



ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY UPDATE ISSUE NO 95 - 30th MARCH 2024

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CLOCKS CHANGE TONIGHT 30/03/24

Date	Day	Time	Service / Notes	Livestream / Location
31/03/24	Sun	10.30am	Easter Sunday Family Communion Service	No livestream
03/04/24	Wed	10.30am	MU Holy Communion	NB: 40 Spinney Crescent.
07/04/24	Sun	10.30am	Morning Prayer	No livestream
14/04/24	Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion Service	TBC
21/04/24	Sun	10.30am	Morning Prayer Service	TBC
28/04/24	Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion Service	TBC

NOTICES AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Livestream

Unfortunately, we have problems with the livestream equipment again. This time with the cameras. We will advise when this is back up and running.

Trip to Strawberry Fields: Monday 22nd April 2024

This trip includes a tour of the exhibition centre, a sandwich, cake and tea/coffee lunch and a walk in the gardens. There is also a Beatles merchandise souvenir shop. Cost is £25 per person.

Strawberry Fields is run by the Salvation Army and helps young people with a variety of problems to get a qualification in the hospitality industry and to prepare them for working in the community. It helps to build their confidence and to socialise them, so it is a very worthwhile cause. Some of these young people will be serving us on the day.

The tour will leave at 11am from the church and drivers are required. Please look out for the sign-up sheet at the back of church. *Lynne Bold.*

Heavenly Food: The next heavenly food lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 17th April 2024. A short act of worship followed by a two-course lunch. Cost is £8. For catering purposes please phone Clare on 924 0561 and leave a message or email office@stombsands.org by 8th April 2024.

The Arts Society: The next meeting of the Arts Society will be held on Wednesday 10th April in the Church Hall at 2.00pm, when Benedict Morrison will give a talk on The Ealing Comedies.

Mothers Union: Mothers Union Holy Communion Service will be held at Bev's house, 40 Spinney Crescent, 10.30am Wednesday 3rd April 2024.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY FROM LUCY: Being Kingdom-Minded

"I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" Numbers 11:29

Moses was chosen to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, and then all around the wilderness for 40 years. He didn't think he was good enough.

If you read Numbers, you might be tempted to agree with him: He had a stammer, and he was rubbish at delegating. Moses might have said the above words but he needed his father-in-law, Jethro, to point out that he was going to burn out.

"Why are you doing all this alone, with people standing here from morning until night to consult you?"

Moses thought he had no choice.

Jethro pointed out that God would be with him in choosing some capable folk to decide on all the smaller disputes. And it could be that some were better at it than Moses. That's not the point though, because any time we are tempted to focus on competition or comparison, we hinder ourselves from working with others.

The Holy Spirit can empower us to shrug off that temptation.

If God has gifted you to be a comforter, prayer, singer, cleaner of toilets, organiser, mentor, delegator, teacher, *smiler*, or all of these things, you will be prodded on when to use which one, when to share the load, and when to park it (no matter how good or bad you think you are at them).

Just ask.

How can you team up with others to serve God? Who can you support as they serve the Kingdom with their unique gifts?

Lucy

Bible Reading for Easter Day: Luke 24 v 1-12

Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Always Look On The Brightside of Life



With very best wishes for a Happy Easter

WHO'S WHO at St Michael's

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PCC Secretary:	Jan Owen	
PCC Chair	Richard Kemp (during the interregnum)	
Deanery Synod Reps:	Helen Hunter/Bill Mainey/Lynne Bold	

Helen Hunter 30th March 2024
Getting back to normal with God's help.