

**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. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Tea & Toast and Carols around the Tree on Saturday.

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.

Church Prayer List

The church prayer list is now on the notice board at the back of church. This has a list of people who need praying for. If you know of anybody who needs praying for, please add their names to the list.

Crafters

On Wednesday 12th December after the Morning service and refreshments, Canon Bob and John Wilson from the Seafarers of Liverpool will be coming to collect the clothes and shoe boxes. There will be a meagre lunch of soup and cake. Can you please let Marge Kenwright know if you are coming so she can sort the food. She would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has knitted and donated the items for the show boxes, it was greatly appreciated.

Marge Kenwright

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 still want food, and they would like you to donate the following items: Mashed Potato, Jam, tinned fish, chocolate and treats. (We now have enough shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, cereal and pasta. for the moment) The food bank would prefer their regular donors to avoid giving pasta and beans if possible as they always receive plenty of these from supermarket donations. This week we donated 9.5kgs in food and £33 in money** Grateful thanks to the congregation of St Michael's for their ongoing support. As you and they well know, we rely completely on churches, schools, organisations and individuals for both financial and food gifts. Without such ongoing support, we could not continue to help people in crisis in our area.

The last date for Christmas items will be Wednesday 5th December. After that it will be too late to get it to the warehouse on time for Christmas distribution.

Many thanks Joan

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Michaels is holding a Christmas Tree festival from the 3rd December till 8th December. **The times are Monday –Friday 3.15pm—7.00pm and Saturday 11.00am– 6-00pm.**

Entrance is **£3 Adult and Children free** if accompanied by an Adult.



**Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 2nd December 2018
1st Sunday of Advent**



Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion

Rev Vicki Schofield

10.00am Morning Celebration

Rev Helen Browne

Bob Browne

Mission Praise

HB 32 Longing for light(v1 & Chorus)

759 When the trumpet of the Lord

266 I cannot tell

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

575 Rejoice, the Lord is King

424 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

12.00noon Café Church

6.30pm Bible Study (Malpas Rd)

Monday 3rd December

9.00am-10.30am Little Treasures
Tots Group.

Tuesday 4th December

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 5th December

10.00am Holy Communion

1.00pm The funeral of Brenda
Burgan

Thursday 6th December

7.30am-9.00am Bible Study with
Breakfast in the
Meeting Room

10.30am-12.30pm Places of Welcome

Saturday 8th December

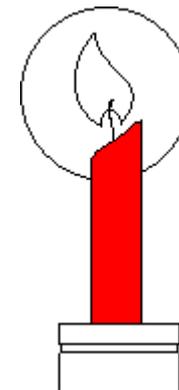
11.00am Baptism Preparation

Sunday 9th December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm Bible Study (Malpas Rd)



Contacts

**Vicar: Rev Vicki Schofield
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This week Vicki is off on
Tuesday**

Church Mobile

**Bookings for baptisms and weddings
Tel: 07722470940 and speak to
Robbie**

Church website

www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk

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**Saint Michael and All Angels
Church, Runcorn**

Collect and Readings

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

⁹ How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. ¹⁰ Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. ¹¹ May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. ¹² And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. ¹³ May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

Luke 21: 25-36

²⁵ "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. ²⁶ People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and

great glory. ²⁸ So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!" ²⁹ Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. ³⁰ When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. ³¹ In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. ³² I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. ³⁴ "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GIVING by Text

We have another way for people to give to St Michael's. If you have a mobile phone you can give by text giving. You send texts to **70070** and in the message you put **STMC03** and then followed by the amount say **£10** or it can be **£1, £2, £3, £4, £5**.

Used stamps support Kidney Patients

Please donate to Kidney Care UK to help improve life for kidney patients. The collection box is on the community table by the baptistry, don't forget the stamps and remember to leave 1cm border around the stamp or stamps. Encourage your relatives and friends to join the campaign
THANK YOU for choosing Kidney Care UK
David Walker

Easy Fundraising

Christmas is coming soon so if you are buying on the internet and from places like Amazon, PC World, Boots etc, then go to the Easy Fundraising website and register with St Michael's. You can go thro this website to the company you are buying from. Or see Brian or Colin and they will explain how to do it. If are going to book foreign holidays and flights, encourage your friends and relatives to nominate St Michael and All Angels as there chosen charity on the site.

To sign up, go to the Easyfundraising website and type in www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelallangelschurchruncorn/

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 Sreet, Runcorn or Main Street, Frodsham.

Thank you

David Walker

LIGHT A LITTLE CANDLE.

Fifty years ago on 7th of December 1968 hundreds gathered in Lincoln Cathedral to take part in the first Christingle Service held by the Children's Society. In 1969 there were 7 services, 1970 there were 18 and to-day thousands of churches and schools will hold Christingle services. Today's symbolism of the Christingle is that the orange is the world and the lighted candle is Jesus, light of the world. The red ribbon of the blood Jesus shed and the 4 cocktail sticks with raisins and sweets the 4 seasons, and God's bounty in providing the fruits of the earth. Many churches hold their service on Christmas Eve to mark the start of their Christmas celebrations with shops closed. The service is a beautiful tradition that brings light to the darkest month of the year, and as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, it still captivates the young as much as ever.

David Walker

The Children's Society

A huge thank you to all the box holders for their generosity this year, despite so many demands from very worthy causes we have managed to raise a magnificent **£1765.69**, an increase of almost **£380** on last years total. On behalf of the Children's Society thank you for your ongoing support.

Margaret Batters