#### Fundraising We are currently seeking donations of prizes for Tea & Toasts, so if you have any bottles of spirits or wine that you have spare could you please donate them as we are looking for raffle prizes. Also we are desperately in need prizes for the Tombola if you can help please see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton.

#### **Runcorn Food Bank**

This week the Food Bank needs tinned meat, tinned fish, fruit juice, long grain rice, tinned tomatoes, instant soup, fruit juice, household cleaning products and shower gel. Please put donations of food or money into the cupboard at the back of church.

### LENT LUNCHES and PRAYER TIME

2024 During Lent we will be holding Lent prayer times and lunches on Fridays in the Meeting Room until 22nd March The prayer

times will be half an hour of creative

Please do keep in touch with us here at St Michaels, we would like to hear from you again.

Any enquiries relating in booking a Baptism, Wedding or funeral can be made through our Admin Officer, Robbie on preferably email stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com or the church mobile 07722470940

For safeguarding matters email safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com

Our Vicar, Revd George Roach can be contacted on 01928 832734 or vicar.smaaruncorn@gmail.com The Vicars rest day is **Friday** 

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prayer, easy to join in with, starting at 12.00noon. The prayer time will be followed by a bread and soup lunch, kindly provided by Robbie and VML helper's at 12.30 p.m. Donations this year will be sent to the British Red Cross which will be used to help with the help in Gaza. ALL WELCOME, WHENEVER YOU CAN MAKE IT

### **EASTER BINGO**

There is to be an Easter Bingo fundraising event in the Meeting Room at Church on Saturday 23rd March with eyes down at 7.00pm. Prizes sought please- Easter eggs for a line, Biscuits/Wine/ Chocolates for a house.

Please donate prizes to Rosemary Lunt.

Thank You

## Mothering Sunday

A **big thank you** to everyone that turned up on Saturday to make the daffodil bunches. Revd George and the Churchwardens

and All As

## Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels Sunday 10th March 2024 4th Sunday of Lent **Mothering Sunday**

THE CHILD'S FATHER AND MOTHER WERE AMAZED AT WHAT WAS SPOKEN ABOUT HIM. - LUKE 2:33

Welcome to St Michael and All Angels this morning! If you are new here, please make sure you say **HELLO** to the church staff and volunteers who will do all they can to assist vou.

This service sheet is available in large print and blue paper for those with visual impairment or learning differences

### **Services Today**

10.30am Holy Communion **Revd George Roach** Mission Praise 23 All things bright and beautiful Psalm 127: 1-4 **152** For the beauty of the earth Luke 2: 33-35 A new commandment I give unto

5.30pm Sacred Space Meditation Group in the Meeting Room.

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Here is Love vast as the ocean When love came down to earth lesus puts a song into our hearts

Regular Activities at St Michaels 12.30pm

**Tuesday 12th March** 10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 13th March **10.00am** Holy Communion

Friday 15th March Prayer Time 12.00 noon



Lent Lunch

Sunday 17th March 10.30am Holy Communion **5.30pm** Sacred Space

Meditation Group in the Meeting Room.



## Collect & Readings

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

## Psalm 127: 1-4

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. <sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat for he grants sleep to those he loves. <sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

## Luke 2: 33-35

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

## Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord

# COLLECT WEDNESDAY

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Sacred Space Meditation Group

You are warmly invited to our lent meditation group here at St Michael and All Angels, Runcorn.

Come and join us in the church hall for silence, reflection and peace every Sunday afternoon at 5.30pm on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th of March.

No equipment needed other than comfortable clothing and maybe your favourite blanket. Tea and Coffee served afterwards !



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