

## 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 Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fish and coffee. 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.**

## Opening Church for Private Prayer

Our church is open for Private Prayer. So with this, our church will be open for quiet, private prayer **this Wednesday only from 10am to 11am.**

**Now the Government has said that we can resume services again, as of Sunday 6th December we will have BCP Communion at 8.30am followed by Morning Celebration at 10.00am. The Wednesday Holy Communion Service will be at 10.00am in the Meeting Room.** If you have significant health problems or any concerns, our advice would be to stay safe and stay at home. But if you wish to come into church for our services, we look forward to seeing you. Precautions including hand sanitiser, social distancing and a one-way route through the church will be in place for your safety, but also for the safety of our volunteers who will be waiting to welcome you.

**Rev Karen Brady**

## Prayers

Stan Sefton, one of our congregation is now home. So please remember Stan in your prayers as he is recovering. Also please remember Liz Adams in your prayers as she in and out of hospital.

## Information

One of our congregation Tim Nickson has produced something on You Tube. Please support Tim and watch what he has done.

## The link is

<http://www.youtube.com/BACHBritishAutisticChef>

## Churches together in Runcorn

Could you please put a star (make or buy) in your window or front door this Christmas and then children can walk around Runcorn on a 'Star Hunt'.

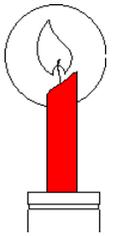
## Kidney Care UK

Very soon we will be receiving Christmas cards from friends and family. Could you please remember to save the stamps and also ask your friends and neighbours to do the same. Remember to leave 1cm margin around stamp or stamps. Thank you for your continued support.

**David Walker**



## Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels Sunday 29th November 2020 1st Sunday of Advent



## Readings for Today

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-end

## Reflection for this week's readings

### Reflection — Jesus will return

Read the two Bible passages on the next page. We are now in the season of Advent, when we look forward to the coming of Jesus, not only as a baby born in Bethlehem, but also as King at the end of time. Both readings encourage us to look forward and be prepared for Jesus' return.

The first reading is the start of Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. He says that he always thanks God for the Christians there. We are not on our own as we wait for Jesus. Thank God now for other Christians at St. Michael's, naming them in your prayer.

Paul says that God will keep us firm to the end. He also says that God is faithful. Our future is safe because of God's character. Thank him for this.

The gospel reading is mysteri-

ous. Jesus uses picture language as he speaks about the fall of Jerusalem in AD70 and about his own return at the end of time. We don't know all the details but the basic message is plain: be alert; keep watch. How can we do this during Advent? The Advent reflections booklet 'Journey to the heart of Christmas' may help. This is available in church.

How are you feeling about the future? Talk to God about your hopes and fears.

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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)

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Saint Michael and All Angels Church,

## 1st Sunday of Advent Prayer

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.**

### Readings for today

#### **1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Mark 13: 24-end**

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies

will be shaken.' <sup>26</sup> "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. <sup>28</sup> "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. <sup>35</sup> "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

## Fundraising

Jars of marmalade (orange and lemon) and chutney will be on sale in the meeting room from **Sunday 22nd November**. Jars are individually priced.

There will be a Christmas Raffle run in aid of Church Funds. This will run from 6th December and drawn on 20th December. Ticket prices will be **£1.00** **If you can donate any prizes see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton.**

**THANK YOU in advance for your support**

Can you please let us know what fundraising events you would like us



to do to raise funds for the church. Robbie Littler's group VML, is holding a virtual concert in aid of Church Funds. The only way you will be able to watch the concert, is by buying an access ticket online which the suggested price is a donation of **£6** (which includes a raffle ticket), but if want to you could round it up to **£10** and let Robbie know if you want to gift aid the money. He will then email you with the code to access the concert.

He is also on the look out for raffle prizes, so if you can donate any prizes can you please leave them in the Meeting Room and a note with

Robbie's name on. THANKS Robbie **Easyfundraising**

Its getting near to that time of the year when we are thinking of buying Christmas presents. If you buy from companies like Boots, PC World, Amazon, Lakeland, but to name a few, please go to the **Easyfundraising website and register. The website is** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causesstmichaelallangelschurchruncon/> **All you need to do when you have registered is, to go to the website and find the company you are buying from. That company will then donate a percentage back to St Michael's. If you have already registered and not used the site for a while please go through easyfundraising. If you want anymore information about this please see Brian Lunt or Colin Keam and they can explain the process.**

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It will not be possible to count the money in collecting boxes this year. However, there will be Christingle (Children's Society) envelopes available in church for you to make your annual contribution. These envelopes are on the table at the back of church near to the door. The Children's Society does excellent work in helping vulnerable teenagers and children, and our support is still greatly needed.