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Weekly
Bulletin

WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday February 8th
Second Sunday before Lent

'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, Who laid out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever;' Psalm 136 v1,6

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY-2 before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's
9.30am Morning Worship St Luke's
10.30am Holy Communion St Michael's
3.30pm Evening Prayer St John's
5.30pm Ignite St Michael's

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2.3
Matthew 6:25-34

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY – 1 before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's
9.30am Inter generation Communion St Luke's
10.30am Morning Worship St Michael's
10.30am Holy Communion St Botolph's

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World- For all whose image of your creation is marred by pain and suffering

For those who wake each morning to shellfire and destruction. For children dispossessed of childhood and transformed into soldiers. For orphans wandering lonely roads to uncertain futures. For each persecuted family carrying your Cross. We pray that your Kingdom will come and your will be done. **Amen**

Community – Lord, you have said that to truly love you then we must also love our neighbour, which can be difficult when we disagree or lifestyles clash. May we look at others as if through your eyes, less judging, more loving, and seeing them, like us, as not perfect or finished but as a work in progress that will be completed in due time by your hands. **Amen**

Mission Focus – The Children's Society

Please pray and give thanks for Children's Society specialist workers such as Sophia who work with young people who are at risk through online internet abuse, grooming and coercion. This is becoming an increasingly serious problem in our technology- based society.

Background story. Katie was a normal young teenager who spent a lot of time on her mobile phone using social media. Everything changed when the police came knocking at the door and asked if they could look at her phone. It was only then that Katie and her parents realised that she was being slowly groomed by a criminal gang who were seeking to isolate her and coerce her into doing things like sharing intimate photos. Sophia, from the Children's Society was able to work with Katie and give her a fresh start and a much safer life.

Soup and Pancake Lunch, Shrove Tuesday, 17th February, St Michael's: sittings at 12 noon and 1 pm. No tickets (donations instead). Please book a place by emailing John Bailey john.bailey@tiscali.co.uk or ring 07774749201, describing any special dietary needs.

Lent Courses - We are excited that this year, we're not just offering one Lent course, but two.

In the **Christianity Explored** course, on Wednesdays from 12.30-2pm, we will be working through Mark's Gospel as we explore Jesus' identity, mission and call, and what this means for us.

On Wednesday evenings from 7-8.30pm, we will be running **Life Explored**, which offers the opportunity to consider questions that help us understand our search for fulfilment and Jesus's offer of life in all its fullness.

Both courses start on February 25th. The lunchtime meetings will include soup and a roll. Do join us for either or both!

Could it be you? - After many years of serving as churchwarden at St Luke's, Fran will be standing down at the APCM in April. We are immensely thankful that Fran will continue to support the many outreach activities at St Luke's, but it does mean there will be a vacancy for a churchwarden. If you feel that God may be calling you to serve the church community in this capacity or would like to find out more about the role, please speak to Revd Dimitri. In the meantime, please pray that the right candidate will come forward.

Connect through one of our regular coffee mornings		If you need food and support
Every Friday Friends of St Michael's Coffee Morning 10am -12noon at St Michael's 	Every Saturday Coffee & Chat 9.30am -11am at St Luke's a chance to catch up over coffee, toast, or a bacon roll.	Foodbank at St Luke's Mondays 2-3pm Fridays 2-3.30pm Parish Pantry Pop up Shop Saturdays 9.30am-11am at St Luke's Christians Against Poverty 0800 328 0006

DIARY DATE

Tuesday 17 th February	12.00 and 1.00pm	Soup and Pancake lunch	St Michael's
Wednesday 18 th February	12.30pm	Ash Wednesday service	St Michael's
Wednesday 25 th February	12.30-2.00pm	Christianity Explored	St Luke's
Wednesday 25 th February	7.00-8.30pm	Life Explored	St Michael's

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK - all are welcome to any or all of our services.

MORNING PRAYER – Monday & Tuesday 8.30am on Zoom, Wednesday 8.30am at St Luke's.

Join on **Zoom ID 985 0957 8510** **passcode 405454** **EVENING PRAYER** Tuesday 3.30pm at St Botolph,
North Cove

MIDWEEK COMMUNION Tuesday 10am at All Saints Worlingham, **Thursday** 10am at St Michael's



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