

## 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. Also we urgently need Easter eggs and Chocolate for the tombola stall at Tea & toast in March.

## Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs tinned meat, tinned fish, fruit juice, long life milk, coffee, toothpaste tinned tomatoes, tin vegetables, tinned fruit, instant soup, fruit juice and bags for life or carrier bags.

Last we donated £100 in cash and a grand total of food, which included Poverty Sunday was a staggering 79.35kgs. THANK YOU

Please put donations of food or money into the cupboard at the back of church.

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 **07722470940** or email **stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com**

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**

## LENT LUNCHES and PRAYER TIME 2024

During Lent we will be holding Lent prayer times and lunches on Fridays in the Meeting Room until 22nd March. The prayer times will be half an hour of creative prayer, easy to join in with, starting at 12.00noon. The prayer time will be followed by a bread and soup lunch, kindly provided by Robbie and VML helper's at 12.30 p.m.

Donations this year will be sent to the **British Red Cross** which will be used to help with the help in Gaza.

**ALL WELCOME, WHENEVER YOU CAN MAKE IT**



Parish Church of  
St Michael and All Angels  
Sunday 25th February 2024  
2nd Sunday of Lent



## 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

Leading: Revd George Roach

Preaching: Revd Helen Browne

Mission Praise

41 At the name of Jesus

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

1 A new commandment I give unto you

Mark 8: 31-end

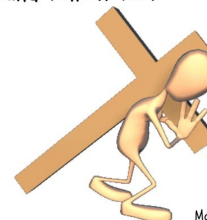
Hb 1 All I once held dear

*Safe in the Shadow of the Lord*

*The Lord's my Shepherd*

501 O Jesus, I have promised

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."



## Regular Activities at St Michaels

### Saturday 2nd March

10.00am-12.00noon

Tea & Toast

### Tuesday 27th February

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

### Wednesday 28th February

10.00am Holy Communion

### Sunday 3rd March

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Café Style Church

### Friday 1st March

12.00 noon Prayer Time

12.30pm Lent Lunch

## Collect & Readings

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." <sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham,

"As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

### **Mark 8: 31-end**

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

## Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sacred Space Meditation Group**

You are warmly invited to our lent meditation group here at St Michael and All Angels, Runcorn.

Come and join us in the church hall for silence, reflection and peace every Sunday afternoon at 5.30pm on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th of March.

No equipment needed other than comfortable clothing and maybe your favourite blanket.  
Tea and Coffee served afterwards !



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