

Fundraising

We are in need of donations for the tombola and raffle prizes for Tea & Toast, so please have a look to see if you have any items for the tombola and raffle prizes. **We cannot do this without your help. The special stall for February is 'Unwanted Christmas, Birthday or Holiday Gifts. So if you have any, could please donate them and bring them to church** and see Lynne Corker or you can put items in the old flower storage place, on the shelves on the right hand side. **This place is opposite the Church organ.**

Food Bank

Remember the collection place is in the cupboard at the back of church. The Food Bank needs **shampoo, long life fruit juice, tinned or packet custard, jam and tin openers.** The Food Bank would like to thank St Michaels for the donation of **£39**. We do appreciate your ongoing support for vulnerable people in the area 'specially at a time of benefit cuts and rises in food and energy costs. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022.

If you would like to give a donation towards their administrative costs, please visit their website <https://runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to make sure no one in our community goes hungry.
Blessings, Helen

Masks and precautions

In light of the Omicron variant, please continue to sanitise your hands and maintain social distancing. In addition, we ask that

you wear a mask or visor wherever practical in church. Thanks for your patience on all of this.

Faculty

The faculty for the Nave altar and the removal of 4 Tramway pews from the Baptistry has been posted in the Notice board outside and on the website. If wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to the **Diocesan Registrar at Diocesan Register, Diocese of Chester, Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington. WA4 4GE** or email to

jo.williams@chester.anglican.org
The letter of objection must reach the registrar not later than 17/1/2022 and must include your name, address and state whether you live in the parish or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Can we help by 'Filling the Gap'?

Can St Michael's serve our community and enhance our Children & Families ministry by 'Filling the Gap'? Rev Gill Foster and Wendy Robertson will be coming to our service on 16th Jan to tell us more. Please do pray about this and come to the service if you can.



**Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels**

Sunday 9th January



Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion

Rev Karen Brady

10.00am Holy Communion

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Crown him with many crowns

Acts 8: 14-17

Source & Fount of all creation

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

If you believe and I believe

*Holy Spirit living breath of
God*

God is working his purpose out

Tuesday 11th January

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 12th January

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th January

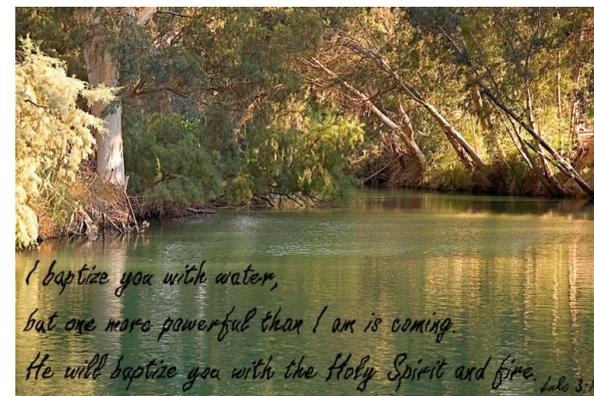
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**Any queries please contact our
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or email
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But not on a Friday.**

or the Church Mobile
Bookings for baptisms and weddings
**Tel: 07722470940 and speak to
Robbie**

**Church website
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*I baptize you with water,
but one more powerful than I am is coming.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16*

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Acts 8: 14-17

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I

love; with you I am well pleased."

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Crown him with many crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own: Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of Love! Behold his hands and side, those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Source and fount of all creation

- 1 Source and fount of all creation, pour your Spirit from above on the bearers of your image, offspring of a human love. Human hopes and human graces break beneath the weight of sin; fear and envy wrench asunder world without and self within.
- 2 Human love is unavailing counter-weight to sin and strife; love of God alone can hold us on the way that leads to life. Praised be God, whose Son our Saviour human nature has restored, living, dying, raised in glory, to the likeness of its Lord.
- 3 Trace, O Christ, salvation's pattern, God and sinner reconciled, in an all-embracing story: new creation, new-born child. Word incarnate, world's Redeemer, here in us your work repeat, signed and sealed your own for ever, till the pattern stands complete.
- 4 Christ our universal Saviour, nature's poet, nature's priest, through life's troubled waters bring us to the Eucharistic feast, where rejoicing saint and sinner praise the Lord of time and space, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, fount of being, source of grace.

God is working his purpose out

- 1 God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year, God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near; nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.
- 2 From utmost east to utmost west wherever feet have trod, by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God, 'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'
- 3 What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase the love of God in all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace? What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?
- 4 All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed; vainly we hope for the harvest-time till God gives life to the seed; yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Faculty to dispose of "Tramway Pews"

These are the surplus pews that used to sit in the baptistery; although they didn't properly fit there and were hardly ever used. The pews are temporarily stored in the choir vestry and we hope to move some smaller 'child-friendly' chairs and furnishings into the baptistery area to, once again, make it a welcoming space for families with children. Obviously (when approval is given) we'd like the surplus pews to go to a 'good home' but also raise money for our church funds. If you know of anyone willing to make a donation for a pew, please let Chris, Rosemary or Brian know.