

# Angel Voices

News from St Michael's Church, Camden Town • Eastertide 2019



Dear all,

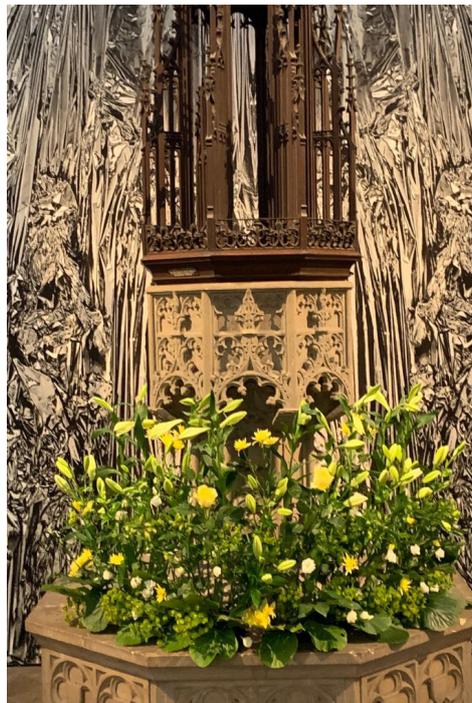
With Easter so late this year, it seems as if the year is quickly running away! Following on from the autumn letter, this is just a simple way of keeping you all in touch with what is going on. If you aren't receiving **Angelorum** – our online e-newsletter emailed weekly – then **Angel Voices** seeks to plug that gap. For our visitors and more transient worshippers, I hope that what's contained herein will offer a glimpse into the life of this special place.

Thanks to all who contributed to what was one of the finest Holy Weeks at St Michael's. Our preacher, Canon Neil Crawford-Jones, sometime

Vicar of Romsey Abbey, was applauded by many for his engaging preaching. Much has been said about the fabulous music this year, and our thanks go to Richard Miller, our visiting organists and our choir for their hard work and glorious singing. It would be remiss of me not to mention all who helped get Church ready on Holy Saturday – wardens, cleaners, flower arrangers, servers, sacristans – St Michael's looked glorious – thank you.

Your continued support is invaluable to what we seek to do here. Please keep the work of this special place in your prayers.

Fr Michael



St Michael's Church  
Parish of Old St Pancras

## Adult catechesis

Sundays@12 and Theology in the Pub continue. Further information regarding the themes/topics are available around Church. Do please support these, a lot of hard work goes into them and, very often, they are a good refresher as well as the opportunity to learn something new!

## Finances

Prayerful thought and attention are needed when it comes to St Michael's financial situation. Expenditure for 2018 exceeded income by approximately £6,000. For 2019, this is currently estimated at £13,000. We need £2,500 per week, of which £1,250 comes from lettings. The other half has to be raised from collections or other fundraising initiatives. Currently, we have about 22 signed up for the Parish Giving Scheme, but we need more! Help us by joining and giving more regularly even if you are not able to come each week. If you have any ideas for fundraising events, we'd love to hear from you!

## Organ scholar

We hope, by September, to have appointed an organ scholar for the next academic year. The aim is give

someone a solid grounding in liturgical playing and through experience with us, to give something back to the wider church. To this end, we are currently awaiting news from the Ouseley Trust as to whether they would be willing to fund our organ scholar for the next year.

## St Michael's 100 Club

We've nearly acquired 100 - if you haven't signed up, then please do. Those who sign up will be asked to pay £12 for a share for the year (£1 a month), with the option of purchasing multiple 'shares'. The choice is yours. The split from proceeds will be divided between prize money and St Michael's and this will be dependent on how many people join the scheme. We hope (number of people dependent) to have two 'draws' a year with a £50 prize each draw.

The other fundraising initiative is via text giving. This will be linked to Paypal as well as other social



## St Michael's Day 2019

Procession and Solemn Mass

3pm

Sunday 29th September, followed by a prosecco and canape reception. Please note, there will be no morning mass. Our preacher will be Father Sion Rhys Evans, Diocesan Secretary to the Diocese of Bangor. We also hope to have one, if not two, Michaelmas Lectures - more details to follow.

media sites. All you do is nominate St Michael's as the charity of your choice when asked to do so. Visitors to St Michael's can also offer their donation this way to.

## Fabric works and conservation

We've had some repair work done to the North and South Aisle roofs and clerestory windows - removing vegetation, replacing slipped tiles and re-pointing defective plaster around the lead flashings. This has cost c.£12,000. Currently, we are waiting for Transport for London to give permission for a cherry picker for works to the west end of the main nave roof. We will also endeavour to pigeon proof the area above the main north door.

Following Mike Williams' visit to the DCC in early January, the DCC will engage the services of a

Quantity Surveyor to cost up repair, decoration and restoration of the walls, paneling and ceiling. This may well also look at funding for other projects such as a new heating system, further toilet and kitchen facilities as well as new meeting spaces.

## Legal Drop-In

Legal Drop-In has re-opened following problems with insurance. We are currently looking for more volunteers to welcome and book-in clients. If you can help in some way, please speak to Jane Saxton or John Cochrane.

## Volunteer training

This year we will be providing our volunteers with some training to support them in their ministry. In conjunction with London City Mission, (those who

## New vestments



The DCC decided to spend £1,000 over the next four years replacing worn out vestments for Mass. Whilst this is enormously generous, we may not need to spend so much given the generosity of some individuals. A new gold one has been privately funded. A new red one has been made to match our

current red altar frontals, costing £300, and a new black one has been purchased for Requiems and All Souls Day, at a cost of £900. Images of the new vestments can be seen below. If you'd like to make a donation in memory of a loved and have their name sewn inside, then please speak to Fr Michael.

facilitate our Homeless Drop-In on Thursday mornings) the training will focus on challenging/anti-social behaviour and our response to it. We are currently waiting on a date.

## Communication

Each week, advertising of our services goes up on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. A new mass board has recently gone up next to the main door and is now more visible from Camden Road. In addition, there is Angelorum, our weekly e-newsletter which is emailed out. If you wish to receive this, please give your email address to Billy ([william.allen@posp.co.uk](mailto:william.allen@posp.co.uk)).

## Community Payback Scheme

We have recently partnered up with the above scheme, providing a placement for those who have been given 'hours' in service to the community. They undertake cleaning, decorating, gardening and a whole host of other chores. In the short time they have been with us, they have started cleaning all the brass, polishing the wood work, washing floors, clearing out the boiler room, removing vegetation from paths and the garden around the east end of the building. They are instantly recognizable by their orange vests and come with their own supervisor, Sue. Do make them welcome.

## Pastoral Care Team

Comprises of the Pastoral Assistant and the Lay Reader, who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, as well as those who keep an eye out for those who have not been present at Mass. If you have any concerns about regulars who've not been at mass for whatever reason, do please alert Billy or Andrea so they can co-ordinate a follow-up either in person or by phone.



## Who's who

### Parish Priest

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