

St Michael's Maintenance Appeal Committee

Donations are still needed for tombola and raffle prizes.

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.** A big thank you to everyone who supported the Tea & Toast on Saturday 3rd February.

The next Tea & Toast is on Saturday 3rd March 2018. The Special stall for the March T&T is Cakes, so if you can make donate any cakes please let Lynne Corker know. Also if you can donate any Easter Eggs for the Easter Tombola that would greatly appreciated.

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 that needs praying for. please add their names to the list.

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 now not full, and they would like you to start to donate food again. So watch this email for the food they need.** The usual phrase applies-all donations are gratefully received. **Many thanks Joan**

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.**

Crafters

We are collecting for the Seafarers again. So we need good, clean clothing, Chocolate and travel deodorants. John Wilson from the seafarers will be here to collect the items on Tuesday 24th April. If you are bringing clothes in for the Seafarers, can you please see Marge Kenwright before you put them in the storage place.

Lent Prayer Time & Lunches

This Thursday. Half an hour of led prayer in Meeting Room, thinking about Jesus' words 'I am the light of the world'. Followed by lunch in provided by the Places of Welcome team.

Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean in Mersey Ward

Last year a number of groups organised litter picks in and around their own buildings and projects. I am writing to see if you would be interested in taking part again this year? You do not have to arrange the litter pick on the 10th March, but anytime in the week before or afterwards. If you're interested to help litter pick, please see Vicki



Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels Sunday 25th February 2018 2nd of Sunday Lent



Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion

Rev Vicki Schofield

10.00am Holy Communion

Mission Praise

Rev Vicki Schofield

46 Awake, awake, O Zion

Romans 4: 13-25

143 Fight the good fight

Mark 8: 31-38

16 All my hope on God is founded

746 What a friend we have in Jesus

115 Do not be afraid

784 Ye servants of God

6.45pm Bible Study group
(Malpas Road)

Monday 26th February

9.00am-10.30am Little Treasures
Tots Group.

Tuesday 27th February

10.00am Crafters

Wednesday 28th February

10.00am Holy Communion in the
Meeting Room

Thursday 1st March

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

11.00am Places of Welcome

11.30am Lent Prayer time in
Meeting Room

12.00noon Lunch in the Meeting
Room

Saturday 3rd March

10.00am-12.00noon Tea & Toast

Sunday 4th March

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Morning Celebration

12.00noon **Café Church**

6.45pm Bible Study group
(Walpole Road)



Contacts

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Not this Friday

Church Mobile

Bookings for baptisms and weddings

Tel: **07722470940** and speak to

Robbie

Church website

www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk

Facebook

Saint Michael and All Angels
Church, Runcorn

Collect and Readings

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Romans 4: 13-25

¹³ Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith.

¹⁴ If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless.

¹⁵ For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!) ¹⁶ So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. ¹⁷ That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

¹⁸ Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing

that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" ¹⁹ And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. ²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. ²² And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. ²³ And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded ²⁴ for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

Mark 8: 31-38

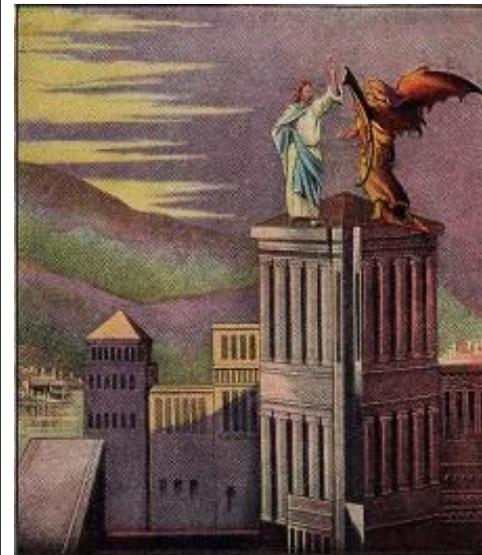
³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.

³² As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. ³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." ³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must

give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. ³⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Easy Fundraising

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.

50/50 Club

The Maintenance Appeal Committee run a 50/50 club to raise funds for the up keep of the church and its that time of the year again for people to renew their membership. If you are still continuing or don't want to continue in the 50/50 club please see the person who collects your money. We have lost a few members this coming year so if you want to join, it's a £1 a week, please see **Brian Lunt**. You will be allocated a number and the draw takes place every week for a weekly prize and monthly prize. 50% of the money raised goes to the church and 50% in prize money.

Old £10 Notes

There are £2.2billion paper notes still in circulation and they cease to be legal tender on 1st March. The church collection plate will happily accept any paper note that you possess

