

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.

Looking ahead to the December Tea & Toast we will need chocolates and other sweets for the Tombola and for the January Tea & Toast 'ordinary' tombola items.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs Christmas items, mashed potato, tinned vegetables, long life milk, jam, tinned rice pudding and tinned spaghetti and toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, shampoo). Christmas items (selection boxes, Christmas puddings, mince pies, biscuits) by 11th December. **PLEASE NO BEANS.**

Recently we donated £52 in cash and 32.05kg in food.

Bereavement Café

And these are the following dates:-

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 or the church mobile 07731677693**

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

Fridays- 13th December.

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

Car Parking

If you come to church in car and struggle to find a car parking space at church or in Fox Street and Eaton Street, you could you park your car in the Cemetery opposite please. It would greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Christmas 2024

The last date to drop them off in church is this Sunday 1st December. A huge big THANK YOU to all who have donated so far.

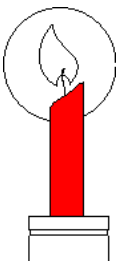
Samaritans purse

Twenty-two boxes are now on their way to give under privileged children a happier Christmas. Many more of you arranged for a box to be made at headquarters on your behalf. Thank you once again for your help. Wendy



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 1st December 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

Theme: 'Preparing for the Prince of Peace'



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

Preparing for the prince of Peace

8.30am Holy Communion

Revd George Roach

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Matthew 1: 18-25

10.30am Café Church

Revd George Roach

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Stable

A Christmas Hallelujah

Joy to the World

Matthew 1: 18-25



Regular Activities at St Michael

Monday 2nd December

9.00am Prayer group by Zoom

Tuesday 3rd December

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 4th December

10.00am Holy Communion

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Matthew 1: 18-25

Thursday 5th December

10.30am Bible Study led by Revd Helen Browne

Saturday 7th December

10.00am-12.00noon

Tea & Toast

Sunday 8th December

10.30am Holy Communion

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

¹⁴ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵ "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.'

Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas Tree Festival and Grand Draw

The Grand Draw tickets are now available at the back of Church, please see Colin Keam for your tickets. If could take **10 books** to sell that would be appreciated. When you have sold them, please return the stubs or unsold books to Colin Keam by **Sunday 9th December at the latest.**

Also if you can help in the kitchen, on the door or selling raffle tickets, there is a sign up sheet at the back of church. The slots are in 2hr stints.

Prince of Peace Advent Bible Study

As we enter a very special time of year have you ever given any thought as to who the Prince of Peace is and what this actually means for us today?



Please do Join us for our Advent Bible study
Friday 13th December @7.00pm

Free refreshments provided
At St Michael and All Angels
Greenway Road, Runcorn,
WA7 5BS

St Michaels is a warm and friendly environment to grow and explore faith and life. All are most welcome no matter if you have read the Bible for years or have never even opened the cover !