

St MICHAEL'S short NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2009 : Fuller version to follow after the new Vicar is installed.

Our new Vicar to be installed on 27th January 2009 is the Revd Cathy Helm. Her first Service at Shotwick will be the All Age Worship on 1st February. Please come along to welcome & and meet her.

Cathy was born into a ministerial family in a small farming community in Irby on the Wirral. She maintained & made use of her Christian principles & contacts during 15 years as a primary school teacher & as a youth worker.

It came as no surprise to those who knew her when Cathy elected to train for the Ministry & her family upped sticks for Nottingham for her studies. Cathy was ordained as a Deacon St Peters Church Heswall in July 2005. She will be leaving this position in the 4th year of her curacy to join us as Vicar of Burton & Shotwick. Cathy has been involved with the running of two churches rather like Burton & Shotwick. She has also maintained contact with local church-aided primary schools & she has many innovative ideas and experiences up her sleeve for motivating young people.

Cathy combines qualities of being a pro-active leader and a good team player. She looks forward to being actively involved in the Community.

She has full support from her husband Steve, and from their two children Jonathan & Amy. Amy has joined Bishop Wilson School and Jonathan is a student at Neston High School.



SHOTWICK CHURCH: FROM THE LANE:

Dates to note in 2009

Spring clean April 4th 10 – 12 noon

Good Friday Service 6 pm Friday 10th April

Easter Service 11h30 am Sunday 12th April

Burton Summer Fete Saturday 6th June

Harvest Festival Sunday 11th October

Remembrance Day Service 10h55 am Sunday 8th November

Christmas Carol Service Sunday 20th December 8 pm

Christmas Day 8 am Communion, 11h30 am Family Service.

Bell ringing practise every Friday evening: contact Frank Parry on 01244 881751

The organ

The organ is fixed after a break down and is once more fully functional. This is played expertly by June Pickard at the All Age Worship service.

Shotwick Fellowship

The Fellowship was founded in 1984 by the ladies mostly of Shotwick Village and Parish who attended St. Michael's regularly and held fund raising events. They decided they would like to meet monthly and Mrs Berry who was then the Churchwarden's wife offered her home. This was the start of a long and successful Fellowship. For several years the meetings have been held in the Two Mills Chapel, very well organised by Miss Brenda Lloyd and Mrs Gerry Challinor. Meetings open with a prayer and some relevant remarks by one of the Group; then a Speaker and finishing with tea and biscuits. A Bible Market was held every year for charitable giving. The numbers attending have dropped

Service Rota All services start at 11h30 am

First Sunday: All Age Worship
(Followed by coffee)
Second Sunday: Holy Communion
(Alternative Service book)

considerably and with it a drop in income and it was regretfully decided that December 2008 would be the last meeting. It was also decided that the remaining funds should be donated to St. Michael's Church, which was gratefully received.

Thanks are due

Thanks are due for all the wonderful help and support that we have enjoyed through two interregnums. Our particular thanks go to the Revd Geoffry Parsons, Basil Keys and John Morris-Best. These three Trojans have taken the bulk of Services at St Michael's. The only service we 'converged' was the 8 am Communion on Christmas Day with the 11.30 Family Service.

Thank you also to the Revd Stanley Walker, The Rural Deal Gordon Welch, the Revd John Labdon and visiting preachers Revds Ian Arch and Revd David Hay (formerly of Saughall & now resident in Mold).

Third Sunday: Matins
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)
Fourth Sunday: Holy Communion
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)
Fifth Sunday: Holy Communion
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

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