

New Notices

Dinah Dowdeswell's funeral - will be on **6 December at 1.30pm** in St Michael's followed by cremation at Bramcote.

Experience Christmas - Many thanks to our loyal band of helpers who did excellent work on Wednesday in delivering Experience Christmas to nearly 60 Y2 children from Firfield School. The morning was very successful all the children were kept entertained and informed at each station. Thank you all. Jan Wilkinson

Home produce Sale - Our next sale is on **Saturday 9th December** and will, of course, have a Christmas theme. We would welcome any home produce you can contribute for the stalls and there will be coffee/tea and biscuits available. All proceeds from the morning will go towards our work with children and young people at church.

Julian Meeting - Do you like the silent, contemplative periods in the Church services? If you do, you'd like The Julian Meeting - 30 minutes of silent, meditative, relaxed contemplation. Not praying FOR anything, just listening for God's word, resting in his presence. Held in The Chancel, 7.30pm first Tuesday every month. **Tuesday December 5th** is the next meeting, hope to see you there! John Connell [01332 875 595](tel:01332875595)

The monthly Men's Get Together - known informally as Men Drinking Badly is moving to the first Tuesday of the month to avoid clashing with small groups. It is timed to start after the Julian Meeting has finished to allow us the opportunity to attend both – and we do encourage attendance at the Julian. For December we will gather for a chat and a beverage any time after 8.30pm on **Tuesday 5th December** at The Navigation Inn on Risley Lane. Whether you're new to the church or the village, or less new, it would be great to say hello or to just sit quietly amongst friends.

Advent Convent Healing Service - The next healing service at Convent of the Holy Name, Oakwood will be on **Wednesday December 6th at 7.30pm**. A chance for a little peace and stillness at this busy time of year as we begin to look towards the stories of Christmas. Prayer for the sick and the laying on of hands for healing and blessing available. All welcome at this gentle, ecumenical service. More details from April McIntyre.

Our Christmas Women Together event - will be in The Anderson's Lounge 7.30pm **Friday 8th December**. Please bring drink & nibbles and, for those who would like to, a poem or piece of music to share. Also, please think about someone you would like to invite for our fun evening.

Charity Concert – On Friday **15th December** there will be a Charity Concert in St. Michael's Church at 7.30pm, with The Village Singers and a programme of Carols and songs, followed by mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles. Profits will to the Air Ambulance and 'Children in Syria'. Tickets are £7 available from Jan Wilkinson (872753) or Village Singers choir members, or pay at the door. Let us wish you a Happy Christmas!

Men's Danger Club - I am sure that there must be some scientific research which proves that the wide and unusual variety of foods we eat at Christmas upset the normal workings of our digestive system, so our next event is designed to get it back on track. It's the Christmas-Chilli-Chill-Out evening. We will meet in the Bull's Head on **Friday 29th December** about 7.00-7.15p.m. and select your choice from the Royal Spice Indian take-away. When it's ready, we'll take it over to the Church Hall to eat it. Bring your choice of drink to enjoy with your meal. John and Steve.

Residential Homes - We will be singing Carols in the Homes on **Wednesday 13th December** starting at the Old Rectory at 2.15 pm. Please come along if you are able to.

St. Michael's Discipleship programme - Assistant to Youth, Children and Community Worker

St Michael's is delighted to announce the start of its Discipleship programme which is an exciting opportunity for Young people aged 16-18 (school years 12/13) wanting to explore their gifting and ministries in this programme of up to one year.

Applications in writing are invited for this part time paid post and further details can be obtained from Simon Bentley who will supply a Role Description and application form. A letter should also be submitted explaining why they think they would be suitable for this role. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a small panel and the post will commence in 2018. The successful candidate will be required to provide two appropriate satisfactory references and undertake a DBS check if required. **THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE THE 10TH DECEMBER.**

Notices from previous weeks

Donations for Christmas Flowers - There are envelopes on the table as you enter the church. All contributions are welcome including "In memory of". Many Thanks, Pat Baker

Carol Singing outside the Co-op – This will take place on **16th December** at 10.30am. Please join us.

Notice Sheet

Please send notices to the office [admin@stmichaels2008.plus.com] by Thursday 12 noon

Church, Church Hall and Office Bookings - Would you please contact the office by Email or telephone and we will advise you if the venue is already booked.

Intercessions - If there is anyone you would like including in our weekly intercessions please put their names in the book on the table at the back.

Coffee after the 10.15 service - will be served in the Church Hall, all proceeds from the sale of drinks goes to charity.

If you are a visitor we hope you enjoyed the service. Please note that we have a wide variety of services from traditional to contemporary and other activities. Please see the church website for more details, or ask a member of the congregation.

Spiritual Direction and Pastoral Support - Associate Priest (non-stipendiary): Rev'd Maria Przeslawski is available Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays 01332 874480, Maria is able to give spiritual direction or provide pastoral support. Please call to arrange an appointment. All calls will be treated in confidence, or email, rev.maria@btinternet.com.

Rev'd John Barnes – is available on Fridays if you would like a visit or a chat, please ring on 01332 873665

Youth & Community Worker – Simon Bentley, Mobile: 07791419595
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St Michael's Church

Breaston

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Together

Services for Sunday 3rd December

Isaiah 64: 1-9 Mark 13: 24-end
(Advent Sunday)

8.45am	Holy Communion
10.15am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion
4.30pm	Christingle – Churches Together Service
6.30pm	Evensong – St. Mary's, Draycott
7.30pm	Prayer & Praise at the Methodist Church

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	9.00am	Daily Prayer
	7.30pm	Julian Meeting in the Chancel
Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
	1.30pm	Funeral of Dinah Dowdeswell
	2.30pm	Church usually open
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion (Maria)
Friday	7.00pm	Parish Council Carols on Duffield Close
Saturday	10am-12noon	Home Produce Sales in the Hall
	10.30am-12noon	Church usually open

Services for Sunday 10th December

Isaiah 40: 11 Mark 1: 1-18

8.45am	Holy Communion
10.15am	All Age Worship Nativity
6.30pm	Advent Carols