

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.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs tinned fish, tea bags, powdered milk, size 6 & 7 nappies, clothes washing powder or pods and bags for life.

PLEASE NO BEANS. Recently we donated 24.6kg in food and £68 in cash. 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

Lent lunches & prayer times

These will take place weekly on Mondays during Lent, from 10th March onwards.

12.00 Prayer time

12.30 Soup & bread lunch

Donations to Runcorn Food Bank



The Alpha course is now set to start on **Friday 7th March at 7pm**, in the Community Hall. Please contact Revd George if you have put your name down, for more Details!



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 2nd March 2025
Sunday before Lent
Theme: "Poverty Sunday"



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

Exodus 34: 29-35

Luke 9: 28-36

10.30am Café Church

Revd George Roach

We seek Your Kingdom

God of Justice

When I needed a neighbour were you there

Luke 9: 28-36



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

Monday 3rd March

1.00pm The funeral of Walter Yule

Tuesday 4th March

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

7.30pm Bible Study led by Revd George Roach

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 6th March

10.30am Bible Study led by Revd Helen Browne

Sunday 9th March

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Collect & Readings

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 34: 29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9: 28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said

this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus.

³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem.

³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

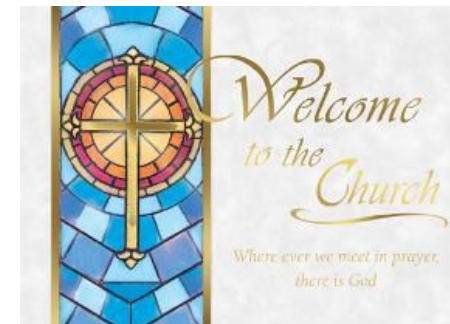
ASH WEDNESDAY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Two Items for you diaries

Pebbles, Beads and Prayer - A session looking at prayer beads within the Christian faith will be taking place in the community hall at 7.00pm on Sunday 16th March. More details to follow !

A Bible Journaling Session, run by Joan Clare, has been arranged for Saturday 29th March between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please put your name down at the back of the church to register your interest. More details to Follow soon !

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.'