

The Gos

Coming up at St Michael's...

Sunday 11th July

- 10.30am Family Holy Communion
plus **Sunday Youth**
7.30pm "House of Prayer"

Thursday 15th July

- 2.00pm Afternoon Prayer

Sunday 18th July

- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am "Late Breakfast Service"
plus **Kids Church**
followed by special "Come Dine with Me"
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 25th July

- 10.30am Family Holy Communion
7.30pm "Be Still"

Tuesday 27th July

"Carriers of Hope" visit to Budbrooke

Sunday 1st August

- 10.30am Family Worship and Baptism
6.30pm Holy Communion

A taste of Uganda

Our young roving reporter, Erin Massey, writes: "On Sunday 27th June, about 50 people came to a Ugandan "Come Dine With Me". It was really fun. David Nsajja, David's cousin James and my Daddy, Liam, cooked Ugandan stews, matooke (plantain), posho (maize dish), chapatti and rice. The Peets and the Maras brought yummy cakes too. David taught us some Ugandan dancing, and later David did a dance by himself. He was REALLY good. My Mummy, Kate, showed everyone what a Ugandan lady would wear – she wore a dress called a *Gomesi*. Then David showed everyone what a man would wear – a long white robe called a *Kanzu*. The children played on the big field and had a great time. It was so good – thank you, David!"

End of a chapter

In just over two weeks time we will sadly have to say goodbye to David Nsajja, our International Careforce Worker. He has become so much "part of the furniture" that it's hard to believe that he's only been with us since last September.

Based at The Open Door, where he has proved an invaluable team member, David has entered enthusiastically into a variety of initiatives within the church and the local community, as he tells us in the message that follows...

A message from David

"Standing at Entebbe International Airport that night, seeing my little brother (Benjamin) crying, my cousin and some of my friends crying too, giving me goodbye hugs and the only thing my dad could say is: "Goodbye, son, everything will be fine because it is in God's purpose"... At that moment, I did not know what to expect, how I would cope and which people I was going to meet during my first time away from my home and family for a prolonged period.

Oh! With a very big breath, now that I've been here, I can strongly say that my year at St Michael's was worth it, and that God had purposed and planned it for my life. One thing is for sure, I am going to miss you so much because you have become a big part of my life.



I thank the Brown family, Mary Lodge and the whole Church fellowship for not only being my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, but also being my family and friends; for the love, care and attention you have given me. I thank those I have got to know at and through The Open Door; I enjoyed being there and highly appreciated their friendship.

I have learnt and enjoyed taking part in Mini Meadows, children's work, preaching, youth club, small groups, "Grill the Vicar", "Come Dine with Me" and many others.

I particularly thank the Massey family for their support, advice and love; also Lin and Dave Phazey and the "Warwickshire Maras" (who are to blame for my posh English). They have all provided me with a home and been there for me.

When I finally touch down again in the "pearl of Africa" I hope to find a job, preferably in a Non-Governmental Organisation (although I will be up for other jobs as well) and also try to get some experience and information about how Christian orphanages function in Uganda, as that is part of my vision and dream.

May the good Lord richly bless you. Keep up the lovely and friendly environment!"

Farewell to David

There will be a special "Come Dine with Me" with a picnic theme after the morning Service on **Sunday 18th July**. It will be David's last weekend here and a great way to celebrate with him the year he has spent with us. Please sign up at church or advise Emma in the church office (407020).

Carriers of Hope Day

Kate Massey writes: "As mentioned in the previous Gos, St Michael's are hosting a day for a group of asylum seekers from Coventry on **Tuesday 27th July** from 10.00am-3.00pm at the Church Centre. Gill and I have met them over the past year as we have been involved with the Carriers of

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Hope charity, and they are an amazing bunch of people. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Budbrooke. We are expecting about sixty people in total, and therefore are going to need lots of help.

Could you help with any of the following:

- Come along and be a general helper on the day
- Provide food for a cold buffet
- Help organize or run a craft activity for the children
- Loan us a gazebo or garden furniture
- Supply small sweets or gifts for "party bags"
- Make a monetary donation to help with incidental costs of the day
- Pray that the day is safe and enjoyable for all concerned

Although this is a church-initiated event, we would welcome support from the wider community too. If you can help in any way, please contact me: Kate Massey (402859), e-mail: katemassey@ymail.com or Gill Frigerio (07970 433068)."

