

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

THANK YOU

The vicar and churchwardens would like to thank everyone who brought items for the Foodbank on Poverty Sunday(11th February) it was greatly appreciated.

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

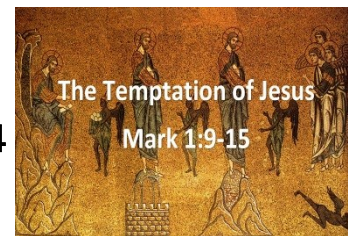
During Lent we will be holding Lent prayer times and lunches on Fridays in the Meeting Room from **16th February until 22nd March** The prayer times will be half an hour of creative prayer, easy to join in with, **starting at 12.00noon**. The prayer time will be followed by a bread and soup lunch, kindly 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 18th February 2024
1st 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

Revd George Roach

Mission Praise

400 Lead us heavenly Father
lead us

Genesis 9: 8-17

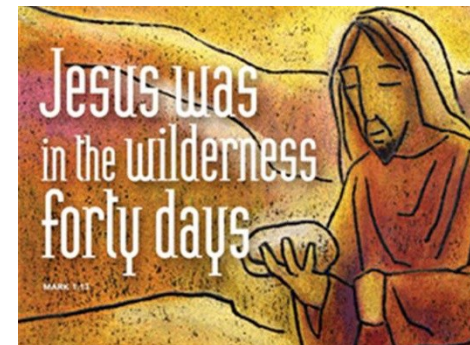
160 Forty days and forty
nights

Mark 1: 9-15

Spirit of God unseen as the wind
*Turn your eyes upon
Jesus*

Be still my soul

59 Blessed Assurance



Regular Activities at St Michaels

Friday 23rd February

12.00 noon Prayer Time

12.30pm Lent Lunch

Tuesday 20th February

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

10.45am The funeral of Norman
Kneale

Sunday 25th February

10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st February

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am The funeral of Alan
Horabin

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Genesis 9: 8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant

between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." ¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Mark 1: 9-15

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Saturday 24th February we are recreating the TV show 'Would I Lie to You' with Robbie Littler, Duncan Prince and Darren Gibbons as the guest presenters in the Meeting Room.

So it will be a fun evening and the tickets are priced **£7 bring your own drinks and nibbles** and if you can be there for **6.30pm** so we can start at **7.00pm**



COME TOGETHER

Prayer Breakfast

An invitation to come
together to pray for youth
work and young people
across Runcorn.

When: Saturday 24th Feb, 9am
Where: St. Bertoline, Windmill Hill
Contact: Danny Sedano
(danny.sedano@chester.anglican.org)