

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 desperately need prizes for the Tombola if can help please see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton. The special stall for February is 'Unwanted Christmas, Birthday or Holiday Gifts. So if you have any, could please donate them and bring them to church and see Lynne Corker

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs tinned meat, tinned fish, sponge puddings, rice puddings, custard, fruit juice, long life milk, coffee, tinned tomatoes, tin vegetables, tinned fruit, instant soup, fruit juice and bags for life or carrier bags. Please put donations of food or money into the cupboard at the back of church. Recently we donated £130 and 27.25kgs in food.

OLD PALM CROSSES

If you still have your old Palm Cross at home. Could you bring back to church please, so they can be prepared for Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!!!!

We are desperately in need of your help. We are short of help in the kitchen to do refreshments after the Sunday Service. You would only be doing this a minimum of every 4 weeks. If we don't get the people it could be the end of refreshments after the Sunday service. So if you can help, that is male or female please see Lynne Corker.

INFORMATION

"The PCC met recently and discussed the potential new vision for the growth of St Michael's. As a result, one thing to be aware of is the new Sunday service start time of **9.00am** for the BCP, and **10:30am** for the main services (Café Church and Holy Communion Sundays. This is a trial that will take place from the **first Sunday in February** (cafe style church) up to the APCM"

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 **07722470940** or email **stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com**

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 21st January 2024
3rd Sunday of Epiphany



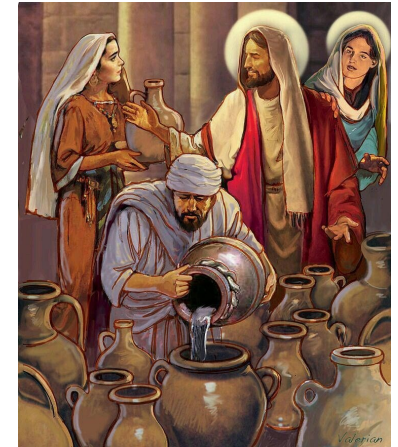
Welcome to St Michael and All Angels this morning!

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

10.00am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
Mission Praise and Pink Book
7 All creatures of our God
and King
Genesis 14: 17-20
Hb38 My Jesus, my saviour
John 2: 1-11
Hb51 The Lord's my Shepherd
I am the bread of life
New wine
449 Love divine, all loves
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Regular Activities at St Michaels

Monday 22nd January

12.30pm The funeral of Samuel
Bates

Tuesday 23rd January

10.00a-12.00noon Crafters

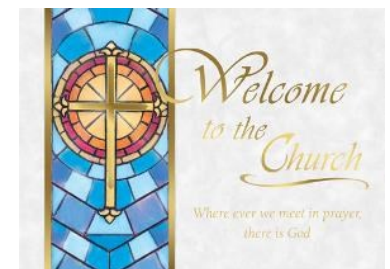
Wednesday 24th January

10.00am Holy Communion
Acts 9: 1-22
Matthew 19: 27-end

1.30pm The funeral of Mary
Stringer

Sunday 28th January

10.00am Holy Communion



Collect & Readings

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Genesis 14: 17-20

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

John 2: 1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he

tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Wednesday's Readings

Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim

my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Matthew 19: 27-end

²⁷ Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" ²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.