

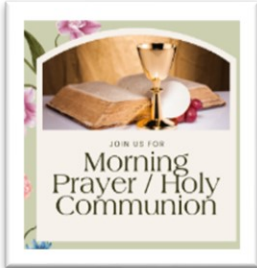


The Weekly Bulletin

18th January,
2025

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands
www.stmichaelblundellsands.org

Upcoming Services



19th January - 10.30

Morning Prayer

26th January - 10.30

Holy Communion

2nd February - 10.30

Morning Prayer

9th February - 10.30

Holy Communion



Services this coming week

Date	Day	Time	Service
19/1/25	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer

Livestream Links

(A) <https://youtube.com/live/huK0AWUQrTE?feature=share>

(B) <https://youtube.com/live/2xmDqeKV68M?feature=share>

"Join me, everyone! Let's praise the Lord together.
Let's make him famous!
Let's make his name glorious to all"

Psalm 34:3

John Quirk's 80th Birthday!

Please join John and Francis after the service today for light refreshments at the back of church to celebrate John's 80th birthday.



Electoral Roll New Year (2025)

Please be advised that everyone on our Electoral Role will be required to re-apply in order to be on our Church Electoral Roll for 2025 and attend our AGM on Sunday 6th April.

We are therefore giving formal notice of this requirement in order for you to complete the necessary form.

A standard application form will be emailed to you direct and we request that you return it to Rachel at the Church Office or deliver to church at your earliest convenience.

There will also be hard copies in church this Sunday for you to take away, if you would prefer not to do this via email.

Any queries, please contact Jan Owen PCC Secretary
(07932 763107)

Many thanks

Muddles Club

You might have noticed that we have about 5 children regularly attending our Muddles' Sunday Club: What a joy to have some kids in the congregation again!

Please feel free to bring your children / grandchildren along to join in the fun. Lucy would be only too happy to have them. (We do expect you to be available if you are needed.)

In order to make it happen every Sunday, Lucy is looking for volunteers to help with supervising.

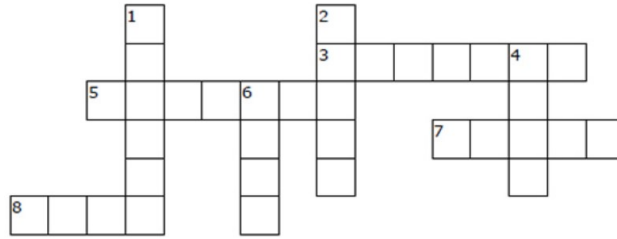
If you are willing, please text Lucy on 07514 687353.

Thanks!

Children's Challenge!

Read the parable of the weeds. Print out this page of the bulletin for your children or grandchildren. Once they complete the colouring page or crossword it can be brought into the office (see working hours) to receive a chocolate coin!

Crossword



ACROSS

3. The time for gathering crops
5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

1. The place where God is
2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
6. To damage or destroy by fire

WEEDS	BURN	SEED	HARVEST
HEAVEN	WHEAT	BARN	PARABLE



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Matthew 13:24 - 30 & 36 - 43

(The Parable of the Weeds)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

(The Parable of the Weeds Explained)

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Prayers

Please contact the office, Helen Hunter, Bill Mainey or Lucy Faulkner if you would like your names to be added to the prayer list.

Week 1:

Pat Munford

Week 2:

Week 3:

Week 4:

Long Term Sick:

Recently Departed:

Valerie Cothliffe

Let Us Pray

Hear the prayer we offer for all your people. Remember in your mercy those for whom we pray: heal the sick, raise the fallen, strengthen the fainthearted and enfold in your love the fearful and those who have no hope. In the fullness of time complete your gracious work. Reconcile all things in Christ and make them new, that we may be restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom. Amen

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember at this time the family and friends of **Valerie Cothliffe**. Amen

FOOD ITEMS

Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate	Sauces (Pasta / Tomato) Jars
Milk / Juice (carton)	Pasta / Rice / Noodles
Cup a Soup / Noodles Puddings / Biscuits / Jam	Instant Mash
Soups (can/packet)	Tinned Fruit / Rice / Custard
Tinned Beans / Spaghetti /Tomatoes	Cereal (small size)
EXTRAS	TOILETRIES (male & female)
Chocolate	Soap, shower gel & shampoo
Pet Food	Deodorant
Nappies	Toothpaste & toothbrushes



Just a reminder we have collection boxes in both church and church hall for the local foodbank. Please do donate what you can.

