



ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY UPDATE ISSUE NO 90 – 28th October 2023

INTRODUCTION

- If you have a friend or neighbour who would like to receive this, please forward their details.
- I also invite you to send in poems, quizzes and jokes!
- For all correspondence, please use office@stmbsands.org

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

| Date | Day | Time | Service / Notes | Notes/Livestream Link/ Location |
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| 29/10 | Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>Apologies, no livestream this week.</i> |
| 1/11 | Wed | 10.30am | MU Holy Communion | |
| 5/11 | Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>With the School Band</i> https://youtube.com/live/csZY9HSHAv0?feature=share |
| 12/11 | Sun | 10.30am | Morning Prayer | <i>Remembrance</i> https://youtube.com/live/DolLvqT93KM?feature=share |
| | | 6.30pm | Evening Worship | <i>In Church Hall</i> |
| 19/11 | Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion | <i>Remembering & Thanking</i> https://youtube.com/live/s729VqTwh_Q?feature=share |
| 26/11 | Sun | 10.30am | Morning Prayer | <i>Toy Service with Salvation Army Band</i> https://youtube.com/live/grgiG0Jlwss?feature=share |
| | | 6.30pm | Holy Communion | <i>In Church Hall</i> |

REMINDERS

Christmas Lunch

St Michael's Christmas Lunch will be held this year at West Lancs Golf Club on Friday 1st December 2023 – 12.00 for 12.30.

Cost including gratuities is £25 per person. This includes a choice of three main course options, two dessert course options, complimentary red/white wine or soft drinks, coffee and mince pies.

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church

NOTICES AND FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A big thank you to everyone who helped with decorating St Michael's for Harvest, church looked lovely. It has been proposed that we have a meeting, to make plans for Christmas. This will be Sunday 5th November after the service in the Choir Room.

We need to organise what area people are happy to be responsible for and what may be required. If any new people would like to join us, you are always welcome. Please ring me if you want to discuss anything.
07974647060 Moyra Parsons

Tea Dances

The date for the next tea dance is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

However, as the class are mainly beginners/intermediate, there will be extra classes on the following dates:

November: Tuesday 7th/14th/21st at 2.00pm - £5 per session.

December: Tuesday 5th/12th/ at 2.00pm - £5 per session.

The Arts Society

We meet on Wednesday 8 November at 2 pm in the hall. Visitors and new members very welcome. Visitor fee £7. The lecture is by Anna Bianco on Behind the Scenes at the Museum. Anna is an experienced lecturer and has great knowledge of curating and letting audiences know what it's like creating an exhibition. Do come along.

On 10 January we have Keith Bonser on Caravaggio, and on 14 February Anna Beer is speaking on Literature and Feminism. Please put the dates in your diary. Richard Ainsworth

Heavenly Food

The next lunch club is on 15th November 2023 at 12.30 pm in St Michaels Church Hall. A short act of worship followed by a 2-course lunch. **Cost £8.** *For catering purposes please phone Clare on 924 0561 and leave a message or email office@stombsands.org by Monday 6th November 2023.*

CHET Winter Events 2023

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 10 am – 4 pm

Original works and limited-edition prints

Local crafts and artisan producers

Gallery by the Art & Craft Guild of Lancashire

Home-made hot lunches, morning coffee & afternoon tea

Exhibition catalogue £3



Christmas Concert
Amadeus: The Chamber Choir
Friday 8 December at 7.30 pm
Ticket £12 - with mulled wine and a mince pie
Tickets at: <http://chet-events.eventbrite.com/>

CHET

Crosby Hall Educational Trust, Back Lane, Little Crosby, Liverpool, L23 4UA
Tel: 0151 924 9099 Email: office@chetcentre.org.uk www.chetcentre.org.uk

A Poem: To my pal Gillie on his 70th Birthday

So now you've reached three score and ten
Just keeping up with me and Ken
How time has flown since were slim
And often played three goals and in

Though time has gone when you could run
It doesn't mean you can't have fun
Will glass in hand topped up with whisky
There's nowt to stop you being frisky

from your pal Gerald Massey

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY from Lucy
Seeds of Compassion

“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6.

Hello from Canada! Harvest festival has just happened, and Thanksgiving will soon be celebrated here in “Maple-leaf Land”.. a perfect time to reflect on the sowing and reaping cycle, and how it applies to us, in our Christian spiritual life.

Imagine you have 4 seeds. They symbolise the 4 main spiritual qualities necessary for the growth of **compassion**:

- 1 Nonjudgement**
- 2 Nonviolence**
- 3 Forgiveness**
- 4 Mindfulness.**



How do we nurture them?

First, we must trust in the power of our Beloved Creator to assist in their development.

Next, we must be deliberate in our intention to think and respond to others in a kind-hearted way – It doesn't come instinctively! And not give up too easily.

If we choose to act on impulse or go about our lives unconsciously. We miss opportunities to alleviate suffering – and create more suffering.

Nothing will bring our God - and us - more joy than to reap a full harvest of compassion through his disciples.

Let us continue to learn from Jesus *how* to keep our untended thoughts and feelings from running rampant in what can be such a beautiful, rich, joyous meadow... filled with an abundance of spiritual fruit.

Sow bountifully, my friends, tend carefully, and see what amazing compassion and joy will crop up for all!

God Bless, Lucy

ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing. They are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a crow and a raven is only a matter of a pinion.



Looks like a very serious leak under the sink



Neil Short 28th October 2023

Getting back to normal with God's help.

WHO'S WHO at St Michael's

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| Vicar | Rev Neil Short |
| Vicar's PA | Clare Kerrigan |
| Churchwardens | Richard Kemp / Brian Dunning |
| Treasurer | Jenny Givens |
| Readers | Helen Hunter / Bill Mainey |
| Safeguarding Officers | Lorna Swainbank / Helen Hunter |
| Mothers Union | Bev Boden |
| Children's Work | Lucy Faulkner |
| PCC | Lynne Bold / Phil Flynn / Cynthia Rees / Colin Robinson / Jenny Givens / Richard Kemp / Brian Dunning / Helen Hunter / Bill Mainey |
| PCC Secretary | Jan Owen |
| PCC Chair | Rev Neil Short |
| Deanery Synod Reps | Helen Hunter / Bill Mainey / Lynne Bold / Rev Neil Short |