

**St Michael's Maintenance
Appeal Committee**

We are desperate for donations for the tombola and raffle prizes, so please look to see if you have any items for the tombola and raffle prizes. **We cannot do this without your help. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Tea & Toast on Saturday 2nd March, we made £401.** See Lynne Corker or you can put items in the old flower storage place, on the shelves on the right hand side. **This place is opposite the Church organ.** The committee is seeking you inspiration for new and different stalls, so please let the committee know your ideas.

LENT PRAYER TIME

This Thursday we will be praying for our country, the government and MP's using Psalm 72. All welcome. This will be followed by a Soup Lunch provided by the VML Wellbeing Group

Food Bank

The food bank collection place is in the cupboard at the back of church for you to put your donations of food or money in. **The Foodbank warehouse is well stocked but need UHT Milk and Long Life Fruit Juice, plain 550g bags pasta, tinned tomatoes, toothpaste. The food bank would prefer their regular donors to avoid giving beans if possible as they always receive plenty of these from supermarket donations.**

This week we donated £30 to the Food bank. Will let you know next

week what we sent in food

Please can I ask you to check the dates on your donated goods. The Foodbank need a longish sell by date as it doesn't always immediately go out for distribution. Just a thought. If it makes it any easier a money donation [instead of food] might be an option. Any spare change ; or a regular small amount each week would be useful. It costs over £12.000 a year to cover the cost of maintaining the foodbank. Perhaps something you could bear in mind for the future. Thanks Joan

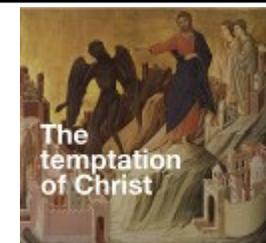
**Used stamps support
Kidney Patients**

Today were sent off another 1000 stamps making 3000 to date in 2019. Your support is much appreciated for improving life for kidney patients. Please remember to leave 1cm around each stamp. Our latest parcel contained many Commonwealth countries, European countries, and some unused stamps from the Olympic Games over the years. As we enter Lent can we double our numbers by Easter ? Many thanks for your continuing support and please try to involve relatives and friends in helping our campaign.

David Walker



**Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 10th March 2019
1st Sunday of Lent**



Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion
Rev Vicki Schofield
10.00am Holy Communion
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Mission Praise
400 Lead, us heavenly Father
Romans 10: 8b-13
HB40 O God beyond all praising
Luke 4: 1-13
705 Thy hand oh God has guided
590 *Seek ye first*
HB7 *Brother, Sister let me serve you*
160 Forty days and Forty nights
6.45pm Bible Study (Walpole Rd)

Monday 11th March

9.00am-10.30am Little Treasures
Tots Group.

Tuesday 12th March

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 13th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th March

7.30am-9.00am Bible Study with
Breakfast in the
Meeting Room
10.30am-12.30pm Places of Welcome
12.00noon-12.30pm Lent Prayer
time
12.30pm Lent Lunch

Saturday 16th March

11.00am Baptism Preparation

Sunday 17th March

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Celebration
6.45pm Bible Study (Walpole Rd)



Contacts

Vicar: Rev Vicki Schofield
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This week Vicki is off
Friday

Church Mobile
Bookings for baptisms and weddings
Tel: 07722470940 and speak to
Robbie

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www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk
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Collect and Readings

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Romans 10: 8b-13

⁸ In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." ¹² Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.

¹³ For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

Luke 4: 1-13

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. ³ Then the devil said to him, "If you are the

Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. ⁷ I will give it all to you if you will worship me." ⁸ Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off!" ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. ¹¹ And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" ¹² Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HELP HALTON HOMELESS

Do you have any unwanted glasses that you could donate to HALTON HAVEN HOSPICE? Working with local charity Nightstop they help people that might not be able to access opticians. Please drop your unwanted spectacles at the Hospice reception or their shops in High Street, Runcorn or Main Street, Frodsham.

Thank you

David Walker

Renewing the Electoral Roll

This year, in common with all parishes in the Church of England, we are required to create a new Electoral Roll. The present Electoral Roll becomes invalid and previously entered names are not carried forward onto the new roll. All church members are invited to complete a fresh application in order to be entered on the new roll. The official notice for the preparation of a new roll has been posted on the notice board in the church porch.

Application Forms are at the back of Church, please would complete your form and return it to me or place in the folder provided as soon as possible.

Application Forms must be returned no later than **Sunday 17th March 2019**.

The new roll will be compiled and will be on display in church by **30th March 2019** in preparation for the Annual Parish General Meeting.

Helen Owen

Electoral Roll Officer

March

On Loneliness

1st March-31st March

Voluntary Service - Wellbeing Enterprises - Vision Support

March On Loneliness

Halton Borough Council - Halton Health Improvement Team - Sure Start to Later Life - Halton CCG

Loneliness can affect anyone, young and old alike. As part of our campaign to put a #HaltOnLoneliness, we want to get Halton marching on loneliness throughout March! You can March on Loneliness at any time or place, for as long as you like, as fast or slow as you can manage. All we ask is that you take part with others and share a photo on social media with the hashtag #HaltOnLoneliness. Maybe you can get your school or community group involved

If you or someone you know is affected by loneliness call Sure Start to Later Life on 0151 907 8311. We can signpost you to local support and services for over 55s. Share and help us put a #HaltOnLoneliness

Please the posters on the Notice boards