



St. Michael's Church Galleywood Newsletter, May 2017

“Jesus, teach us all to love”

In addition to the notice sheet, the PCC and Ministry Leadership Team recently suggested that we should have a periodic newsletter. This is to share all of the wonderful things that happen during the week at St Michaels. Items for the newsletter should be sent to Amy Baptiste via amz_wilson@hotmail.co.uk. The newsletter will be sent out bi-monthly.



CHURCH YARD

Every year a small, but hard-working team led by Pam Bullman meet once a month from April until December for three hours on a Saturday morning to work on keeping our

beautiful church yard so lovely. In the past year they have put down compost, pruned the rose bushes, weeded the memorial garden, tidied some graves, cleaned the grids, mended the seat that was damaged by a falling tree and planted a lot of bulbs. The vicar has also helped out with a bit of watering! Plans for the next working party include strimming the hedge.

48 HOUR PRAYER MARATHON

Several St Michael's Church members were part of a 48-hour prayer marathon from 2nd-4th June at Meadgate church. The initiative, launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury, was called "Thy Kingdom come", and included prayers for the forthcoming elections; and everyone prayed for five friends to become committed followers of Jesus.

POT LUCK

This Pot Luck supper was another great success. As hoped the weather was good enough to eat in the garden. It was great to get to know each other a little better and spend time with different members of the congregation. The next social event will be the farewell lunch for Polly and Matt on the 25th June at Mandy and Colin's.



MESSY CHURCH

At messy church we heard about Jesus walking with people who weren't expecting him...



BELL TOWER

We have 8 bells in the tower. We are a relaxed group of people who meet at St Michaels church tower every Monday evening (except Bank holidays) to practice from 8pm to 9pm. We ring most Sunday mornings 30 minutes before the 10 am service. We also ring for weddings and get paid for this. Currently we are short on ringers, we need at least 4 to ring. We have a ringing member who can teach how to ring. Adults and children over 12 are welcome. Believe it or not there is always something new to ring, it is not just a matter of pulling a rope.



UPWARDS YOUTH

Upwards have had great fun recently on Thursday evenings, have nerf gun fights, playing volleyball in the church and painting this Simpsons Board.

SWCC LAUNCH DAY

"Southwest Chelmsford Churches" (an alliance between two churches in Widford, two in Moulsham and St Michael's Galleywood, who share a clergy team and work together on mission and ministry) was launched with a day of learning and celebration for all ages on 6th May. We were motivated by our keynote speaker, moved to see Bishop John contributing to the day, informed by the workshops on mission themes and officially commissioned to work together for the good of southwest Chelmsford.

THE SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLES



The School for Disciples was EXCELLENT - faith-building, well-attended, encouraging and heart-warming. It was preceded by a meal at the Eagle in Galleywood - here's

Bishop Stephen getting to work behind the bar!