

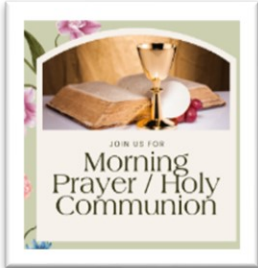


# The Weekly Bulletin

7<sup>th</sup> December,  
2024

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands  
[www.stmichaelblundellsands.org](http://www.stmichaelblundellsands.org)

## Upcoming Services



**8<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30**  
Morning Prayer

**15<sup>th</sup> December - 4.00**  
Carol Service

**22<sup>nd</sup> December - 4.00**  
Christingle

**25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30**  
Holy Communion  
(Christmas Day)

**29<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30**  
Morning Prayer



### Services this coming week

Date	Day	Time	Service
8/12/24	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)
Livestream Links			
(A) <a href="https://youtube.com/live/Tso7sVsEoKA?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/Tso7sVsEoKA?feature=share</a>			
(B) <a href="https://youtube.com/live/ePRfutGVzt0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/ePRfutGVzt0?feature=share</a>			



### Raise the Roof Appeal: An update



Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service **tomorrow, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** so that an update can be given on the fundraising efforts so far and the work on the Church building that has been completed, as well as the plan moving forward. We would be delighted if you could join us for this.

"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

### Book Signing - TOMORROW

Hugh Hollinghurst will be signing copies of his latest book **The Little History of Lancashire** this Sunday before and after the service. Usually retailing at £15, copies will be available at £10. Profits will go to the **Raise the Roof Appeal Fund**.



**SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS!!**

## 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!

Discuss the second Sunday of Advent - Peace. Share your hopes for this advent season as we look towards a new year. Print out this page of the bulletin for your children or grandchildren. Once they complete the colouring page or wordsearch it can be brought into the office (see working hours) to receive a chocolate coin!

## Advent Word Search

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JESUS  
FRANKINCENSE  
JOY  
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CHRISTMAS  
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### Revelation 3: 7 - 13

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,

“These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”: <sup>8</sup>“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. <sup>9</sup>Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. <sup>11</sup>Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. <sup>12</sup>He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.

<sup>13</sup>“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

## Prayers for Peace (Advent 2)

May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace. We pray that their efforts may be blessed, that they may bring an end to violence and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls,

convert all who live by violence and comfort all children who live in menacing situations, that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and world.

Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer.  
Amen.



Please keep in your prayers those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for Bill and Glenys Mainey and for Kath Rogers.



**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)
<b>EXTRAS</b>	<b>TOILETRIES (male &amp; female)</b>
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)

**December’s Barista Rota**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Pam & Nora
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Richard & Sue
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Lynne, Marika & Sylvia
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jenny & Lorna
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Brenda & Jan