“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, “You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor.”

(Deuteronomy 15:11)

January’s Barista Rota

- 5th - Pam & Nora
- 12th - Richard & Sue
- 19th - Lynne, Marika & Sylvia
- 26th - Jenny & Lorna



January’s Welcoming Team

- 5th - Geoff Stubbs
- 12th - Lynne
- 19th - Geoff Stubbs & Pam Stubbs
- 26th - Carol



SIDESPERSIONS

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THEIR ROLE



PEOPLE WHO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FROM THE SIDE AISLES



FRIENDS WHO ONLY ORDER CHIPS AT A RESTAURANT



PERSONS MADE UP ONLY OF SIDES



BACKING DANCERS FOR LITURGICAL ROUTINES

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Just Giving

We now have a link to our Just Giving page where you can make donations to our Raise the Roof campaign. Please support when you can to help preserve this special church building.



SCAN ME!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmbsandsraisetherooft>



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551488331158>

Please click on the link to go to our Facebook page and 'follow us', so you can see the latest photographs and updates from the church.

Liverpool Diocese

FIT FOR MISSION SESSIONS

As part of the Fit for Mission Engage phase we are organising some equipping/training sessions exploring some of the themes of Fit for Mission. In these sessions will be looking at the process of change, leadership, building healthy teams, the importance of vision and the fears and opportunities presented by change.

The sessions are open to all lay people - please share this invite with members of your church.

This Venue is possibly the most suitable if you are in the Sefton South and Sefton North Deaneries

Venue: St Luke's, 71 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE

Dates: Week 1 Tuesday 11th and Week 2 Tuesday 25th February

Time: Refreshments served from 7.15pm

Meeting: 7.30 - 9.15pm

There are two sessions for lay people so please book in for a session in week 1 and a session in week 2. but in either case, it is important that you book in.

Fit for mission
in Sefton North

Would you like to find out more information about Fit for Mission in your deanery?

Sign up to receive email updates.

For more information head to our website <https://liverpoolcofe.org/> or contact Fit for Mission Engagement Manager, David Banbury (david.banbury@liverpool.anglican.org)

Diocese of Liverpool

Bookings can be made by contacting Gill Dottie.
email: gill.dottie@liverpool.anglican.org

phone: 0151 705 2141

Favourite biscuit?



Do you have a favourite biscuit that you enjoy? If so, please don't keep it a secret! We would love it if you could bring along a packet of your favourite biscuits from time to time to share with others during the after service refreshments. All biscuit donations can be passed to Brenda. Thank you .

CHURCH EVENTS & NOTICES



Parish Office



*Please note that from January 2025, I shall be **working from home** on Tuesdays and Saturdays. I can come into the office by arrangement. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, I shall continue to be office based.

Thanks, Rachel

For items to be included in the weekly bulletin, please email the Parish Administrator **by 5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

Office Hours this coming week:

Tuesday 21st January - 12.00 - 14.30*

Wednesday 22nd January - 9.30 - 14.30

Thursday 23rd January - 9.30 - 14.30

Saturday 25th January - 8.00 - 10.30*

office@stmbsands.org

Sunday Lunch

On **Sunday 26th January**, we will be having a two-course Sunday lunch at **Blue Bird Bistro**, 55 Coronation Road (next to Satterthwaites). Please arrive from **12.30** to eat at 1.15. Cost is **£19p/p (drinks extra)**. If you would like to come, please sign the list at the back of church and pay a **£5p/p deposit**. Lifts will be available from the Church car park if required.

