



ANGELS & SAINTS

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Advent Carol Service

Sunday 2nd December

Join us at 6.00pm to celebrate the beginning of the new Church year as we look forward to the coming of Christ.

Christingle Service

Sunday 9th December

4.30pm

Join us for this magical Christingle service for both young and old. Receive your Christingle and support The Children's Society working to ensure that no child should feel alone. This year marks 50 years since The Children's Society brought Christingle to this country, so please come along and make this 50th anniversary year the biggest for Christingle yet.

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 16th December

Join us at 6pm for a service of 9 lessons and carols by candlelight.

Blessing of The Crib

Monday 24th December

Join us at 4.30pm and take the opportunity to stop and enjoy the meaning of Christmas by gathering at this service to sing Carols.

Midnight Mass

Monday 24th December

Join us at 11.30pm to celebrate in joyful hope the coming of Christ.

Christmas Day

Communion

Tuesday 25th December

Join us at 10am to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Market



Thanks to the bakers, knitters and sewers for creating items for sale and the dedicated team of refreshment servers (sit down and put your feet up now!) Not only will our tummies be full, but our mugs warm, tissues safe and homes beautifully decorated.

We took an amazing **£914.62!** Well done and thank you to everyone who helped run a stall, donated items and of course spent your pounds on the day!

A big **Thank You** to all the local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes and special thanks to Tansy for contacting everyone.



Just as in many homes around Christmas, families come together uniting generations in one room, at the Christmas Market the St Michael's Church family came together. Having all ages together with a common cause created a great atmosphere. Sitting drinking hot drinks and enjoying sandwiches and cake, watching the joy on the faces of children at the Lucky Dip and adults winning a bottle; emotions that remind us of the blessings that Christmas will bring.



Thank you again to all of you for supporting this event, Ali Milward

Advent, from the Latin word *adventus* meaning arrival, is the 4-week period prior to Christmas. It is a time to remember that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, came to earth for us as a vulnerable baby. During this season of Advent, we prepare for Christ coming amongst us in the celebration of his birth, and we prepare ourselves to be ready for the time when he will arrive again in glory to judge the earth.

During this season of preparation, we often find ourselves even busier than usual, so it is important that we make some space to ponder these things and to pray that we will be ready when he comes.

Perhaps you will be reading an advent book or volunteering to keep the statue of Mary and Joseph in your home overnight. I hope you will be marking this season in some way. You may like to pray this David Adam prayer each day.

Come, my Lord, my light, my way;
Come, my lantern, night and day;
Come healer, make me whole.
Come my Saviour; protect my soul;
Come, my King, enter my heart;
Come, Prince of peace, and never depart. Amen





Informal church for the whole family including snack, craft and worship in the Memorial hall.

Tea provided (no charge)
Usually pasta or jacket potatoes

Tuesday 11th December
3.15 - 5.30pm

The Barry Martin Fund

Following a recent request, the PCC has agreed to set up a reserved fund to be used at the discretion of the Incumbent.

This fund will be used to make payments as requested for such things as a recent request to help with the funding of a school trip for a child at one of our Verwood schools.

Any applications for payments must be made to the Incumbent directly and will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Prayer & Fellowship Group

At the Ladies Fellowship November Meeting we enjoyed a fun afternoon making Christmas Cards and everyone's was different.



The next meeting on Thursday December 13 at 2pm will be Carols & Mince Pies in the Meeting Room with John & Mark playing Christmas tunes. All welcome.

Youth Worker

Our church has received an offer of finance from a very generous parishioner for a church project.

It is Deborah's vision, enthusiastically supported by members of the PCC, to employ a Youth Worker to bridge the gap between the church and the schools, hopefully full time over a 2 year contract.

A meeting has already been held with the appropriate Diocesan officer and the next step is to finalise requirements for the way forward. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Firework party

On Friday the 2nd of November LIFT hosted a firework party at Verwood Scout hut. We were blessed with good weather and lots of people attending from our church and the local community.



The evening started with a hotdog or a burger and a nice cuppa to keep us warm before heading outside.

The fireworks were brilliant and lots of 'oos' and 'ahhs' were heard from the audience.

Thank you to all those who attended and a big thank you to those that helped set up and organise the event.

God bless, Debs



Baptisms

We pray for all those who we have welcomed into our church family during 2018

REST IN PEACE

Maurice Barr
Jane Cavelley-Coppin

Calendar of Events for December

Tuesday	4th	Coffee Morning (weekly)	10.00am	Meeting Room
Tuesday	5th	Advent Group (6 week course)	7.15pm	Meeting Room
Wednesday	5th	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.00am	Meeting Room
Sunday	9th	Parish Sunday Lunch	12 noon	Parish Centre
Tuesday	11th	Messy Church	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	12th	Emmanuel Christmas Concert	ALL DAY	St Michael's
Wednesday	12th	Ladies Group	2.00pm	27 Belmont Close
Thursday	13th	Prayer & Fellowship	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	20th	Verwood First Christmas Service	9.30am	St Michael's
Thursday	20th	All Saints Coffee Morning	10.30am	All Saints
Friday	21st	Trinity First Christmas Service	9.30am	St Michael's

December Parish Office opening hours

Closed 24th December 2018—1st January 2019

We will re-open on 2nd January 2019

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Service Times

Monday–Thursday : Morning Prayer - 08.00 St. Michael's

Tuesday : Holy Communion - 6.30pm St. Michael's

Sunday Services

Holy Communion : 8.00am, 9.30am & 10.00am (All Saints)

Networks : 11.15am

Evening Worship : 6.00pm

Parish Office

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm

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Vicar: Revd. Deborah Matthews - 01202-823707 (Day off - Friday)



Services this month

2nd Networks Praise

9th Puppets

16th Creative Church

23rd Communion

30th Networks Praise