



The Weekly Bulletin

2nd November,
2024

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

'Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11: 25-26



Heavenly Food
20th November 2024

Short act of worship,
followed by a two-course
lunch.

£8

To book, contact the
office.

Date	Day	Time	Service
3/11/24	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion (All Saints)
6/11/24	Wednesday	10.45 am	Holy Communion (MU)
Livestream Links (Sunday Service only)			
(A) https://youtube.com/live/4JBhACByi3k?feature=share			
(B) https://youtube.com/live/OnmlGQ-nUiA?feature=share			



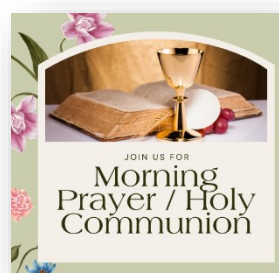
Ukraine Welcome Centre

The Ukraine Welcome Centre are eager to receive donations of coats, warm clothing and blankets.

Please leave any donations next to the Food Bank box in Church and Lucy will take them. Thank you.

November Services Overview

- Sunday 3rd November (10.30am) - Holy Communion
- Wednesday 6th November (10.45am) - Mothers' Union Holy Communion
- Sunday 10th November (10.30am) - Morning Prayer (Remembrance)
 - Sunday 17th November (10.30am) - Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th November (10.30am) - Morning Prayer (Toy Service)





St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

Join us for our special services!



HARVEST SERVICE

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM

Accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, gifts of non-perishable food will be collected and donated to the Salvation Army, Walton Branch.



REMEMBERING AND THANKING SERVICE

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 10.30AM

Contact the Parish Office to have a deceased loved one prayed for by name.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM

A service of reflection and gratitude, with a two-minute silence at 11am.



TOY SERVICE

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM

Accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, gifts of new toys will be collected and donated to the Salvation Army, Walton Branch.



CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 4.00PM

Come along to sing carols, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie



CHRISTINGLE

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 4.00PM

A service in aid of the Children's Society, receive a Christingle and prepare for Christmas. Followed by tea and Christmas cake.



CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER 10.30AM

Join with us to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Preacher and celebrant Pete Spiers, Archdeacon of Knowsley and Sefton.



Photograph courtesy Christine Robinson

St Michael's Raise the Roof Campaign



Dear Neighbour

Our Church of St Michael's is a vital gathering place for prayer, support and friendship. It's where we celebrate life's milestones - baptism, marriage and bereavement. It offers comfort and joy, but now it urgently needs your help to continue meeting our needs.

Time has taken its toll on the building and urgent roof repairs are now underway. Our next big challenge is the vital restoration work of the church interior. Severe damage to the plasterwork and electrics has occurred due to water ingress over the years.

In the face of this challenge, we are now seeking the help of our entire community to complete the required renovation work to ensure the preservation of St Michael's for future generations. We are sure local businesses and the wider community would wish us to succeed in saving our precious building. For years St Michael's has been a lifeline, providing a place of welcome and prayer and now we turn to you for assistance.

How you can help?

- ◆ **Spread the word** by sharing this message with friends and family.
- ◆ **Support our fundraising events.** Please visit our website to see What Is On.
- ◆ **Donate to our JUST GIVING page** by scanning the QR code.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

St Michael's Church PCC



SCAN ME!

EMAIL: office@stmbsands.org

CALL: 0151 924 0561

Dowhills Road, Blundellsands

www.stmichaelblundellsands.org.uk

Thank you for your support!

