **JUST AS I AM: TEA & WORSHIP FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

The next dementia friendly service will take place on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm**. This ecumenical service will be held in St. Michaels\ and led by a team from St. Catherine's. The worship will last about half an hour and will be followed by tea and cake. All welcome & please bring a friend.

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### **GREENBELT MEETING-THIS AFTERNOON 4.30 (4.15 for cuppas) to 6.15**

Downstairs in Church House by the Minster.

Thinking of changes ahead in 2018, discussion will be based on a Greenbelt talk." The Second Curve" by management guru Charles Handy-an engaging talk, ranging from the global to the personal, from organisations to family life ,with fresh insight into managing change, whatever the context. What is the right time to make changes in one's life and what are the ultimate aims? With a gentle tone Mr Handy brings experience, humour and a light touch to these serious questions.

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### **FLOWER ROTA**

The rota for 2018 is now in Church.  
Please add your names for your preferred dates. Thank you.

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### **READERS, INTERCESSORS, CHALICE ASSISTANTS, SERVERS**

New duty rotas have been issued for Jan-Easter via email. Please do check your emails, and let Catherine know if you need a copy printed out in the office. As ever, if you cannot do your duty please swap with someone and let the Vicar and Churchwardens know. Thank you.

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## WIMBORNE QUAKERS : THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

Ecumenical Meeting for Worship on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.15 for 7.30pm at the Town Hall as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The evening will begin with an explanation of Quaker worship and will then last approximately 45 minutes. Worshippers from all other Wimborne Churches are warmly invited and also to join us for tea/coffee afterwards.

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### DEADLINE FOR WEEKLY NOTICES

The deadline for the weekly notice sheet is Thursday morning. Please e-mail [stmichaels.pa.colehill@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaels.pa.colehill@gmail.com) or leave a written notice in the office for Catherine's attention.

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### COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Isaiah 60:1-6

**A**rise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### Ephesians 3:1-12

**T**his is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 14.17-20, Revelations 19.6-10, John 2:1-11