

## 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.

## Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs Long life milk, tinned vegetables, children's breakfast cereal, tinned spaghetti, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, long grain rice.

## Bereavement Café

And these are the following dates:-

**Fridays-  
6th September, 4th October,  
8th November and 13th December.**

Each session is 12.00noon to 1.00pm  
Please come along.

## Café Church & Baptisms

The vicar and churchwardens would like to thank everyone who provided the food for the bring and share lunch for the baptisms of **Charlie, Josh & Ray** and to the people who organised it on the day. They would also like to thank every who turned up for this service in the Church Hall and making it a great experience and memorable day for the three lads.

**THANK YOU**



Parish Church of  
**St Michael and All Angels**  
**Sunday 8th September 2024**  
**15th Sunday after Trinity**



**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**

**496** O for a thousand tongues to sing

**Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

**Hb10** Empty broken here I stand

**Mark 7: 24-37**

**115** Do not be afraid

*Amazing Grace*

*What a beautiful name*

**560** Praise my soul the King of heaven



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](mailto:stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com) or the church mobile 07731677693**

For safeguarding matters email [safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com)

Our Vicar, Revd George Roach can be contacted on **01928 832734** or **[vicar.smaaruncorn@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk)**

## Regular Activities at St Michaels

**Monday 9th September**

**9.00am** Prayer group by Zoom

**Tuesday 10th September**

**10.00am-12.00noon** Craft-ers

**7.30pm** Bible Study led by Revd George Roach

**Wednesday 11th September**

**10.00am** Holy Communion

**12.00noon** The funeral of Anthony Newman

**Thursday 12th September**

**10.30am** Bible Study led by Revd Helen Browne

**Sunday 15th September**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

## **Collect & Readings**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 35: 4-7a**

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." <sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

### **Mark 7: 24-37**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. <sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was

possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

## **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FARMHOUSE SUPPER**

The Farmhouse Supper is on **Saturday 21st September @ 7.00pm** eating at **7.30pm**. Tickets: **£12 (bring your own drink)**. The entertainment is **'Kiwi Chorus'**. Please see Lynne Corker for your tickets.

## **The Children's Society**

We can't believe it's nearly that time of year again! We are aiming to make sure all boxes are collected by 15 October (to give us time to complete everything by the end of the month). This year, the Children's Society has stressed that young people need our support more than ever before. We realise that many people do not deal in cash, in the current climate, but please rest assured that cheques or bank transfers are more than welcome. Please see Gaynor or Wendy if you would like a bank transfer form. Whatever method you choose, we appreciate you supporting the Society's remit, which is 'to give young people hope and a reason to believe in a brighter future'. Many thanks  
Gaynor and Wendy