Kate's College Notebook

"It is some months since I wrote a piece for the Gos describing my experiences at the Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education in Edgbaston as I train to become a Church of England vicar. The main reason for this is that I hit the "midway blues" and was so utterly confused and fed up, I just didn't know what to write. Talking to my tutors, this is apparently a normal and healthy part of the process. Theological training is meant to be challenging – my assumptions about God, the Bible, the Church and life in general need to be taken apart, examined and what is useful sifted from what is not. So it is necessary, but, boy, has it been hard work!

Nevertheless, there have been some very enjoyable and encouraging experiences this year. I have just completed a Christian ethics module which managed to be hugely entertaining, mentally stretching and extremely practical all at the same time – a real joy. In fact I have enjoyed my academic work so much, I am doing additional work next year over and above the course requirements just because it seems too good an opportunity to miss!

I cannot quite believe that I am now finishing my second year of training, and that this time next year, God-willing, I will be getting ordained. This is going to be a big year as I find out where I am going to continue my training – where my first parish will be. It is terrifying and exciting in equal measure!

As ever, Liam, the girls and I are so grateful for the support we receive from church and community alike as we continue on this journey.

Our next International Careforce worker

The following is an edited transcript of the introductory email to David Brown from our next International Careforce Worker, who will be joining us in September:

"Thanks, Revd David. I'm grateful and humbled to communicate with you again. Sorry I have delayed in replying to the message with what you requested. It's because I have been on a mission in the northern part of our country [Uganda], preaching the word of God to those people in war torn areas and am happy that God used me and my friends to do his work, where 2,584 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ – to God must be the glory!

I am Willy Sempijja. My parents passed away when I was still young which exposed me to meet challenges of life at a tender age; doing odd jobs to survive with my young sisters since I was the eldest. Later on two of my three sisters also passed away because of the conditions we were going through. However, with the mercy of God, after getting tired with the life I was going through (even planning to kill myself) that's when I gave myself to JESUS. Since then I have never been the same. Though God has educated me to degree level in accounting and finance, I have laid down my education to serve God.

I hope to learn more about God and I believe God has placed me to the right people who will enable me to extend my spiritual life to another level. I'm very willing to learn more from you and the ministry of your church. I am very willing to learn from you (and correct me where I go wrong) because I believe God has trusted you to help me achieve more in his kingdom. Most of all, I'm also expecting many people to give their lives to Jesus as we pray GOD uses us as his vessels to transform people to his kingdom. God bless you."

An invitation...

Val Brant writes: "Mothers' Union members at Leek Wootton are creating an Alpha atmosphere at the event below and have invited us to join them:

"Bring and Share Supper", 7.30pm Thursday 8th July
at All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton, followed by a talk
"My Ordination Story" by Mary Lodge.

It will be a good opportunity to learn more about how a Mothers' Union (MU) branch can run. (The invitation extended by Gill and Kate to Carriers of Hope to visit us later this month is a good example of MU activity.) I hope you will be able to come along on 8th July – do ask me if you have any questions. [valbrant@sky.com Tel: 494021]"

The Open Door matters...

1. Changes to Saturday opening

We will **NOT** be opening on Saturdays during the school summer holidays. After the 17th July (see below) our next Saturday opening will be on 11th September.

2. Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast takes place at 7.30am on Saturday 17th July. Enjoy a full English breakfast, cereal, hot drink, & a relevant & engaging talk from the guest speaker, all for £6.

3. WiFi is (still) coming!

Unfortunately there has been a delay in this facility coming on line – BT need to upgrade at their Exchange apparently – but we do hope to be up and running by the end of July.

4. Can you help?

We are always seeking additional volunteer assistants. Would you be able to spare a few hours on a weekly or monthly basis, particularly to provide front-of-house assistance? No previous experience necessary.

The Gos is a monthly publication aimed at sharing news of what's going on in the life of St Michael's. All contributions gratefully received! – Bob Dubock (Editor) telephone 01926 498626
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