

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

Runcorn Food Bank

Runcorn Foodbank would like to thank St Michael's for their continued support that you have given during 2025 with Food and cash. THANK YOU.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Community Café has been running now for a couple of months and Emma, Café Manager would like to thank everyone who has supported this venture so far. It is now finished and will restart on **Wednesday January 7th from 12.30pm—3.30pm** and she hopes to see more of you next year.



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 07718 133018

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 now **Tuesday**

We are continuing to grow our social media presence, please do search for us on **Facebook** or on our website **www.runcornstmichaels.com**



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 28th December
2025

The Holy Innocents
Theme: "PROTECTING THE INNOCENT"



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
Leading: Revd Helen Browne
Preaching: Revd George Roach
Jeremiah 31: 15-17
Matthew 2: 13-end
10.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
Mission Praise
345 It came upon a Midnight clear
Jeremiah 31: 15-17
714 Unto us a boy is born
Matthew 2: 13-end
806 Beauty for brokenness
Coventry Carol
He will hold me fast

1201 Longing for Light (Christ be our light)



Regular Activities at St Michael's

Sunday 4th January

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Café Church

Wednesday 31st December

10.00am NO SERVICE

Saturday 3rd January

10.00am-12.00noon
Tea & Toast

Collect & Readings

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; 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.

Jeremiah 31: 15-17

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; ¹⁷ there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country.

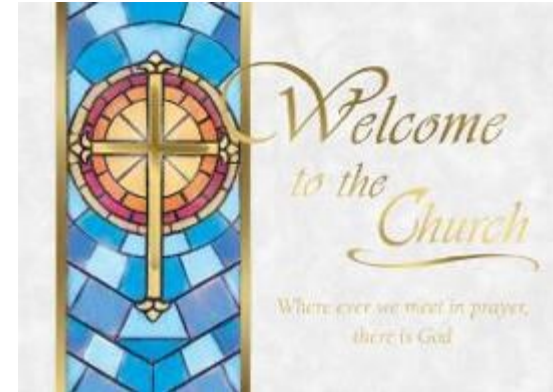
Matthew 2: 13-end

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called

my son.' ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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