



The Weekly Bulletin

24th August, 2024

St. Michael's Church, Blundellsands

www.stmichaelblundellsands.org



Date	Day	Time	Service
25/8/24	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
Livestream Links			
(A) https://youtube.com/live/DQj1Qds4iQ8?feature=share			
(B) https://youtube.com/live/csabxvR7dbM?feature=share			



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.



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

Heavenly Food - Wednesday 18th September

A short act of worship followed by a two-course lunch. Cost is £10.



Volunteer Bakers

We would be most grateful to anybody who would like to volunteer to make cakes for the Rubber Bridge and Afternoon Tea Event on 21st September.

If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.



Sunday's Reading

Numbers 22: 22 - 35



Balaam and his Donkey Meet an Angel

²² But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road.

²⁴ Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. ²⁵ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again.

²⁶ Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. ²⁷ When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. ²⁸ Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

²⁹ Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now."

³⁰ The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

"No," he said.

³¹ Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

³² The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me.^[a] ³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it."

³⁴ Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

³⁵ The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you." So Balaam went with Balak's officials.

Prayer on St. Bartholemew's Day



**Let us
pray**

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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.

Amen.



"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)



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

FOOD ITEMS

Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate
Milk / Juice (carton)
Cereal (small size)
Soups (can/packet)
Tinned Beans / Spaghetti /Tomatoes
Sauces (Pasta / Tomato) Jars
Tinned Vegetables / Meat / Fish
Tinned Fruit / Rice / Custard
Instant Mash
Pasta / Rice / Noodles
Cup a Soup / Noodles
Puddings / Biscuits / Jam

TOILETRIES (male / female)

Soap
Shower gel & Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

EXTRAS

Chocolate
Pet Food
Nappies



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.

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



Building Work

During this phase of the building work, access to the church and the hall through the side doors may not be possible. Please use the front doors if this is the case.

Community Events



St Michael's Invites You
Rubber Bridge
 &
Afternoon Tea

Please kindly join us for a delightful afternoon of good cards, tea and treats.

Everyone welcome!

Raffle with great prizes to be won!

£40 per table of 4.

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
2:00PM - 5:00PM
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, DOWHILLS ROAD, BLUNDELLSANDS

To book, please contact:
 Sylvia Bramham 07592 919209
 Mike Stone 924 1653
 Jan Owen 07932 763107

All proceeds in aid of St Michael's RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL FUND

Limited places - book early to avoid disappointment.



COME & SING
Fauré Requiem
28th September 2024

At Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, L3 5TQ

Director: Joe Watson Organ: Richard Lea

Full information and participation tickets (£5) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join the Come and Sing Choir.

Full rehearsal: 3:00pm
 Performance Start: 6:30pm



'Come & Sing' Messiah

Using Sir Eugene Goossens' monumental full symphony-sized orchestration of Handel's Messiah, played by the Crosby Symphony Orchestra

St Faith's Church, L22 4QQ
 Date: Sunday 27th October 2024
 Time: 2:15pm rehearsal
 6:30pm concert start
 Free to participate

For more information and to sign up to sing in the choir, scan the QR code below or email: joe.watson@stfaithsgc.org.uk

St Faith's Crosby Music
www.stfaithsgreatcrosby.org.uk

Please see the above posters for details on purchasing tickets or to get more information



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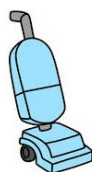
The Chairman of Marine AFC has generously donated items of Everton FC memorabilia to be sold in aid of our Raise the Roof appeal. These items are available to view at the back of church and all have a statement of authenticity on the reverse. If anyone from the congregation would like to make an offer for any item, please speak to Jenny Givens.

Mothers' Union



Our Mothers' Union deanery get together is on Tuesday 30th August at 2pm in Bev's garden (40 Spinney Crescent).

Wanted



Does anybody have a vacuum cleaner that they no longer need but that is in good working order? If so, we would love to take it off your hands! The current vacuum cleaner used in the church and hall no longer works so Cecilia, our cleaner, is using mine on a temporary basis. I'm happy to collect from you if that is easier. Rachel.



The Arts Society Crosby will hold its next meeting in the church hall at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11th. Michael Howard, an artist and Fellow of the RSA, will give an illustrated talk entitled 'David Hockney: A Certain Generosity of Spirit'.

Hosts Wanted



Saltmine Theatre Company is a professional touring theatre company with a Christian ethos (www.saltminetrust.org.uk). We tour into churches, schools and theatres around the UK. Theatre in Education is a key part of what we do, and each year we work with about 300 primary and secondary schools and perform to over 54,000 students.

Saltmine Theatre Company has been booked to tour our anti-knife crime production *Switch Up* into St Michael's High School in September and we are looking for Christian hosts in the area for our team of actors the night before they go into the school.

Here are the details:

Can you host a Christian actor?

WHEN: evening of Thursday 26th September

WHO: team is made up of one female, four males (the team, all Christians in their 20s-30s, have their own transport and don't have to stay together). All of them are tall, so will need adult beds, not children's beds (sorry if this sounds obvious).

WHAT'S REQUESTED: we ask hosts to provide a bed for the night and breakfast (breakfast usually being something to 'grab and go' early in the morning before they head to school, they usually need to be at school for around 7am). IF hosts wish to offer an evening meal on Thursday 26th to bless their Saltmine guests this will be greatly appreciated but it is not obligatory - we don't want to impose.

As a Christian charity we cannot afford to pay for hospitality. People who are willing to host really are making an invaluable contribution to our ministry

and helping to share something of God's heart with young people in your area.

If anyone can help or has any questions, please do ask them to call me on **01384 454800** or email creative@saltmine.org.



Parish Office

For items to be included in the weekly bulletin, please email the Parish Administrator by 12 noon on Thursdays. Thank you.

Office Hours this coming week:

Monday 26th August - 10.30 - 14.30 (* **WORKING FROM HOME**)

Wednesday 28th August - 10.30 - 14.30

Thursday 29th August - 10.30 - 14.30

Saturday 31st August - 8.00 - 11.00



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