

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.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, jam, dog food, and clothes washing powder or pods **PLEASE NO BEANS**. This year we are donating food for the animals as well as for the people. If you could please donate dog or cat food put it in the basket at the back of church.

Car Parking

In the interest of good community relations with the local residents please can we **NOT park** in Fox Street or Eaton Street outside peoples homes. Please park on Victoria Road or in the cemetery. Please can you only use the church car park if you are mobility impaired or are carrying



items for church events.
Thank you

Information

'The Wardens politely ask that if any member of the congregation needs to speak to Rev George on a Sunday morning, would they please leave it until the service is over. This gives George the space to prepare and pray for the service without interruption. This will help enormously. Thank you.'

Information

From the **9th February** the BCP Holy Communion service will be every Sunday at **8.30am**



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 2nd February 2025
Candlemas

Theme: 'Presentation of
Christ in the Temple'



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

8.30am Holy Communion

Revd George Roach

Malachi 3: 1-5

Luke 2: 22-40

10.30am Café Church

Revd George Roach

Long for Light

Light of the world

Lord the Light of Your love is shining

Luke 2: 22-40



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 mobile 07718133018**

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** or on our website www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk

Regular Activities at St Michael

Tuesday 4th February

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

7.30pm Bible Study led by
Revd George Roach

Wednesday 5th February

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 6th February

10.30am Bible Study led by
Revd Helen Browne

11.00am The funeral of Vera
Parkinson

Sunday 9th February

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

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.

Malachi 3: 1-5

"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.² 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.³ 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,⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive

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 worshipped 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.



If you are new to church or you have been coming to church along time and you think an Alpha Course is for you. Then put your name on the sheet at the back of church please with your preferred day.

Men's Bible Study Group

We are hoping to set up a Men's Bible Study Group soon there is a list at the back of church so could you put your name on the list if you are interested please.

