#### **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. Special stall for April T&T is Spring Cleaning Products, if you can help in donating items please leave them in church

## Runcorn Food Bank

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

Recently we donated 18.75kg of food.

prayer times and lunches on Fridays in the Meeting Room until 22nd March The prayer times will be



half an hour of creative 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 <u>British Red Cross</u> 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.

# LENT LUNCHES and PRAYER TIME Thank You 2024

During Lent we will be holding Lent

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** 

We are continuing to grow our social media presence, please do search for us on **Facebook and X!** or on our website www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk



Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels Sunday 17th March 2024 5th Sunday of Lent



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 you.

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
200 Great is Thy faithfulness Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hb 14 From the squalor of a borrowed stable (Repeat last 4 lines)
John 12: 20-33
142 Father, we love you *Amazing Grace How great thou art*315 I will sing the wondrous Story

#### 5.30pm Sacred Space Meditation Group in the Meeting Room.



# Regular Activities at St Michaels

Tuesday 19th March 10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 20th March 10.00am Holy Communion

Friday 22nd March 12.00 noon Prayer Time 12.30pm Lent Lunch Saturday 23rd March 7.00pm Eyes down for the Easter Bingo

Sunday 24th March

10.30am Holy Communion
12.30pm Baptism
5.30pm Sacred Space Meditation Group in the Meeting Room.

# Collect & Readings

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

## Jeremiah 31: 31-34

<sup>31</sup> "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

# John 12: 20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

<sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me: and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. <sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."<sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

## Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## Sacred Space Meditation Group

You are warmly invited to our ent 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 !



St Michael and All Angels, Greenway Road, Runcorn, WA7 - 5BS

#### A GOOD FUN NIGHT at

St Michael and All Angels Greenway Road Runcorn



