



BRAMHALL ST MICHAELS
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Bramhall Parish News



WONDERLAND 2020

I want to tell you a story. It's a story not about 2 girls but about a rather remarkable community. It's a story about a community that is so passionate about the people that live around them, they were desperate to welcome more of them into their place.

This community was so passionate about welcoming new people they undertook a project that needed 18 months planning. They formed a planning group who met, and when help was needed everyone showed up.

On a dark Thursday evening in January, people from every part of this community turned up and took apart their well loved community space. In the following 4 days, many of them spent time from sunrise to sunset turning this space into a whole new world. Their space was reimagined.

Over the next 6 days, this same community put on a walk through experience where no fine detail was missed, they led 172 tours

and welcomed 1,692 people through the doors of their community.

This was the story of St. Michael and All Angel's Wonderland Festival.

The reoccurring theme in the feedback and the conversations since, from parishioners, to Bramhall residents, to people in Devon, Derbyshire and wider Cheshire has been about community!

Many said that the Narnia Festival of 2018 was a gamechanger for St. Michaels, and indeed it was. But this time was different—this time everyone really was involved. I was so encouraged by every single member of our church community turning up and helping. Even after several long days, the smiles and the laughs didn't disappear. Even after all my mini eggs had been hidden across the tea party table (mentioning no names Mad Hatter), I still had reason to laugh, to be proud, and to give thanks to God for the way in which we were shar-

ing the love of God through welcome, through story and through presence.

Of the nearly 2,700 people who visited, many will never have been inside a church before, they will have experienced something very different to the stereotypical church. My continuing hope and prayer for them is that they might now have questions of God, that they didn't have in the first place. Join me in praying they might find answers.

For those who have been to church and were struck by the difference, good or bad, pray that they might be inspired by the Holy Spirit to seek further insight into the God of love, of wonder and of imagination.

Wonderland was a truly memorable experience that I will never forget. Thank you for making it possible

Calum (Vicar)



“Even better than we dared to imagine”



“Simply superb! One of the best stories ever told, made even more real with this experience.”



Check out the highlights video on our website at www.bramhall.church/wonderland-festival-2020



“I take my hat off to all involved: it is a wonderful demonstration of the liveliness of this parish!”



“A stunning promenade theatre experience”



“No better way to create community spirit, thanks to everyone at St. Michaels for your loving efforts!”



“A wonderful magical experience”



“Bramhall’s best attraction”



Newala News

Bishop Oscar sends his greetings and following some discussion about the future of our relationship he has instructed Revd. Canon. Jackan Waweru, who is the Diocesan Information Officer, to communicate prayer points and stories of faith with us on a regular basis. In his first email Canon Jackan writes:

Grace, and Peace from God our Father be always with you. First of all we want to thank Almighty God for his love, peace, and unity which endures forever. Also we do want to thank our link brothers from St. Michael and All Angels Bramhall for their kind supports towards the Diocese of Newala. May this link continue to flourish with love, prayers, and by the guidance of the Holy spirit. There are some prayers items which we do want our sister link to pray with us.

1. The extension of St. Michael and All Angels Mtwara which the expansion is going on very well. Pray that doors of financial support will be opened.
2. New houses for the priests and deacons because the ones they are using were constructed using clay soil. So for now we are building using bricks and stones.
3. There will be an ordination service for new deacons on 19/04/2020 at St. Mary Cathedral. Pray for the ordained deacons, family, health.
4. Pray also for the clinics of Lulindi and Luatala because the services which are being offered there have really benefited the Diocese of Newala and the People within and thus this have create employment for locals and non locals and also when the sick were prayed by the chaplain of the clinic are getting well and they are being converted into Christianity.
5. Pray for the peace of the Diocese that we shall stay in unity as its in the book of Psalms 133.
6. Pray also for the Christians of Mtwara who they have got bad spirit of chasing away priests and deacons.
7. Pray for Bishop Oscar Stephen Mnunga and Mama Agnes Mnunga so that they may lead us with the power of the Holy spirit. Pray also for their health.
8. Pray also for the Catechists who are at St. Marks Theological College in Dar Es Salaam. So that they may finish their studies well.
9. Pray for the priests who have died, widows and widowers.
10. Pray also for the construction of the new St. Mary Cathedral in Newala that all will go well and also the doors of financial will be opened.

Wishing you and the Christians of Bramhall warm and precious Lent season.

Do take time to pray for our brothers and sisters in Newala including some of these requests as you do!

CONGRATULATIONS



Edward who was baptised in January 2020



Calum appointed Wing Chaplain to Merseyside Wing Royal Airforce Air Cadets



Christian Aid Week is on the horizon. This year we will be looking for collectors to continue our door to door collections but we will also be looking for new ideas as well. Could you host a coffee morning and invite your neighbours round? Why not get to know your neighbours better and raise money for the vital work of Christian Aid at the same time?

APCM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

UPCOMING DATES

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL, 11.45am

The annual meeting will take place in the Parish Centre, during which we will reflect on 2019 and appoint Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps and members of the PCC. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Centre which have a longer description about what the role entails attached. Please do pray about whether God might be calling you to serve his church in the coming year.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2020

MONDAY 6TH APRIL

7.30PM - Station of the Cross

A reflective service following Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem.

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL, 7.30PM

Journeying with the Gospel of Mark, p1. Reading through the gospel in script.

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

10.30AM - Stations of the Cross

7.30PM - Journeying the Gospel of Mark, p2. Reading through the gospel in script.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 9TH APRIL

7.30PM - Holy Communion

When we remember Jesus breaking bread and washing the feet of his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY - 10TH APRIL

9.45AM - Service of Unity (URC Church) followed by: The Walk of Witness

12PM - Good Friday Meditation (3 Hours)

EASTER SATURDAY - 11TH APRIL

8PM - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - 12TH APRIL

6.30am - Sunrise Service (Bramhall Hall Front Lawn)

8am - Easter Communion (Said)

10am - Easter Family Communion

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

3PM - Easter Afternoon Tea. This will include a short service.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Weekdays, 9.30am to 1.30pm (From 14th April)

A reflective prayer trail around church focused on Jesus' resurrection appearances.



Sunday 22nd March, 8am and 10am

Mothering Sunday

(10am—including Samuel Piper's Baptism)

Sunday 5th April, Palm Sunday

11.45—APCM

Sunday 12th April—Easter Sunday

Saturday 9th May

Diocese of Chester – Service to celebrating Differing Abilities.

Sunday 10th—16th May

Christian Aid Week

11th May—8th June

Calum on Shared Parental Leave

21st May—31st May

Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 21st May—Ascension Day

10.30am—Holy Communion

7.30pm—Holy Communion with Incense

Sunday 31st May – Pentecost

Sunday 7th June—Trinity Sunday

RSCM Music Sunday

8am and 10am—Archdeacon of Macclesfield visiting

Thursday 2nd July

7.30pm—Archdeacons Visitation

Sunday 12th July

Dedication Sunday

1st—5th August

Youth Group Residential

Thursday 6th August

7.30pm—Holy Communion with Incense

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