



# The Gateway

city:church

17 March 2019

## Thoughts from the Vicar

“Stand firm” says Paul, and it is an image he repeats elsewhere in his letters. He knew that his friends in Philippi could feel under pressure, aware that their faith seemed strange to many. It is not always easy to stand firm; Paul knew this, and thus encourages us to do just that. And when we do, perhaps we make more of a difference than we think.



## OWNS update

The Oxford Winter Night Shelter has been operating since the beginning of January. It was something of a leap of faith to increase bed capacity from 10 to 20 this winter. One of the reasons that this was possible is that St Michael's opens its doors for up to 10 guests **twice** a week. The trustees continue to be grateful for this support. Thank you to those who contribute towards OWNS, particular mention goes to Bob Earl and Mike Collier, who are regular shift leaders at St Michaels.

## THIS WEEK

### Service commemorating the Martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer

11.00am on 21 March

At St Michael at the North Gate

There are leaflets in the church setting out full details of the day's programme.

## **LENT AT ST MICHAEL'S THIS WEEK**

LENT GROUPS CONTINUE

On Sunday at 12.00pm:

*The 10 Commandments, are they still relevant?*

And on Wednesday at 1.30pm:

*Key characters from Holy Week*

ON WEDNESDAY:

5.30PM - 5.50PM COMPLINE.

You will find information about the events and services for Lent and Easter in the yellow cards available in the church.

## Prayers for the Homeless

Prayers for the homeless people and their supporting agencies are said each month in the Oxford central churches. The next date is 3 April at Unitarian Church, Manchester Harris College.

### Annual Church Meetings and Electoral Roll

This Thursday, 21 March, is the deadline by which the Electoral Roll forms are to be returned. Thank you to those who have already returned your application to join the Electoral Roll. Spare copies are available in the church.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS are on **Thursday 11 April** in the parish room, from 7.30pm.

### Moving on ...

After eight years of service one of our excellent Churchwardens, Prudence Dailey, is stepping down at the APCM on 11 April. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of Warden, please contact the vicar, Reverend Anthony Buckley, Prudence Dailey or our continuing Warden, Bob Earl.

The process for looking for a new church administrator is underway.

Please pray for the process of finding a new Warden and a new Administrator.

### Sandwiches for the Gatehouse

Thank you for your contributions of sandwiches and cakes to The Gatehouse. The next date is

**Wednesday 10 April.**

**Thank you**

If you would like to receive regular **"Thoughts for the week"** by email from The Reverend Anthony Buckley, please drop him a note at: vicar@smng.org.uk.

### Regular User groups:

Here at St Michael's we regularly welcome the following groups: AA; BachtoBaby; Citizens Advice; Cruse; Fellow English Classes; The Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth; The Oxford Winter Night Shelter; The City Singers; Samaritans; Luther Street Patient Group; and Cyclox.

### Music on Mondays 1.00 - 1.50pm

*18 March: Juan Pablo Honorato, classical guitar*

*And the following week*

*25 March: Ex Animo, Early Music Ensemble*

Entrance is free and there is a retiring collection for the charity chosen by the performer. Fairtrade tea & coffee are provided

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 17 March

08.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

#### Wednesday

Prayers - said prior to Communion

13.00pm Holy Communion

5.30pm Compline

#### Friday

13.00pm Holy Communion

#### Sunday 24 March

08.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Matins