

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. WANTED PLEASE

Jewellery. Raffle prizes for Farmhouse Supper. Bottles for summer fair bottle tombola. Hamper donations for CTF (I know this is early, but bottles will keep, and it spreads the cost load). So if can donate any please Rosemary or Barbara.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Summer Fair/Fun Day on July 18th and helped us to raise the grand total of **£1079.22p** for the Church Funds.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs **tea bags, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned soup, tinned spaghetti, men's deodorant, shampoo and bags for life.** **PLEASE NO BEANS.** We are donating food for the animals as well as for the people. If you could please donate dog or

cat food put it in the basket at the back of church.

Parish Retreat Day

This Parish Retreat is at Foxhill on **Thursday 8th October 10.00pm 4.00pm.** The price is **£38.** The price includes the room, chapel and also a two course meal. If you like to go but the price is outside your limit please go and see the vicar Revd George Roach and have talk with him. For further information please Trevor or Rosemary, also there are sign up sheets at the back of church. So if you are interested please put your name on the sheets.

YOUR JOURNEY

"Are you at the stage in your journey where you would like to explore baptism and Confirmation? Or perhaps you have been baptised but still need to be confirmed? Please speak to the vicar for more details"



Speak out- Stay Safe is our shared commitment with the Diocese of Chester, to provide a safe place where all people feel safe and cared for. If you wish to speak to someone about a safeguarding matter, please contact Mr Duncan Prince, our Safeguarding Officer, on safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com.

Alternatively, you can contact me on 01928 832734 or vicar.smaaruncorn@gmail.com. My rest day is a Monday~ Fr. George.



Please do keep in touch with us, we would love to hear from you! Any enquiries relating to Baptism's, Wedding's or Funeral's can be made via our Admin Officer, Robbie through stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com or 07718 133018

www.runcornstmichaels.com



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 26th July 2026
8th Sunday after Trinity

Theme:
**"LOOKING FOR THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"**



Welcome to St Michael and All Angels this morning!

If you are new here, please feel free to just sit and be still, or if you need anything our volunteers can be identified with a lanyard and name badge.

**This Beautiful Church is open for private prayer 8am to 4pm
Sundays, and 10am to 2:30pm Wednesdays**

Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion

Revd George Roach

1 Kings 3: 5-12

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

10.30am Holy Communion

Revd Gill Younger

7 All creatures of our God and King

1 Kings 3: 5-12

590 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

200 Great is thy faithfulness

10000 reasons (Blest the Lord)



Regular Activities at St Michael's

Tuesday 28th July

10.00am-12.00noon

Knit & Natter

Wednesday 29th July

10.00am Holy Communion

Rev Gill Younger

11.30am -2.30pm

Community Café

Thursday 30th July

10.30am Home Bible Study led by Revd Helen Browne

Saturday 1st August

10.00am-12.00noon

Tea & Toast

Sunday 2nd August

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Café Church

Collect & Readings

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Kings 3: 5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.' ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and

discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' ⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

"Please Scan the QR code to donate to the running of St Michael's"



"Coppers for the Congo"

"A glass bottle will soon appear at the back of the church for you to donate anything towards Bishop Marks Ebola Appeal. Please do give generously" Rev George Roach



Would you donate a packet or two for 'We are the Church at Creamfields'?



Why Jammie Dodgers I hear you ask!!!

What do you see in the middle?

Love  is at the heart of our volunteers and at the very centre of all they do at Creamfields.

Remember when we did this last year and we had good response. Well, Emma and a few other people are volunteering this year and she would like you help in donating Jammie Dodgers. So if you could help in donating one or two packets, please bring them to church in put them on the table at the back of church. Please see Emma for more information.

St Michael's Men's Breakfast Group

The next Men's Breakfast group is on **Friday 31st July @ Chaii & Moor, Sandymoor** and then every **last Friday at 10.00am**. Please let Jimmy Wright know if you are coming.