

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Third Sunday of Easter

New to St. Michael's?

Are you visiting St. Michael's today? Already a parishioner but looking to get more involved? Please email the Rev. John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org or send a text to 512-619- 8722.

You may also fill out a newcomer card and place it in the offering plate being passed during "the Peace." We are eager to get to know you and will follow up soon.

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings With Rev. John

From 11:30am to 12:30pm, in the parish hall – Together we will discuss the future of worship at St. Michael's, our ministry focused towards youth, and how we welcome newcomers in the future.

Town Hall Schedule

- Today- Worship
- April 22 - Children/youth
- April 29 - Newcomers



The Rev. Cindy Voorhees receives an ovation April 8 during announcements at the first Eucharist held inside St. James Episcopal Church in Newport Beach, California, since 2015. The Episcopal congregation in Southern California had been barred from its church for three years amid a property dispute with the diocese. Photo: Lissa Schairer

Going On Today

The first Town Hall meeting with Rev. John is today from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Announcements and Events

Join us for a new Bible Study on the Book of Acts, starting on **Tuesday, April 17**. During the Easter Season we will be reading through the Book of Acts in church on Sunday. **Come join us on Tuesdays at 12:10pm** for a Bible Study to learn more about this book and the early Christian community that it describes. Bring your Bible and your lunch and join us in Room 8. Questions? Contact **Rev. Brin** (brin@st-michaels.org).

It is St. Michael's turn to share worship and a meal with our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Trinity Center in downtown Austin on **Sunday April 22 from 2-4:30pm**. If you would like to help by welcoming neighbors, setting up for worship, or being part of the kitchen crew, please consider volunteering. Contact **Caroline Kibler** (caroline.kibler@gmail.com) to sign up. Please note that volunteers must be at least 11 years old.

Today's Scripture Readings

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space.
For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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EYC will be going to Trinity Center on April 22 and are in need of specific parishioner donations to take on the visit. This includes: Shirts in simple colors, in a variety of sizes; under and socks; Soap, soap holders, washcloths, lotion, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, towels, playing cards or travel games, notepads, art supplies such as colored pencils, word search puzzles or sudoku puzzles; varieties of snacks, including peanuts, bags of chips and cookies; water bottles, ball caps, and flashlights. Any donations can be brought to the Church Office, or contact **Rev. Brin** or **Marina Martin** (marinamartin2513@gmail.com) for more details.

The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group will be **Wednesday, April 25, at 2:30pm** in the library at the church. Please join us to discuss Foreign Affairs by Alison Lurie. Contact **Jackie King** (jsking2010@yahoo.com) for more information.

St. Michael's Heritage Award Dinner honoring Tom Bray will be held in the Parish Hall, **Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 6:30pm**. Please plan to attend! All are welcome.

Heritage West Region Community of Hope International is hosting a day retreat, **Saturday, April 28**, from 9-2 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 1941 Webberville Rd, Austin, TX 78721. "Praying the liturgy of hours through the senses of sight, touch, smell, hearing, and taste." Each of the five sessions will include a brief talk about one of the senses, then individually followed by a choice of prayer styles that incorporate that sense. There will also be time for reflection and relaxation. Suggested donation is \$11. Continental breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact **Pat Beachy** (pkbeachy@att.net). **RSVP by April 24.**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to Speak in Austin, May 5 - Adult formation leaders from Austin area churches invite you on **Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 am** to hear **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry speak about discipleship**. There will be formation opportunities leading up to this event as well as following centered on "Becoming Disciples." Call 512.476.3523.

St. Michael's spring clean-up is coming up on **Saturday, May 5th** and we're in need of volunteers to assist in cleaning outside around the campus, in a variety of tasks and teams. Breakfast in the form of donuts, coffee, and juice will be available at 7:30am, and lunch from noon to 1pm -- both in the Parish Hall. For more information contact **Michael Reeves** (parishadmin@st-michaels.org) and **Bob Moody** (furlongmoodys@gmail.com).

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Vacation Bible Camp and Student Service Camp, 1-4pm June 4-8, 2018 - Registration is open! Please sign up using this link <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/stmichaels2018> or on the church website. **VBC is for rising K through 5th grade.** Student Service camp is for rising 6th through 12th graders - students can earn 20 service hours for helping with VBC. Adult volunteers can also register to help on the above link Contact **Donna Hulsey** (donnahulsey5@gmail.com) for more information and if you would like to donate supplies.

