

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).

PLEASE NO BEANS. Recently we donated 35kg in food

The Food bank would like to thank St Michael's Church for their continued contributions of food and money during 2024, it is greatly appreciated. See you in 2025.

Community Christmas Tree Festival

This years Community Christmas Tree Festival made the grand total of

£3,266.80 for the church funds.
THANK YOU

Crafters

Crafters has now finished and will return on **Tuesday 7th January 2025** in the Meeting Room. New people are welcome for a cuppa, a knit and a natter. So please come along.

Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday Bible Study group has now finished and will be back on **Thursday 9th January @ 10.30am.**

Car Parking

In the interest of good community relations with the local residents please can we **NOT park** in Fox Street or Shaw street outside peoples homes. Please park on Victoria Road or in the cemetery noting the **cemetery closes at 16:30.**

Please can you only use the church car park if you are mobility impaired or are carrying items for church events.

Thank you

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



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 29th December 2024
1st Sunday of Christmas
Theme: "Growing in Wisdom"

Is Jesus
With You?
Luke 2:41-52

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

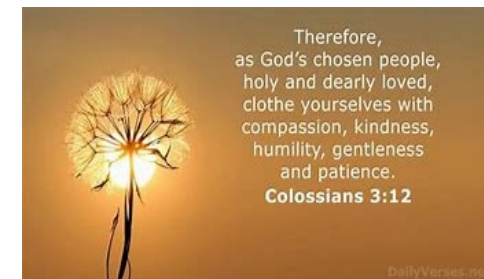
- 10.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
Mission Praise & Carol Booklet
15 Once in Royal David's City
Colossians 3: 12-17
24 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
Luke 2: 41-end
170 Give thanks with a grateful heart
*Mary did you know
Thorns in the straw*
7 Hark the Herald Angels sing



Regular Activities at St Michael Wednesday 1st January NO SERVICE TODAY

Saturday 4th January
10.00am—12.00noon
Tea & Toast

Sunday 5th January
8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Café Church



Collect & Readings

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Colossians 3: 12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2: 41-end

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANK YOU

Revd George wishes to say a big thank you to all who worked tirelessly over the weeks of Advent. For Rosemary with bringing the Tree Festival together and all who supported the arrangements and the days that unfolded. For Sue Challoner and Brian, and their help with the music arrangements, and for the virtual Choir who supported our worship. For Colin and his help with the News Sheets. Robbie and his admin support. For Wendy and Gaynor's help with the Christingle. Helen Owen and Sue for the social media input. For our Teens group who have stepped forward in various capacities. For Revd Helen for allowing the Vicar a restful start with his family Christmas morning. And for everyone who has donated financially towards various projects, set up, packed away, moved altars last minute (Sorry Jimmy and Brian!), cleaned up, served refreshments, greeted new people and many more people whose names and Jobs I could not list...**THANK YOU ALL!**

