

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 of prizes for the Tombola if you 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.

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 still desperately in need of your help, and we still need a few more people to 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** (café 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 to 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 28th January 2024
CANDLEMAS



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
Leading: Revd George Roach
Preaching: Revd Helen Browne
Mission Praise & Printed Sheet
102 Come Thou long expected
Jesus
Hebrews 2: 14-end
125 Faithful Vigil ended
Luke 2: 22-40
Light of the world
Simeon's Song
Wait for the Lord
486 Now we thank we all our
God



Regular Activities at St Michaels

Sunday 4th February

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Café Style Church
PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

Tuesday 30th January

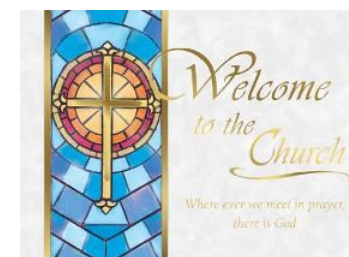
10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 31st January

10.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd February

10.00am-12.00noon
Tea & Toast



Collect & Readings

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hebrews 2: 14-end

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Luke 2: 22-40

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn

male is to be consecrated to the Lord", ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." ³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow

until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Wanted

If a member of the congregation has a sewing machine that they don't use anymore or you know someone that has one. Please see Sanyi who is a member of our congregation

FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Saturday 24th February we are recreating the TV show 'Would I Lie to You' with Robbie Littler, Duncan Prince and Darren Gibbons as the guest presenters in the Meeting Room. So it will be a fun evening and the tickets are priced **£7 bring your own drinks and nibbles** and if you can be there for **6.30pm** so we can start at **7.00pm**

St Michaels Maintenance Appeal

I have started a new lottery which is administered by Onelottery.co.uk. If you would join and support the Church Maintenance Appeal Committee, then go to their website www.onelottery.co.uk and buy your ticket/tickets or click on the QR Code.

If want anymore information please see **Brian Lunt** and he will explain everything.

Brian Lunt



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