

## Fundraising

**We are in need of donations for the tombola and raffle prizes for Tea & Toast**, so please have a look to see if you have any items for the tombola and raffle prizes. **We cannot do this without your help.** So if you can please donate any of these items please 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.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

### Tea and Toast :

There will **NOT** be a tea and toast on **1st January**, but it will resume on **5th February 2022.**

### Food Bank

Remember the collection place is in the cupboard at the back of church. The Food Bank warehouse is very well stocked at present and no further donations of food are required until the New Year. If you would like to give a donation towards their administrative costs, please visit their website <https://runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to make sure no one in our community goes hungry.

**Blessings, Helen**

### Masks and precautions

**In light of the Omicron variant, please continue to sanitise your hands and maintain social distancing. In addition, we ask that you wear a mask or visor wherever practical in church.**

**Thanks for your patience in all of this.**

## Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team exists to keep in touch with church members and offer support if needed. If you need to contact the Team, please get in touch with Helen Browne or Rosemary Lunt, who are the co-ordinators.

### Kidney Care Uk

**Please continue to collect the stamps from your letters etc.**  
**Please remember to leave a 1 cm margin all round the stamps.** The container for your stamps is at back of church. David's family will continue to collect the stamps.

### Faculty

The faculty for the Nave altar and the removal of 4 Tramway pews from the Baptistry has been posted on the Notice board outside and on the website. If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to the **Diocesan Registrar at Diocesan Register, Diocese of Chester, Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington. WA4 4GE** or email to [jo.williams@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jo.williams@chester.anglican.org)  
The letter of objection must reach the registrar not later than **17/1/2022** and must include your name, address and state whether you live in the parish or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish.



## Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels Sunday 2nd January 2022 **Epiphany**



### Services Today

**8.30am** Holy Communion

**Rev Helen Browne**

**10.00am** Morning Celebration

**Rev Helen Browne**

**Bob Browne**

**Mission Praise**

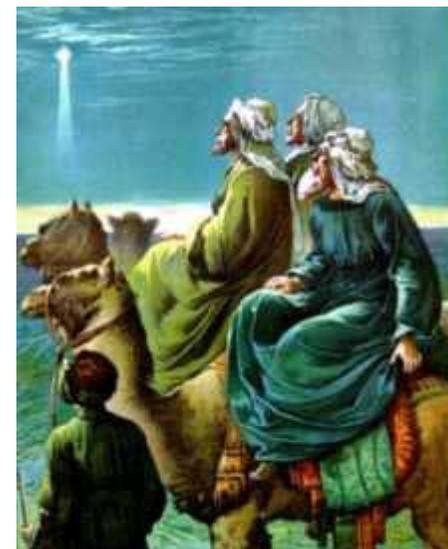
**35** Angels from the realms of  
Glory

O worship the Lord in the beauty  
of holiness

**Ephesians 3: 1-12**

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

As with the gladness men of old  
We three kings of Orient are



### Tuesday 4th January

**10.00am-12.00noon** Crafters

### Wednesday 5th January

**10.00am** Holy Communion

### Friday 7th January

**2.00pm** The funeral of Linda  
Hayes

### Saturday 8th January

**11.00am** Baptism Prep

### Sunday 9th January

**8.30am** Holy Communion

**10.00am** Holy Communion

**Any queries please contact our  
Vicar: Rev Karen Brady  
on 01928 831795**

**or**

**07419820864**

**or**

**email [revkarenbrady@gmail.com](mailto:revkarenbrady@gmail.com)  
But not on a Friday.**

**or the Church Mobile**

Bookings for baptisms and weddings

**Tel: 07722470940 and speak to  
Robbie**

**Church website**

**[www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk](http://www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk)**

**Facebook**

**Saint Michael and All Angels  
Church,**

## Collect & Readings

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

## **Ephesians 3: 1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles <sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

<sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

## **Matthew 2: 1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over

the place where the child was.

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **Post Communion**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Can we help by 'Filling the Gap'?**

Can St Michael's serve our community and enhance our Children & Families ministry by 'Filling the Gap'? Rev Gill Foster and Wendy Robertson will be coming to our service on 16th Jan to tell us more. Please do pray about this and come to the service if you can.



## **Easyfundraising**

**If you buy from companies like Boots, PC World, Amazon, Lakeland, but to name a few, please go to the Easyfundraising website and register. The website is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causesstmichaelallangelschurchruicorn/> All you need to do when you have registered is, to go to the website and find the company you are buying from. That company will then donate a percentage back to St Michael's. If you have already registered and not used the site for a while please go through easyfundraising. If you want anymore information about this please see Brian Lunt or Colin Keam and they can explain the process.**