Menu

Choice of:

roast chicken supreme, roast sirloin of beef, stuffed rolled pork belly or vegetarian roast

Served with:

honey and thyme roasted carrots & parsnips, garlic and rosemary roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, tender stem broccoli, creamed cabbage, mashed potatoes, stuffing, pigs in blankets, yorkshire puddings, homemade gravy

Dessert - choice of:

cheese selection with crackers and chutney, chocolate fudge cake served with vanilla ice cream, lotus biscoff cheesecake

SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding Training

A basic safeguarding training session is available to any member of the congregation who would like to learn more. It will cover the basics in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe. The course is being held at **St Nicholas' Church** on Monday 20th January at 6.45pm. Please contact stnicspa@gmail.com to let them know you would like to attend.

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Funeral

The funeral of Val Cothliffe will be held at St Michael's Church on **Friday 31st January at 1.15pm**. You would be most welcome to join Val's family for this service.



Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union will enjoy a talk, "Last Orders, Please!" by Elaine Allen, a blue badge guide. **Tuesday 28th January at 2.30pm** (small church hall).

Maghull Wind Orchestra
presents

A Celebration of Film Music



Saturday 15th February 2025, 7:30pm

Tickets £10
available by contacting Rachel Lupton:
office@stmbands.org or 0151 924 0561



St Michael's Church
54 Dowhills Road, Blundellsands L23 8SP

Maghull Wind Orchestra: A Celebration of Film Music



The next fundraising event will be on **15th February 2025**. Maghull Wind Orchestra will be holding a concert in support of our Raise the Roof Appeal. Sign up at the back of church or contact Rachel to book tickets.

The theme is 'A Celebration of Film Music' and will feature music from films such as *Mary Poppins*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Chillers and Thrillers* and *Chicken Run*.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES



Please see the details on the poster / notice for more information or contact details.

(Community notices will be listed until the event is passed, or for 4 weeks if not time limited.)

St Michael's Church Hall – A 'What's On' Guide

If you would like the contact details of any of the community groups that hire the Church Hall, please contact the Parish Office.

Monday: Pilates, Tae Kwondo

Tuesday: Tai Chi, Limelight Drama

Wednesday: Move It or Lose It, Rainbows, Crosby Arts Society

Thursday: Brownies, Guides

Friday: Pilates, Limelight Drama, Crosby Symphony Orchestra

Saturday: Limelight Drama



Ukraine Welcome Centre

Here is an update on our donation needs:

Conditions on the frontline are worse than ever, and the extreme cold is an added factor ...

So, **warm bedding** is very much needed, together with **tinned** and **dried food**. Also, **adult bikes** in working condition are desperately needed on the frontline, because fuel is difficult to obtain for vehicles.

These donations will be sent over to Ukraine by International Aid Trust. Thank you for your continued support.

Donations should be taken to the Ukraine Welcome Centre or please speak to Lucy Faulkner.

Opening Times: Sunday 2-5

Monday 10-2;

Tuesday 12-4





The 2024/2025 Sunday Concert Series

2 February 2025 at 7 pm Winnie Sue – Piano



FRANZ LISZT - Les Jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este
MAURICE RAVEL - Jeux d'eau
GABRIEL FAURÉ - Nocturne No 13 in B minor Op. 119
LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN - Sonata Op.109
CLAUDE DEBUSSY - Estampes
FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN - Sonata No.3 in B minor

Book online at: <http://chet-events.eventbrite.com/>



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Email: office@chetcentre.org.uk
www.chetcentre.org.uk

The Concert Series is kindly sponsored by



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2nd February at 7pm

Please see poster for details

Save your stamps for RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind people).



Be a stamp collector for a good cause.

Collect stamps for RNIB and make a difference to blind and partially sighted people. If you receive cards and letters through the post, we'll turn them into funds to help people living with sight loss.

You might make a good collection over the Christmas period.

We raise £20 for every kilogramme of stamps we receive.

Please ensure stamps are trimmed with approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge.

Stamps are sold by weight, so whatever you can send will add up to much-needed funds for our services. We accept all stamps: new or **used**, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.

**If you can be part of this please pass stamps to - CHRISTINE ROBINSON.
Thank You.**

There is a collection box for these stamps at the back of Church.