VBC Needs Christmas Trees - Christmas in June? Not quite, but Vacation Bible Camp would love to borrow your artificial tree, any size, for a week of woody, rolling-river fun. To lend a tree (and stand, if needed), please place your name somewhere on the tree and drop it off in the church office no later than Memorial Day. We will return it by June 10. Questions? **Contact Donna** before dropping off any tree. (DonnaHulsey5@gmail.com).

Faith on the Run - Come join other walkers and runners of faith for Faith on the Run! We meet (almost) **every Monday at 7am at "The Rock"** on Town Lake on the north end of the Mopac pedestrian bridge. We start with a prayer and then hit the trail. Walker and runners of all speeds and abilities are welcome! To receive notifications, including any possible changes to our routine, please sign up for the GroupMe "Faith on the Run" forum at https://groupme.com/join_group/35150442/8P0ixA. For more info, contact **Rev. Brin**.

Formation and Education

Sunday Seekers Book Study meets in the Bride's Room at **9am**. The group is reading the book 'God's Voice Within: The Ignatian Way to Discover God's Will,' by Mark Thibodeaux. **Contact Phyllis Bles** (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Children's and Youth Ministries

9am Fellowship for all our students and children is available in the education wing before church. Come and join us at 9am for breakfast and to hang out with your friends. **Nursery care for all infants through 3 years old is available from 9am-11:30pm.**

10am Sunday School for all children and students - preschool to 12th grade - takes place during the 10am Worship Service. Everyone comes to the education wing before the beginning of the service and is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with family and friends.

Children's Music Program for K through 5th grade - Brenda Simms, a parishioner/Choir-member, and children meets on **Sundays at 9am**, before the service in the Education Wing to learn new songs and practice lifting their voices to the Lord. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda (brenda@stmichaels.org). Children are welcome to join at any time.

Pastoral Care And More

Pastoral Care Team

If you find yourself in need of prayer during times of illness, hospitalization, loss, personal crises or anticipating hospitalization, please contact Rev. Brin, so we can coordinate a visit with you.

Altar Flowers

Please donate to our flower ministry by dedicating in honor of someone you love, or simply making an offering. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is for all 6th-12 grades and meets regularly during the school year after the 10am service. See the calendar on the Student Ministry website page for more details. Contact **Marina Martin** (marinamartin2513@gmail.com) or **Rev. Brin** for more information.

Conversations with our New Rector - St. Michaels will hold small gatherings over the next several months in parishioner's homes for you to meet and visit with the Rev. John Newton. We will limit these gatherings to about 20 people each so that John is able to talk and meet people in a more intimate setting: Tues., April 24 - 6:30-8:30, FULL - Killough (Westlake); Sun, May 6 - 4:30-6:30, Heinze (Cedar Park) Wed, May 16 - 6:30-8:30, Healy (Westlake) If you are interested in attending one of these parties, please RSVP to **Margo Russell** (margo@russellcpa.com).

Around The Horn - News From Around the Episcopal News Service and SMEC



Credit: Stocksnap

<http://www.anglicannews.org/> - Research conducted for the Church of England suggests that almost three quarters of unmarried adults under the age of 35 still dream of getting married. The figure is taken from a survey conducted by 9Dot-Research for the C of E's Life Events team. It would appear to contradict statistics for the actual number of weddings which show a continuing decline in both absolute numbers and in the rate: figures for opposite-sex marriage in 2015 show that there were 21.7 marriages per thousand unmarried men and 19.8 marriages per thousand unmarried women - the lowest rate on record.

The research company surveyed 1,085 unmarried people between the ages of 18 and 35 on 14th and 15th November 2017. Just 07% of this initial sample said that they "had no intention of ever being married". They were excluded from the latter part of the survey on factors that would influence their wedding plans, giving a sample size of 1,012.

Almost six in 10 (59%) said that they would like to marry at some point. Just over one in 10 (12%) said they were engaged and planning their upcoming nuptials. Significantly, the survey also suggests that millennials - a nickname given to people reaching young adulthood in the early 21st century - attach a special importance to church weddings, with more young people preferring to marry in a church or chapel (47%) than a register office or town hall (34%). Those who would consider a church wedding were asked why it appealed to them from a list of options. Almost a third said that it felt like a "proper" wedding (31%). Marrying before God or receiving a blessing, was also in the top 10 (the seventh most chosen option). Millennials were also strongly drawn to "traditional / conventional" wedding venues (72%).

"It's encouraging to see that young people are still thinking and planning for a wedding," the Revd Dr Sandra Millar, the Church of England's head of Life Events, said. "Research suggests marriage is seen as the 'crown' on a long-term relationship, and despite the fact that many may be delaying or choosing not to marry at all, the idea of a special, beautiful wedding day is still one of life's big dreams.

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