

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 bottles of any sort please.** if you can help please see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton. We are also looking for donation of Easter Eggs for the Tea & Toast tombola (5th April and the Easter bingo (11th April). If you can help donate please see Rosemary or Barbara.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs biscuits, tea bags, rice pudding, size 6 & 7 nappies, clothes washing powder or pods and bags for life. **PLEASE NO BEANS.** This year we are donating food for the animals as well as for the people. If you could please donate dog or cat food put it in the basket at the back of church.

Car Parking

In the interest of good community relations with the local residents

please can we **NOT park** in Fox Street or Eaton Street outside peoples homes. Please park on Victoria Road or in the cemetery. Please can you only use the church car park if you are mobility impaired or are carrying items for church events. Thank you

Important Notice

From Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday) we will be reintroducing the passing of the collection plate.

PEW DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

"Next Sunday 30th March there will be another open conversation surrounding the potential reordering of the pews. The proposal being put forward will be to move forward with the reordering of the North Isle for essential Storage, and for the removal of *one choir pew* from each side of the Chancel, creating a wider more versatile space, yet retaining half of the original pews. Please come along!

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 mobile 07718133018**

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** or on our website **www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk**



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 23rd March 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent
Theme: "The Fruit or
Repentance"



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

8.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9
10.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
67 Breathe on me breath of God
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
31 Amazing Grace
Luke 13: 1-9
825 Faithful One
*Holy Spirit living breath
of God
Purify my heart*
560 Praise my soul the King of
Heaven



Regular Activities at St Michael's

Tuesday 25th March
10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 26th March
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th March
10.30am Bible Study led by

Revd Helen Browne

Sunday 30th March
8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
Mothering Sunday

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of

them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the

man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ⁸"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Information

'The Wardens politely ask that if any member of the congregation needs to speak to Rev George on a Sunday morning, would they please leave it until the service is over. This gives George the space to prepare and pray for the service without interruption. This will help enormously. Thank you.'

Bible/Prayer Journaling

A Bible/prayer Journaling Session, run by Joan Clare, has been arranged for **Saturday 29th March between 2.00pm and 4.00pm**. Please put your name down at the back of the church to register your interest.

YOU DON'T NEED: -

- * A special journaling bible
- * To be artistic

* To have lots of craft materials

YOU DO WANT: -

- *To draw closer to God
- *To deepen your faith
- *To further your understanding of the bible

You might like to bring a bible that you want to start journaling in. Materials for journaling will be provided.

Lent lunches & prayer times

These will take place weekly on Mondays during Lent, from 10th March onwards.

12.00 Prayer time

12.30 Soup & bread lunch

Donations to Runcorn Food Bank

Lent Meditation Group

The Lent Meditation group will take place on **Tuesday 25th March and Tuesday 1st & 8th April @ 6.00pm**. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

PASTORAL TEAM:

There is to be a meeting set for the pastoral care team very soon, date to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on the pew sheet.

