

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.

Looking ahead to the January Tea & Toast 'ordinary' tombola items.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs mashed potato, long life milk, jam, tinned rice pudding and toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, shampoo). **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.

Church Work

Work to begin in the hall on the 6th January 2024. Please be patient with us and please note that the hall will be out of bounds for a while. For toilets, please use the Vestry Toilet

by the Vicars office at the front of the Church when applicable.

Car Parking

In the interest of good community relations with the local residents please can we **NOT park** in Fox Street or Shaw 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

WELCOME

A huge St Michaels welcome to Revd Jill Elston who is presiding at our 10.30am Holy Communion service this morning.

" There will be a Christmas Tree Festival debrief meeting on **Wednesday 22/1/25 at 7 pm, in the Jose Colley room.**

This meeting is open to all and we welcome anyone who has ideas for improvement or who wishes to volunteer etc."

Thank you. Rosemary.



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 12th January 2025
1st Sunday of Epiphany
Theme: 'Gods Assurance and Promise'



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

Matthew 2: 1-12

10.30am Holy Communion

Revd Jill Elston

Mission Praise

538 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

Isaiah 43: 1-7

115 Do not be afraid

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

857 I the Lord of sea and sky

Oceans

Holy Spirit living breath of God

640 The Church's One Foundation



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

Regular Activities at St Michael

Tuesday 14th January

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

In the José Colley Room

Wednesday 15th January

10.00am Holy Communion

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Thursday 16th January

10.30am Bible Study led by Revd Helen Browne

Sunday 19th January

10.30am Holy Communion

Collect & Readings

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my

sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

