

## Food Bank

Now we are back in Church for our services, we have started collecting for the Food Bank. Remember the collection place is in the cupboard at the back of church for you to put your donations of food or money in. **The Foodbank warehouse currently need the following biscuits, Tinned Fruit and Long Life Fruit Juice** The food bank would prefer their regular donors to **avoid giving beans if possible** as they always receive plenty of these from **supermarket donations**. Please note that we are unable to take baby milk formula, but we can take baby food in tins or jars.

Joan

## CAN YOU HELP

Dan Nickson, Tim's brother did a parachute jump for Macintyre Charity on the 26th September. So Thank You very much for generously supporting Daniel Nicksons Sky Dive. With your kind help **£3766** was raised which will be used to improve the lives of the people who have severe physical and mental disabilities.

## Services

Some pointers for the congregation

1. Maintain social distancing
2. Don't forget to sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
3. **Please avoid touching the top of the pews if possible, or if you prefer communion in the pew, please tell one of the sidespeople and they will arrange this.**
4. NO collection plate to be passed around, but there will be a plate at the entry and exit points.
5. After the service if the weather's good, people may choose to go outside and chat after the service. Don't congregate at the back of church, because we need to clean the church.

During the service, whoever is leading the service will prompt the congregation what they need to do.

## Prayers

Could you please remember **John Patten's** family, Barbara and Joanna in your prayers as John's funeral takes place on Wednesday.

Can you also please remember **Eunice Davies** in your prayers as she passed away recently? She used to come to St Michaels.

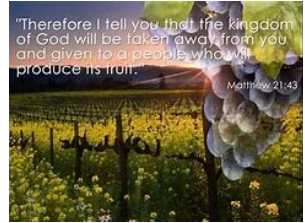
The Liverpool Seafarers Centre has urged churchgoers to continue to pray for seafarers who are still stranded on open water owing to coronavirus travel restrictions. Responding to the calls, the chief executive of the Liverpool Seafarers Centre, John Wilson, urged churchgoers to pray for all those who make a living from the sea, and to lobby their MP to act to abate the crisis.

## Face Masks

The government have announced that it's mandatory in Places of Worship to wear Face Masks, so please make sure that you have your Face Mask/covering with you, if not we have some in church.



**Parish Church of  
St Michael and All Angels  
Sunday 4th October 2020  
17th Sunday after Trinity**



## Services Today

**8.30am** Holy Communion

**Rev Helen Browne**

**10.00am** Morning Celebration

**Rev Helen Browne**

**Bob Browne**

Come, ye thankful people, come  
For the beauty of the earth

**Philippians 3: 4b-14**

**Matthew 21: 33-46**

We plough the fields and scatter  
To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

There will be no singing but shortened hymns will be played as part of the service.

## Tuesday 6th October

**10.00am-12.00noon** Crafters

## Wednesday 7th October

**10.00am** Holy Communion

### PLEASE NOTE

**This service is in the Meeting Room**

**1.15pm** The funeral of John Patten

## Sunday 11th October

**8.30am** Holy Communion

**Rev Karen Brady**

**10.00am** Holy Communion

**Rev Karen Brady**

**Any queries please contact our  
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**But not on a Friday.**

**or the Church Mobile**

Bookings for baptisms and weddings

**Tel: 07722470940 and speak to**

**Robbie**

**Church website**

**[www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk](http://www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk)**

**Facebook**

**Saint Michael and All Angels  
Church, Runcorn**



## Collect & Readings

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: <sup>5</sup> circumcised 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; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What 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 <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in <sup>[a]</sup> Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not con-

sider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 21: 33-46**

<sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. <sup>38</sup> “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce it fruit. <sup>44</sup> Anyone who falls on this stone will be

broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

## Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Operation Christmas Child

**This year many churches are not taking part in Operation Christmas Child, but St Michael’s has decided to take part. The boxes are at the back of church if you want to take part. If you don’t want to personally fill a box, you can donate the items into a box that will be at the back of church and we will fill it on your behalf.**

**Or if you want, you can go to their website [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk). When you are on the website, click on Shoebox online and you can donate **£20** (which includes the £5 project costs) and they will pack the shoe box for you, as it says **‘PACK A SHOEBOX ONLINE’**. If you do a box this way please let Wendy Sefton know so she can add it to our total boxes**

**Wendy Sefton**

**CHILDREN’S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS**  
**I’m sorry to report that this year’s box opening is already past its normal start time and I am still waiting for the**

necessary paperwork to begin the collection. I have been in touch with Society headquarters and they are still considering the safest way to proceed. A few supporters have already made their donation either online or by mail. If this is something that you would prefer to do this year there are instructions available on the Society’s website or you can contact me directly (my phone number is on the collection box). I know that the Society’s need for our contributions is of greater importance than ever as young people are suffering from the impact Covid 19 is having on their everyday lives, in addition the Society’s 2020 ‘Good Childhood Report’ identifies that UK teenagers have the lowest level of life satisfaction in Europe, so the Society’s workers will have much to do in the coming year. Your donations will contribute towards providing help and support for these vulnerable young people and are appreciated so much. I hope that I will be able to bring you more information very soon. The Box Network Number is **788221**.

With love and prayers,  
**Margaret Batters**

### Kidney Care UK

Thank you for your latest used postage stamps. Some **500** were sent off this week and will fund grants, counselling, advocacy and care services to over **1000** kidney patients. Commonwealth countries were again prominent, islands featured most strongly Cyprus, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, Singapore and Shetland Islands. Thank you for your continued support.  
**David Walker**