

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.**

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

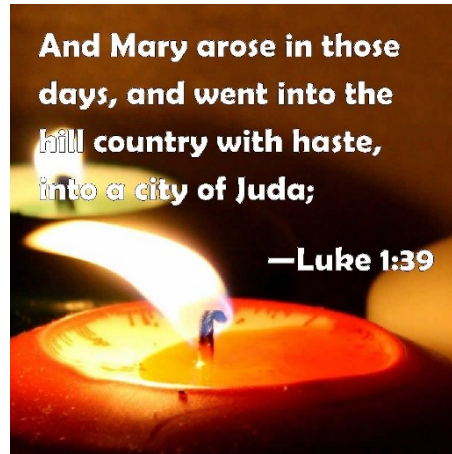
This years Community Christmas Tree Festival made the grand total of

£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.

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



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**

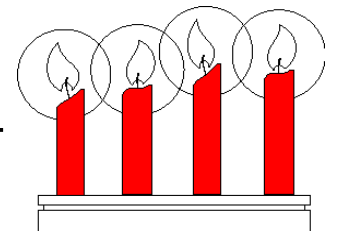
For safeguarding matters email safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com

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 22nd December 2024
4th Sunday of Advent
Theme: 'Mary visits Elizabeth'



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
Carol Booklet
Service Booklet: Longing for light
Micah 5: 2-5a
5 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
Luke 1: 39-45(46-55)
3 Christians awake salute the happy morn
*Who you say I am
What a beautiful name*
9 In the bleak mid-winter
4.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols



Regular Activities at St Michael

**Wednesday 1st January
NO SERVICE TODAY**

Tuesday 24th December

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Holy Communion

Sunday 29th December

10.30am Holy Communion

Collect & Readings

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Micah 5: 2-5a

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” ³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

Luke 1: 39-45(46-55)

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When

Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!” ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!” ⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