Sunday's Reading



Revelation 2: 8 - 11

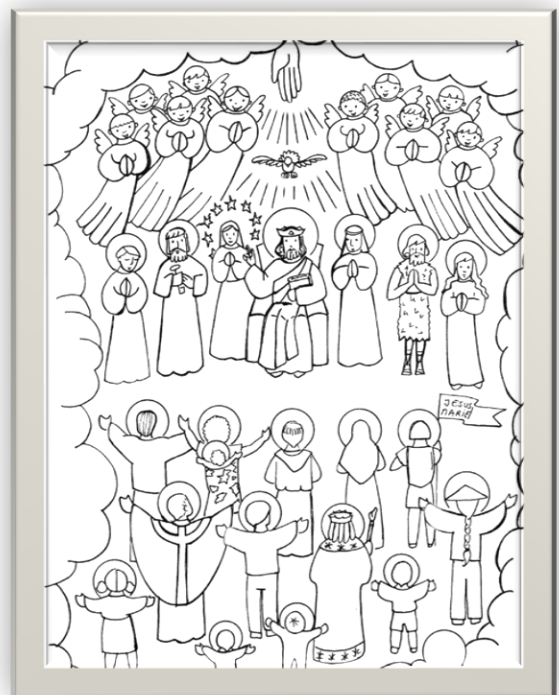
Letter to the Church in Smyrna

⁸"To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:
These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

¹¹Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Children's Challenge!

Discuss what a saint is and share some stories of the better-known saints. Print out this page of the bulletin for your children or grandchildren. Once they complete the colouring page it can be brought into the office (see working hours) to receive a chocolate coin!



Coloured in by: _____

Aged: _____



Let Us Pray: For those affected by the floods in Spain

Dear Lord,

Please be close to all those affected by the devastating floods in Spain this week. We mourn with those who are mourning and ask that you would draw near to those who experiencing loss at this time. Please bring hope to those feeling sorrowful. May the hope of eternal life, and the promise of a day to come when there will be no more suffering, bring people comfort in this time. Please also give strength and courage to those leading the emergency response.

In your name, 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

<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.



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>

Community & Church Events

Please see the details on the poster for how to book or obtain more details.

TALKING TEA
& Legacy

St John's Church, Ainsdale
2-4pm, Wednesday 6th November

FREE AFTERNOON TEA
Join us for a delicious **FREE** afternoon tea followed by a short programme of speakers sharing stories and information on how you can make a lasting difference to your family, your church family and your global family through your Will. Limited Places. Booking Essential.

PARTNERS
St John's Church Ainsdale & the Diocese of Liverpool have partnered with Christian Aid & Farewill to provide this event.

Christian Aid
Faith Will is a way of inspiring Christians of all denominations to share the power of leaving a gift in their will to both Christian Aid and their place of worship.

Farewill
Farewill launched their innovative online will writing service, in 2016, with the aim of making it simpler and more affordable to write a will.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For further information or to book please email: vicky.sime@liverpool.anglican.org.

BOOK NOW ON
EVENTBRITE
OR EMAIL
VICKY.SIME

St John's Church Ainsdale | Diocese of Liverpool | Farewill | Christian Aid

RAISE THE ROOF
• APPEAL FUND •
St Michael's Blundellsands

FUNDRAISING DINNER
AT
THE WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB
CHURCHILL - 'THE MAN YOU DON'T KNOW!'
Prepare to be surprised and have a chuckle or two!

SPEAKER: ROGER DALE, GUIDE AT CHARTWELL HOUSE
Roger Dale, ex Magistrate, ex Civil Servant and for the past 10 years, a volunteer guide at Winston Churchill's family home, Chartwell, Kent, will delve into some lesser known aspects of Churchill's life, his love of painting, family, particularly Clementine, his wife of 57 years and, of course, his wicked wit.

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
7 FOR 7:30PM

TICKETS: £35pp includes 2 Course Meal with Coffee, Tea & Mints

AUCTION & RAFFLE - All proceeds in aid of our Raise the Roof Appeal Fund

DRESS CODE: SMART/CASUAL

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT:
Brian Dunning on 07784 248808
Jan Owen on 07932 763107
Rachel Lupton on 0151 924 0561
office@stombsands.org



Booking now closed - thank you for your support.

Friday 8th November



10th November - 7pm

See details on poster to book directly.



The 2024/2025 Sunday Concert Series

10 November 2024 at 7 pm

Trio Kagura

Pijus Jonusas - Violin
Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido - Cello
Kanakano Mizuno - Piano



Franz Schubert - Piano Trio No.1 in B flat Major, D. 898

Lotta Wennäkoski - Päärme (Hem)

Bedřich Smetana - Piano Trio in G minor

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



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Crosby Hall Educational Trust
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The Concert Series is kindly sponsored by  **MAESTRO! TOURING**
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St Michael's Church Hall
Dowhills Road
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L23 8SP


POETRY

(with the possibility of cake)


SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER - 2.30PM

An afternoon of poetry to raise funds for St Michael's Roof Appeal.

