

Beat Surgery

Local beat officers Police Constable Julie Rudyard and Police Community Support Officer Dan Cowley are holding monthly 'beat surgeries' at St Michael's Centre. The officers want to hear about any concerns you have about crime or anti-social behaviour and can also help by giving crime prevention advice. Meet them on:

Tuesday 13 March, 4pm–6pm;
Tuesday 10 April, 1pm–3pm and
Wednesday 9 May, 9am–11am.

Board games evening

Fancy a game of ludo, snakes and ladders, monopoly, scrabble or other favourite? Then come along to our board games evening on Easter Saturday, 31 March, in the Old School Rooms from 7pm onwards.

Board games will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own.

People will be on hand to help match you with a game you might enjoy. Tickets cost £5 and include a hot supper and pudding. Bring your own drinks. Tickets available from Kia Harris (Kiaharris@hotmail.com) and the church office (tel 0117 969 2486).

Brass band concert

The City of Bristol Brass Band are back by popular request on Saturday 19 May in St Michael's Church Centre from 7pm to around 9pm (with refreshment break), playing a varied selection of classical and modern music.

Their previous concerts have been superb, so don't miss this one. Tickets (£8 Adult, £5 retired, U16 free) available from the church office in the weeks before the concert, or on the door.

Pastoral Listening

A volunteer from the Pastoral Ministry team is available to come alongside, befriend and listen for an hour a day Monday–Saturday.

The church office and Coffee Shop have the availability details for each day (times vary). They will be wearing a pastoral presence badge and drinking from a blue & white mug saying "here to listen" so do look out for them and say "hello"!

Old School Rooms Coffee Shop

The Old School Rooms Coffee Shop is part of St. Michael's Church ministry – and right on your doorstep! We are open: Monday to Friday 9.30am–4pm (lunches served from 12noon–2pm)
Saturday 10am–12noon

Please note: We will be closed on Good Friday, 30 March, for Easter, re-opening on Monday 9 April, Saturday 21 April and Monday May 7.

Over 65's Lunch

Our next Community Sunday lunch for the over 65s is on Sunday 3 June at 1pm in the Old School Rooms.

This event is always popular, so book early by calling the church office on 0117 9692486 or emailing: over65s@stmichaelsbristol.org by Thursday 31 May.

There is no charge, but donations are gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you!



March 2018

We offer a wide range of activities and worship services in order that people from across the community can meet and enjoy time together. Everyone is welcome at St Michael's!



Our Easter services

* includes Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, 29 March

*7.30pm Holy Communion (St Michael's Church)

Good Friday, 30 March

*12noon Reflective Service ending with Communion at 1.45pm (St Michael's Church). Stay for as long or as little as you like by arriving or leaving on the hour or half hour.

Easter Day, Sunday 1 April

*9am, St Michael's Church – traditional service
*10.30am, St Michael's Church Centre – contemporary family celebration with family communion
5pm, St Michael's Church – traditional Evensong
* 6.30pm, St Michael's Church Centre – informal worship and celebration

Ascension Day, Thursday 10 May

*7.30pm (St Michael's Church)

Regular Sunday Services

At St Michael's we hold three main church services every Sunday, and quite a few others besides. Each service has a slightly different style and feel, enabling as many people as possible to find a helpful way to worship together.

9am service

Our first service on a Sunday morning is more traditional in its style. We gather at 9am in the church building, and the service is usually finished soon after 10am, when coffee is served in the Old School Rooms.

10.30am family celebration

There's a more contemporary feel to the 10.30am service held in the St Michael's Church Centre. Lively worship is led by a band. This is our most popular service for families with children.

6.30pm celebration

The evening service, held in the auditorium, is the most informal of the three. Teaching, sung worship, prayer and times of sharing are regularly included, but there is no formal order of service.

Evensong

On the first Sunday of each month a more traditional service of Evensong is held in the church building at 5pm.

Other services

Morning Prayer

A simple, informal time of prayer for just 20 minutes from 9.10am – 9.30am, in the church building, Mondays and Wednesdays during term time. Anyone is welcome to take part, or to request prayers.

