

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 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.

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,'

Lent Meditation Group

The Lent Meditation group will take place on **Tuesday 8th April @ 6.00pm.**
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

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**

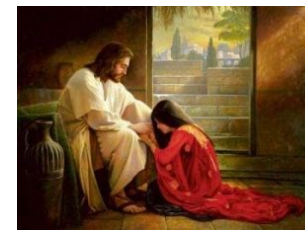
For safeguarding matters email safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com

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 6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent
Theme: "DEVOTION"



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

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

10.30am Café Church

Revd George Roach

Light of the world-Here I am to worship

All I once held dear

Empty broken here I stand

John 12: 1-8



Regular Activities at St Michael's

Tuesday 8th April

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

7.30pm Bible Study

Wednesday 9th April

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 10th April

10.30am Bible Study led by

Revd Helen Browne

Sunday 13th April

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

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.

Philippians 3.4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him

in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

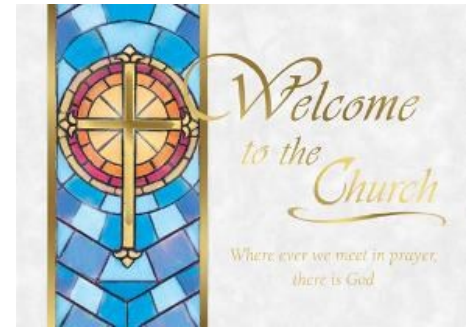
John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she

should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

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.



IMPORTANT

"On Monday 31st March at 2.00pm the PCC of St Michael & All Angels discussed the proposal given by Revd. George to move forward with Phase 1 and 2 of the reordering of the internal Pews.

Phase 1 will be the removal of the rear choir pews in the chancel, only the rear ones. The central pews both Left and right will potentially be moved backwards along with the Pew frontals. This will create a wider and more versatile space without sacrificing the traditional look of the chancel. A further idea is to seek to carpet the wider area so as to protect the present Mosaic for the future.

Phase 2 will be removal and recycling of the pews in the North Aisle so as to build much needed storage and add a little more isle space. All potential works carried out will still need to be proposed to, and be under the guidance of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Diocese Of Chester".