- Nicky Carter
- Maria Isakova Bennett
- Jeffa Kay
- Elspeth McLean
- Jenny Robb
- Pauline Rowe



Tickets are £5. Donations welcomed for tea and cake.
Contact the poets or office@stombsands.org to book.



Tickets are available from Jeffa Kay and from the office.

Please pay by cash or cheque where possible.

If you can make cakes for this event, or help to serve, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Thank you

16th November
Autumn sale

Ukraine Welcome Centre
 Mersey Road, L23 3AE

Saturday
11 am - 3 pm

- Ladies clothing
- Mens clothing
- New shoes
- Scarves
- Holdalls
- Secondhand bags
- Christmas gifts
- Craft stall
- Gift sets+ideas
- Kids fancy dresses
- Jewelry
- Kitchenware
- Tombola stall
- Cuddly toys stall
- CDs/DVDs/Books
- Cushions
- Handmade cakes

CAFE
 Bread
 Coffee
 Tea

Ukraine Welcome Centre.

Please speak to Lucy Faulkner for more details.



23rd November - 6.30pm for 7pm

See poster for details of the event and how to book.

mary's meals
 a simple solution to world hunger

A VERY JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Enjoy a magical evening of festive music with The Sacred Heart Choir and help to feed hungry children with Mary's Meals.

Hear from Mary's Meals Founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and browse our seasonal stalls.

Saturday 23 November, doors 6.30pm for 7.30pm start
 St Bede's College, Manchester M16 8HX
 Tickets (including refreshments) £12
averyjoyfulchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk **Tickets**
 Or call 0800 698 1212
 Or email info@marysmeals.org

Mary's Meals, Craig Lodge, Dalmailly, Argyll, Scotland, PA33 1AR. A registered charity: SC022140



The next **Mothers' Union** afternoon meeting will be on **Tuesday 26th November** in the Church Hall at 2.30pm – Jane Mellor will be speaking on the history of the Key Park.

The poster has an orange background with a green and white QR code in the center. At the top, it says 'Fit for mission' with a logo of a cross and a flame. Below that, it says 'in Sefton North'. The text asks if you'd like more information and to sign up for email updates. At the bottom, it provides a website link and contact information for David Banbury, and features the Diocese of Liverpool logo.

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> or contact Fit for Mission Engagement Manager, David Banbury (david.banbury@liverpool.anglican.org)

Diocese of Liverpool

Sign up using the QR code to receive a short series of emails. These emails cover a number of FfM key topics such as governance, resources and support, safeguarding, buildings, finance and Local Leadership Teams.

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.**



MOVE IT
OR LOSE IT!

Exercises for the over 60's

A lot of research is being done at the moment into the positive effects of exercise, particularly for those who are over 60 years of age.

Exercise can help us to:

- * maintain and increase our muscle strength
- * improve our balance, co-ordination and mobility
- * improve our confidence
- * reduce our risk of falling
- * improve our mood and overall wellbeing

I run weekly classes for the over 60's at St Michael's Church Hall, Blundellsands
Every Wednesday at 9:30am and 11am

You can work at your own level, exercising by sitting down, holding onto a chair, or standing.

We will have fun! You will make new friends!

Cost is £6 per session and includes a cuppa and biscuit

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Margaret Short on 07950 027395, or margaret.short@moveitorloseit.co.uk

I am part of the Move it or Lose it network of qualified instructors.



Save the Date!



Advanced notice to save the date for St Michael's Christmas Party! Join together for a festive two-course lunch with carols, at West Lancashire Golf Club on **Friday 6th December 2024.**



Parish Office



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 5th November - 12.00 - 14.30

Wednesday 6th November - 9.30 - 14.30

Thursday 7th November - 9.30 - 14.30

Saturday 9th November - 8.00 - 10.30

office@stombsands.org