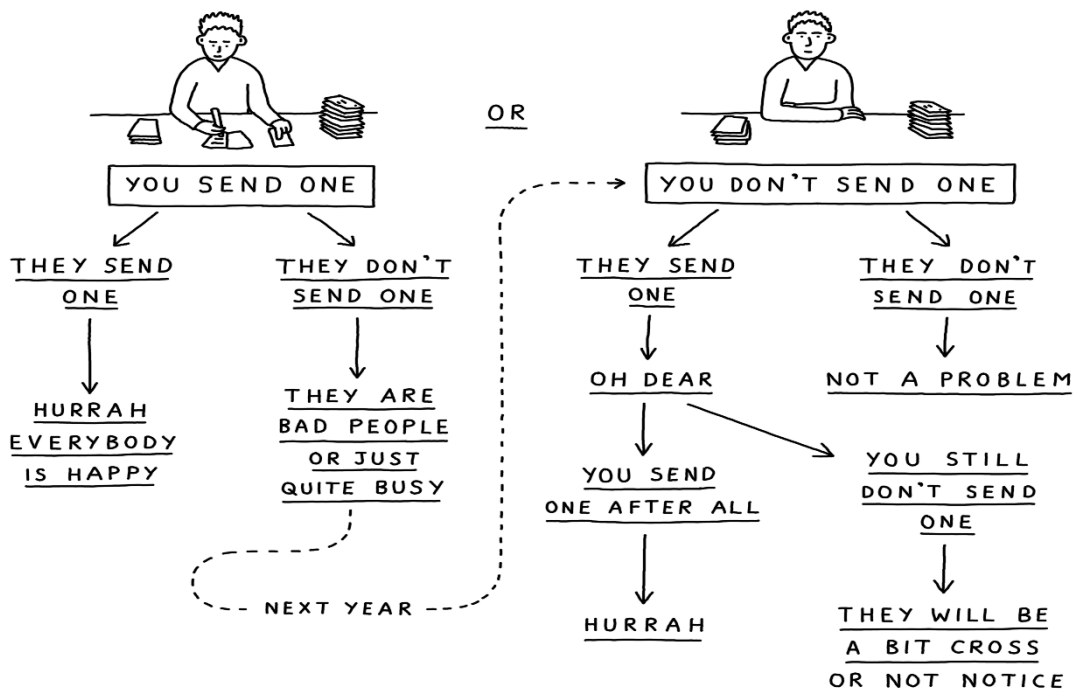


**December’s Welcoming Team**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jane Mellor & Anne Monk
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Lorna Swainbank
- 15<sup>th</sup> - M Williams
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -
- 29<sup>th</sup> -



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



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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.

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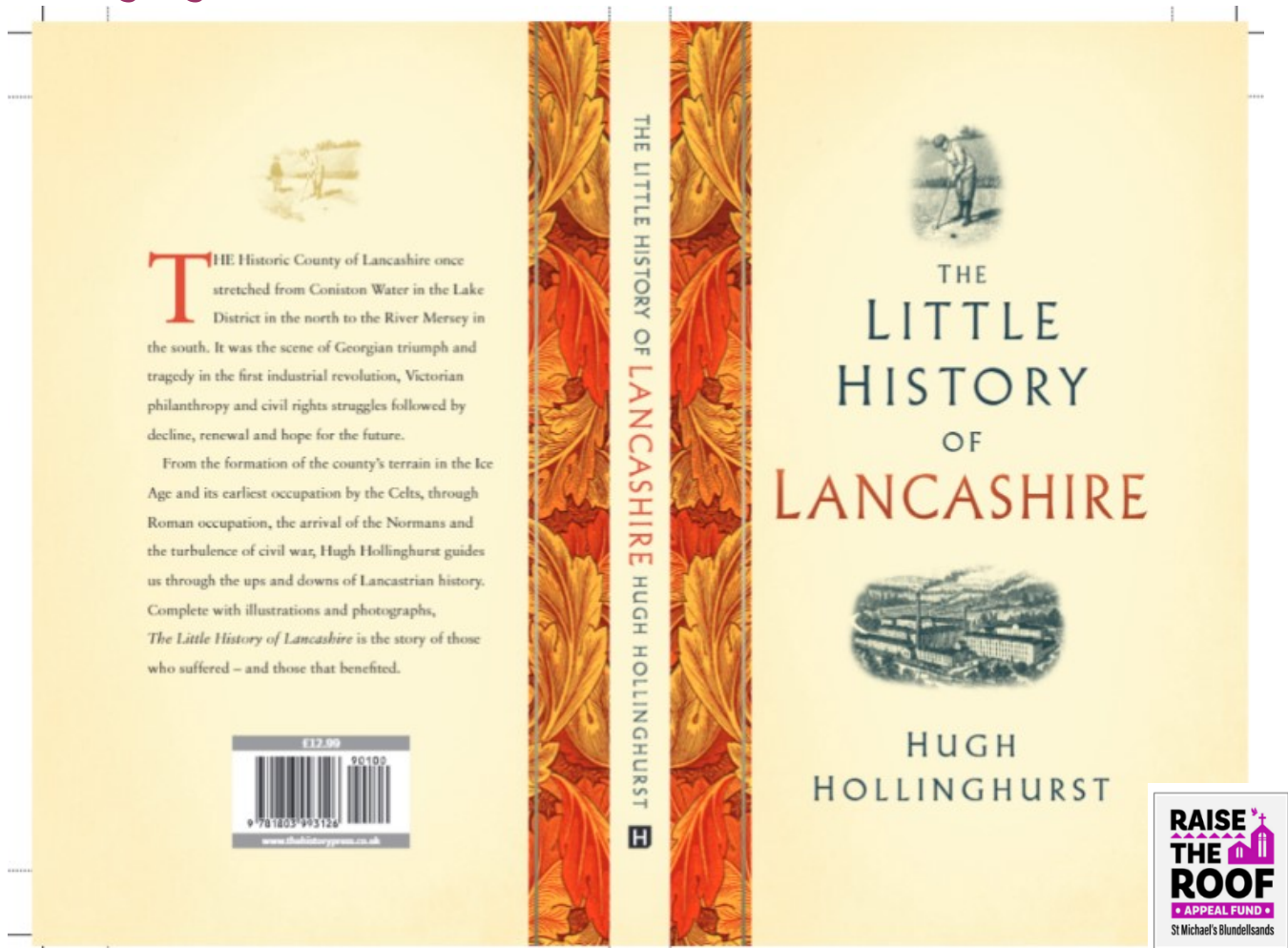
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmbsandsraisetherooof>



