

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 bottles of any sort please.** if you can help please see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton. We are also looking for donation of Easter Eggs for the Tea & Toast tombola (5th April and the Easter bingo (11th April). If you can help donate please see Rosemary or Barbara. **'Would I Lie to you is this Friday tickets £7.00. See Lynne Corker**

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, jam, dog food, clothes washing powder or pods and bags for life. **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

Advance Notice

Walter Yule's funeral is on Monday 3rd March at 1.00pm in Church.

IMPORTANT MEETING

"This Sunday, straight after the service, you are invited to stay behind after the service to openly discuss all ideas surrounding the Pews and their potential change"

Lent lunches & prayer times

These will take place weekly on Fridays during Lent, from 7th March onwards.

12.00 Prayer time

12.30 Soup & bread lunch

Donations to Runcorn Food Bank



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 23rd February 2025
2nd Sunday before Lent
Theme: "Faith over fear"



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
Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end
Luke 8: 22-25

10.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
Mission Praise

367 Jesus is Lord, Creation's voice proclaims it
Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end
467 Morning has broken
Luke 8: 22-25
115 Don't be afraid

*Jesus is Lord
Still*
122 Eternal Father strong to save



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 25th February
10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 26th February
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th February
10.30am Bible Study led by Revd Helen Browne
12.00noon The funeral of Cameron Perry

Friday 28th February
2.15pm The funeral of Gerald Cook

7.00pm Would I lie to you

Saturday 1st March
10.00am-12.00noon
Tea & Toast

Sunday 2nd March
8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Café Church

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

⁴When they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from

any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³The man said, ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Luke 8: 22-25

²²One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. ²³As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

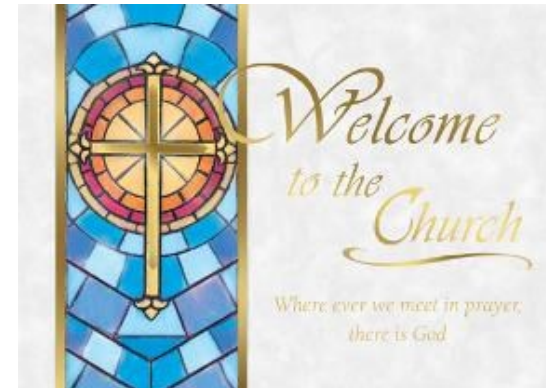
²⁴The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵“Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



Please bear with us whilst we sort a date for its start. Will highly likely be **Friday 7th March 2025.**

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.'

Poverty Sunday

Poverty Sunday is **Sunday 2nd March**. So if you could bring a couple of items to the service next week and place on the table at the back of church. Lets see if we can exceed last years total for the Food Bank.

Thank you for the continued support over the hall.