



St Michael and All Angels Church, Colehill

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If you wish to book the Church Centre, add a notice or any other enquiry, please e-mail Catherine or leave a message on the office answer phone.

Sunday 23rd December

Advent 4

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Followed by Crib Service Rehearsal

Monday 24th December

4pm Crib Service

11pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion

9.30am All age Eucharist

Friday 28th December

8am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th December

Christmas I

No 8am Service

9.30am All Age Communion &

Baptism of Oscar Crane

Wednesday 2nd January

8am Morning Prayer

8pm AAW Planning Meeting

Thursday 3rd January

8am Morning Prayer

Friday 4th January

8am Morning Prayer

11am Open the Book Meeting

2pm Silent Prayer

Sunday 6th January

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8am Holy Communion

9.30 All Age Eucharist

ST. MICHAEL'S MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY

In addition to those items in the Prayer Diary, please pray this week:

For the people of the Yemen, facing starvation, that the peace talks would lead to change
For all who travel at this busy season, for safety on our roads, rails and in the air.

For those who have to work over the Christmas season – the emergency services, & those working in the hospitality and retail industries

For the people of S. Sudan and our link deanery Karika.

For the UK and the difficulties over Brexit
For Bishop Designate Revd Dr Andrew Paul Rumsey and his family as he prepares to take up

his post as Bishop of Ramsbury
For families experiencing hardship
For the Wimborne Foodbank

Nigel and Val Davis
and **Madeline Spatchett**
holding St Michael's Cross

Lyn Kingston
holding St Michael's Cross from
30th December

The sick & infirm & others in need:
Louise, Colin Smith, Samuel Thomas, Nedra G, Diane, Enid Gordon, Joyce W, Peter Shickle, Rebecca Jordon, Eric & Jackie Deung, Tom S, Anita, Donald & Margery A and Gerry Stevenson.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Parish Office is Closed until **Thursday 3rd January**.
Catherine, the parish administrator is on annual leave until **Tuesday 8th January**.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND REFLECTIONS

#FOLLOWTHESTAR – E-mail or App

We invite you to sign up for our daily #FollowTheStar emails to take the life-changing Christmas journey. Each one includes a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and an action to reflect on: <http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar> to receive emails or get the app at the Apple Store or Google Play on your phone. The reflections start on Christmas Eve.

ST MICHAELS IS FULL OF STARS AND ANGELS!

A big thank you to all the 'stars' and 'angels' who created such a wonderful display of heavenly stars and angels in the church. We hope you are enjoyed making them as much as we did hanging them up. They are a delight. Thank you. Hilary G

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: BI-MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING: 10AM – 12PM

* 12th January * 9th March * 11th May * 13th July * 14th September * 9th November *
Why not come and have coffee or tea and cake with us for a social morning. Join us playing scramble, or bring your crafting for a chat. ALL WELCOME!

LITTER PICK & CONSERVATION

SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY TRIANGLE WOOD

Meet at 10.30 at St. Michael's Middle School Lay-by (finish at 1pm) stay as long as you like.

COLEHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY 6TH BIRTHDAY

COFFEE MORNING & MEGA BOOK SALE:

Come along and bring your friends on **Saturday 26th January, 10am-12.30pm**
in **Colehill Memorial Hall**.

MESSAGE FROM DORIS & BILL JEFFERY

Doris and Bill Jeffery send their affectionate remembrances and good wishes to all their old Friends at St Michael's. They truly missed our church in spite of their move being so good.

VISION DAY PRAYER MEETINGS

In preparation for this day, there will be a series of guided prayer meetings, where we shall be praying for the future life of St. Michael's and asking God to help us understand what direction, as a parish, he wants us to take. These will be on **Friday mornings at 9am** on the following dates:- **11th January, 18th January, 25th January, 1st February & 8th February**. Please put these dates in your diary. Our Vision Day is taking place on Sunday 10th February, beginning with our normal Parish Eucharist. This will include various workshops and a shared lunch, with the aim of finishing by 4pm latest.

ST MICHAELS CROSS SIGN UP SHEET

Please sign up for the St Michael's Cross at back of Church on green card.

What is the St Michael's Cross? A custom adopted 20 years ago following a visit to Africa. The recipient of the cross prays for the Church and the Church prays for them. This custom was adopted by St Michael's over 20 years ago. Every two weeks, one person, or a couple or a family, is presented with St. Michael's Cross during our worship.

CENTRE RENDEZVOUS...

...is now taking a break over the coming festive period, and will reopen on **Wednesday 9th January**. If there is anyone that can assist either on a regular basis or occasionally we would love to hear from you. Daphne Jones

CHRISTMAS GIVING 2018

Christingle – The Children's Society

Collections taken at the Carol Service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services will be divided equally between Routes to Roots and Church Funds

ANGIE'S SING-A-LONG COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who came to Angie's Sing-along last Saturday (8th Dec) and contributed so generously. She raised £390 in aid of Syrian refugees in Jordan! She had also raised £544 previously through family and friends, making a fantastic total of £934! She also made a donation herself to Church Funds and paid for the Church Centre piano to be tuned. What a lady! She was so grateful for the support she received.

PETITION FOR FACULTY- BOILERS

Please note that a public notice is now on display on the church door and in the church centre with respect to our application to replace the church boilers. Plans are available for inspection – if you have any queries please address them to James Westgate, 01202 842188. The good news is that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Erskine Mouton Trust for £12,000 towards the cost of the works with other grant applications outstanding.

DEADLINE WEEKLY NOTICES: The deadline for these is Thursday morning. Please either email stmichaels.pa.colehill@gmail.com with the subject "Church Notices", or if leaving a written message in the office, it helps if it is dated.

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Luke 1.39-45[46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your

womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' [And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.']

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: I Samuel 2.18-20,26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52