

## 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 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, tinned tomatoes and tinned spaghetti and toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, shampoo). Christmas items (selection boxes, Christmas puddings, mince pies, biscuits) by 11th December. **PLEASE NO BEANS.**

## Bereavement Café

And these are the following dates:-  
**Fridays- 13th December.**  
Each session is 12.00noon to 1.00pm  
**Please come along.**

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)**

## 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.

## Samaritans purse

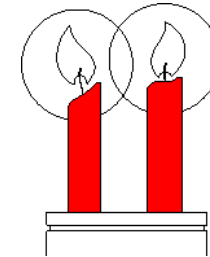
Twenty-two boxes are now on their way to give under privileged children a happier Christmas. Many more of you arranged for a box to be made at headquarters on your behalf. Thank you once again for your help. **Wendy**

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Some the older members in our congregation might have known Gertrude Hughes who worshipped at St Michael's Church for many years, she passed away last week. Her funeral is at **St Laurence's Church, Frodsham on Thursday 19th of December at 10:00am**, followed by the burial at Tarvin Road. She leaves her two daughters Lynn and Lesley.



Parish Church of  
St Michael and All Angels  
Sunday 8th December 2024  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Theme: 'Preparing the Way'



## 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

538 On Jordan's bank the  
Baptist's Cry

Malachi 3: 1-4

Printed Sheet: Long ago Prophets  
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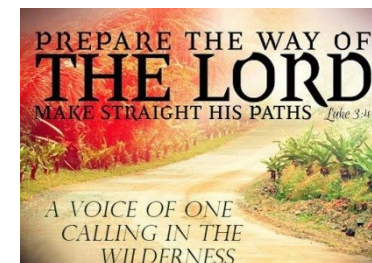
Luke 3:1-6

50 Be still for the presence of  
the Lord

*Thorns in the straw*

*Immanuel, O Immanuel*

420 Lo, he comes with clouds  
descending



## Regular Activities at St Michael

### Monday 9th December

9.00am Prayer group by Zoom

### Tuesday 10th December

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

7.30pm Bible Study led by Revd  
George Roach

### Wednesday 11th December

10.00am Holy Communion  
Revd Helen Browne

### Thursday 12th December

10.30am Bible Study led by Revd  
Helen Browne

### Sunday 15th December

10.30am Holy Communion

## Collect & Readings

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### **Malachi 3: 1-4**

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

### **Luke 3: 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his

brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation."

### Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Christmas Tree Festival and Grand Draw

Don't forget that the Christmas Tree Festival starts on **Wednesday 11th December from 3.00pm to 6.00pm** and then on the Thursday and Friday at the same time. We are open on the Saturday from **11.00pm to 2.00pm.**

Admission: **£2.00 Adults, accompanied Children free**

## Carols around the Christmas Tree

This on **Saturday 14th December at 4.00pm in church.** Pewithall School and Victoria Road School will be performing. Admission: **Donations please.**

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 !