<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.

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## 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



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 10th December** - 12.30 - 15.00

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30 - 14.30

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30 - 14.30

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - **CLOSED**

[office@stombsands.org](mailto:office@stombsands.org)

### Heavenly Food



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The next Heavenly Food lunch club is at **St. Michael's High School** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm**. Christmas Dinner and entertainment will be provided by the school. Doors open at 12.00.

A short act of worship followed by a two-course lunch. £8. Please contact the office to book, or sign up at the back of church. **by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**



## Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Christmas Party is on **Tuesday 17th December** in the **Church Hall at 2.30pm.**

## 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.

**Bookings can be made by contacting Gill Dottie.**

**email: [gill.dottie@liverpool.anglican.org](mailto:gill.dottie@liverpool.anglican.org)**

**phone: 0151 705 2141**

**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](mailto:david.banbury@liverpool.anglican.org))

Diocese of Liverpool

# *in vivo*

Maghull Wind Orchestra

presents

## A Celebration of Film Music

in support of



**Saturday 15th February 2025, 7:30pm**

**Tickets £10**

available by contacting Rachel Lupton:  
[office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.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 (Tickets would make an ideal Christmas present!)

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*.



# 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



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Dowhills Road, Blundellsands

CALL: 0151 924 0561  
[www.stmichaelblundellsands.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelblundellsands.org.uk)



## 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.)



### **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.



**8<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm**

See poster for details of the event.

**CHET**  
**Christmas Events 2024**

**Christmas Concert**  
**Amadeus: The Chamber Choir**

Sunday 8 December 2024 at 2.30pm  
Ticket £12 - with mulled wine and a mince pie  
Tickets online at: <http://chet-events.eventbrite.com/>



**Christmas Coffee Morning**

Monday 9 December 2024 from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Christmas stall, Hamper raffle, and a talk from Mark Blundell  
'The Blundells of Little Crosby - A Historical Sketch' at 11.15 am  
Admission £5 - pay on the door - Includes tea/coffee and a mince pie

**CHET**  
Crosby Hall Educational Trust  
Back Lane, Little Crosby, Liverpool, L25 4UA  
Tel: 0151 924 9099  
Email: [office@chetcentre.org.uk](mailto:office@chetcentre.org.uk)  
[www.chetcentre.org.uk](http://www.chetcentre.org.uk)

**8<sup>th</sup> December - 2.30pm**

See poster for details of the event.

St Peter's Church  
Green Lane  
Formby  
L37 7DL

**Christmas  
Tree  
Festival**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> —  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Church & Coffee Shop OPEN**  
Thursday - Sunday  
**\*10:30am - 4:30pm**  
**\*12:00 noon on Sunday**

[stpetersformby.co.uk](http://stpetersformby.co.uk)  
 01704 871171

**12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December - 2.30pm**

See poster for details of the event.



## Johann Sebastian Bach: Nun komm der heiden Heiland

*Come now, God's chosen Saviour (Cantata 62)*

Bach composed this cantata to the text of the Advent hymn *Veni, Redemptor Gentium*. In it the coming of the Saviour is welcomed: "The hero of Judah breaks forth to run the course with joy".

Sunday 15 December 2024 at 6.30pm

*Evening Prayer and Cantata*

St Joseph's Church, Warren Road,  
Blundellsands L23 6UE



**15<sup>th</sup> December - 6.30pm**

See poster for details of the event.

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**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.**

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