

St Michaels Michael Fest Celebrations - 2013

Our weekend of celebrations started on Friday 27th September 2013 with a Musical Evening; it was lovely to see the Church full. Our thanks go to Kieran who did a great job as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Peter our organist and Graham our photographer. We hope there was something for everyone!

We would like to thank our performers who were:

Almost Angels Choir from nearby Avening who parishioners Jane and Kieran belong; Singing for Fun from Cirencester including Chris who is also the organist at St Peter's Church; Oboe Trio Rachel, Emily and John; Flautist Fr Bill Watson of Woodchester and Stonehouse and Soloists Canon Tom Gunning and Lucy Marsh.

We were delighted that younger members of our Parish Family also took part; Niamh sang a beautiful solo; Emily and Hannah played the piano. I am sure their parents must have been very proud of them. Then we came to the final performance, which was a wonderful treat! Our own Parish Priest Fr Isidore Obi played a drum and sang a Nigerian song whilst wearing traditional costume; he was magnificent. I gave a word of thanks to all who took part on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and the evening finished with that wonderful hymn 'How Great thou art'.

The evening raised £400 for CAFOD and we look forward to welcoming the artists plus a few more back next year!

We held an Autumn Fayre on the Saturday with all the usual stalls, BBQ and other refreshments. We thank all those who helped to organise the fayre, donated prizes including local businesses, donated goods to sell, helped on the stalls and cleared away afterwards. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes preparing for an event and our sincere thanks go especially to John, Mary, Fran, Graham and Pat. We raised £685 towards Parish Funds.

Our celebrations finished on Sunday with a Mass of celebration which Fr Izzy presided at; young members of our parish family, Daisy, Lucy, Emily and Hannah proclaimed the Word of God. The Church had been beautifully decorated by our flower ladies and the smell was lovely.

It was important to come together as a Parish Family to celebrate Mass on the last day of our Michael Fest celebrations; the weekend has hopefully been about the Parish coming together in celebration of our Patron Saint.

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