Rhythms of Grace

A monthly gathering at St Michael's Church, which provides a quiet time and place where people can reflect, meditate on God's word, come close to God and listen to His voice. Usually on the third Friday of each month (except August) from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Contact Annie Hepburn on 0117 959 9270 or by email at annie@hepburn.email

Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry run social events for men of all ages at the Old School Rooms or St Michael's Church Centre.

Dates for your diary:

10 March, 2pm – Clay pigeon shooting (venue near The Mall). Learn how to shoot and then take part in a competition.

14 April, 7.30pm – Film Quiz, Old School Rooms. Film-themed food together with popcorn, hot dogs and nachos etc.

May (date to be confirmed) – Curry night (Old School Rooms). Enjoy an authentic Indian buffet.

2 June, 8.30am for 9am, beginning with bacon sarnies – Faith talk (Old School Rooms). An ongoing series of talks for men and their faith.

For further details (including prices) contact Rob Bakewell at robanddi-ane.bakewell@gmail.com or call him on 0791 257 4691.

Link club

The Link Club is a friendly fortnightly gathering for those over retirement age in Stoke Gifford and Little Stoke. The club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 2pm for conversation and refreshments, and there is usually a speaker.

Meetings are usually held alternately in Stoke Gifford and Little Stoke, but at present all meetings are held in the Old School Rooms while Little Stoke Community Centre is being refurbished.

Dates for your diary:

8 March: 'Firefighters' – John Craig. Old School Rooms

22 March: 'Easter Reflections' – Revd Canon Julie Bradley. Old School Rooms

12 April: 'Gardens of South Africa' – David and Pat Hutton. Old School Rooms.

26 April: 'MGM Musicals' – Terry Merriott-Smith. Little Stoke Community Hall.

10 May: 'George Muller – a miracle in Bristol' – Julian Marsh. Old School Rooms.

24 May: 'Our harmonious garden', a musical entertainment – Tim Lewis. Little Stoke Community Hall.

There is a small subscription of £10 a year plus £2 for each meeting attended.

Telephone Ruth McGinley (0117 979 3870) to find out more.

Golden Oldies

The Sing and Smile Golden-Oldies Charity – known as 'GOLDIES' – meets every Tuesday from 2pm–3pm at the Old School Rooms. It's not a choir, but a singalong session using the popular memory-evoking hits from the 50s onwards. It is also an opportunity to chat and make new friends.

GOLDIES is open to all and particularly welcomes older people who are socially isolated as well as people with learning difficulties and dementia. There is a small charge of £2 per person per session. To find out more about GOLDIES online visit <http://www.golden-oldies.org.uk>

Saturday breakfast

Once a month in the Old School Rooms a dedicated team of breakfast cooks produce a full English breakfast plus toast and preserves and plenty of tea, coffee and orange juice. Not only that – there's also a speaker to give a short talk and open discussion on a different topic each month.

The Saturday Breakfast is held on the second Saturday of each month (apart from August) in the main hall of the Old School Rooms between 8.30am and 10am. Your first Saturday breakfast is free! After that it's still a bargain at a requested donation of £2 per person.

Breakfast dates for your diary:

10 March: Tim Roberts, Regional Director for Compassion UK – the work of Compassion amongst children here and abroad

14 April: Lord John Taylor – Christian faith within our Parliament

12 May: to be confirmed

Contact the church office on 0117 9692486 if you'd like to come or to find out more.



Community library

The community library (on the mezzanine above the Old School Rooms Coffee Shop) will be open every week from 5 April.

In addition to opening on alternative Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm, the opening hours have been extended to include alternative Thursday mornings from 10am to 12noon.

As a branch of the South Gloucestershire library, it is linked to the library network which means you can choose from a large selection of regularly changing fiction, non-fiction, large print and children's books DVDs and spoken word.

You can:

- join the library service at the community library or use your Active library card
- order a book at the library or online and collect ordered books free of charge
- use your Active card to download ebooks, audio books and digital magazines (Coffee Shop with internet access below)

Dates for your diary:

Tuesdays, 2pm to 4pm

13 and 27 March; 10 and 24 April; 8 and 22 May

Thursdays, 9am to 11am

5 and 19 April; 3, 17 and 31 May