



Faith in the Questions—Riding Lights Theatre Company

A respected scientist and a Christian, Job's work is wrestling with the unpredictable as well as predictable structure of the universe. Is God really in control?

When his personal world is shaken to the core, how can Job reassemble the pieces of the puzzle – professionally and spiritually?

Recent debate around science and faith has, for many people, become mistrustful and sharply adversarial. Which side is God on? Or is this the wrong question to ask? This is just one of any number of questions thrown out by Faith in the Questions, a combination of theatre and scientific discussion.

Friday 23 February 7.30pm in St Michael's Centre.

Tickets are free, but you must register for a ticket on 01904 613000 or by going to the Riding Lights website: ridinglights.org/faith-in-the-questions/

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BEING A CHRISTIAN HEART AT THE
CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY



Sunday 11th February

Sunday next before Lent

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Services at 10.30am Our Morning Celebration is an informal service which starts with worship all together for 20 minutes. Then 3-18 year olds go to their various groups, and adults stay in the Church Centre. .

There is a crèche for 0-3 year olds (head for the foyer and you will pointed in the right direction)

Recording of Sunday sermons – hear our Sunday morning & evening sermons on the church website

9.00am
In Church

Morning Communion

Today's Topic: Being forgiven

Readings: Colossians 2:13-14, John 19:28-30

Speaking: John Spens

10.30am
In Auditorium

Morning Celebration with Communion

Today's Topic: Being forgiven

Readings: Colossians 2:13-14

Speaking: John Spens

6.30pm
In Auditorium

Evening Celebration

Today's Topic: Being forgiven

Reading: Colossians 2:13-14

Speaker: Tim Coates

This Week

Wednesday

9.10am Morning Prayer - Church

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service - Church

Friday

9.10am Morning Prayer - Church

Dates for the Diary

23rd February Faith in the questions

18th April APCM and Vision Night

20th-22nd April Church Weekend at Home

Midweek Communion

every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Welcome: If you are new to St Michael's and would like to be added to our database to receive news and updates via email please head to www.stmichaelsbristol.org/register

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Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, and to mark this we are holding a special service on Wednesday 14th February. Come along to the Church for a 7.30pm start. It will be a reflective service and will include the opportunity to be marked with ash in the sign of the cross. All welcome.

Church of England's Lent Campaign

#LiveLent – Let your light shine is a Lent journey through the Gospel of John, offering a short daily reading, a pause for reflection and prayer and a challenge to act. The aim in 2018 is to be as joined up as possible and encourage people to journey from Lent and Easter into Pentecost and Thy Kingdom Come.

There will be chance to sign up to receive the daily reflections free via text by sending LENT to 88802 or by email by heading to www.churchofengland.org/lent

Old School Rooms Coffee Shop Vacancies

There are 3 paid part time vacancies in the Old School Rooms Coffee Shop. 1 Kitchen Assistant and 2 Coffee Shop Assistants. Please contact Ann for further details coffeeshop@stmichaelsbristol.org. Closing date for applications is 12th February.

Hope Bristol 2018 3rd-7th April

Are you NOT aged 12-18? We need your help to transform our city! Can you take 1-5 days to do one of the following:

- Take part in practical jobs for those in need. (Painting, grass cutting, litter picking etc)
- Help at a community fun day in priority areas of the city. (Face painting, sports, refreshments etc)
- Support the youth groups living at St Michael's during this week. (Cooking / running games / washing up etc)

Please speak to Joel Preston (Joel@stmichaelsbristol.org) and visit www.hopebristol.org/book to sign up before 26th Feb. (There is a £5 charge to cover running costs for the whole mission.)

Over 65's Lunch

Our next Community Sunday lunch for the over 65's is on Sunday 4th March at 1pm in the Old School Rooms. This event is always popular, so please do get your name on the list soon if you'd like to come. Call the office on 0117 9692486 or email over65s@stmichaelsbristol.org. Thank you!

Listening Skills Workshop Saturday 24th February

Listening well is not only a way of serving, but also a life skill that can help improve relationships with family, friends, colleagues and church family.

Network Counselling & Training are running a training day for St Michael's on the skill of active listening.

Join us in the auditorium on Saturday 24th from 10am-4pm (refreshments provided but please bring your own lunch).

We may not all be part of the Pastoral Ministry team, but we can still all play a part in becoming better listeners for each other, When we listen well we are better welcome, better at connecting with each other, and better at making each others feel we all belong to this one big and wonderful family of God.

If you are interested in coming along to this workshop, please e-mail Julie Hobbs at jahobbs@blueyonder.co.uk to book a space or phone the church office

Mission Partner of the Month Network Counselling and Training.

St Michael's Church has had links with Bristol-based Network for more than 25 years. Many church members have been involved with Network by attending training courses, working as volunteers or benefitting as clients of the service that Network offers. A recent gift from the HOTC tithe funds has provided a new counselling room for Network at Elm Park, Filton. An information sheet is available in the church and the auditorium.

Rhythms of Grace

Our monthly reflective prayer group, is meeting this Friday 16th February at 7.45 for 8.00 pm in the church and we will be spending time praying using pictures. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you wish to engage with the material or simply wish to take some time out with God for yourself, however you wish. Do come along and bring a friend. For further information contact Annie Hepburn 0117 9599270

Monday Night Live Returns!

Monday Night Live is an outreach event aimed at 18-30's. It's hosted as part of the Students and Young Adults ministry at St Michael's, on the second Monday of the month after hours at Costa Abbey Wood. Free live music, plus special guest interview!

Returning on Monday 12th February from 7.15pm.

This month, Bristol Rovers Chaplain Dave Jeal will be sharing his amazing testimony. And music is from UWE's talented Olumide Osinoiki.

Who could you invite?

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). We will be wearing a pastoral presence badge and drinking from a blue & white mug saying "here to listen" so do look out for us and say hello!

Big Issue Sleep Out

Louise Pott is taking part in the Big Issue sleep out on 2nd March to highlight awareness of homelessness in our city.

Louise says: "It would be great if you could join me or sponsor me - or alternatively bring me tea at 4 in the morning!"

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louisepott

Upcott Bookings Summer 2018

Upcott is a Christian Youthwork Charity in Minehead, which St Michael's have been supporting financially and prayerfully for many years. Children from St Michael's have been going to Upcott for the last 30 years.

During the Summer school holidays Upcott runs activities for young people between the ages of 8 and 25. During the stay there is a mixture of Bible teaching, worship and prayer, as well as fun games, swimming, sports, arts and other exciting activities. If this is something that you think your child would like why not check out their website <http://www.upcott.org.uk> to find out more. If you need more information please have a chat to Andy Greenslade or e-mail him at ag007d7153@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 0117 9830188.

Coffee Shop Spring Clean

Can you help give our Coffee Shop a spruce? If you can spare any time from Tuesday 3rd—Thursday 5th April, for cleaning, painting etc, then please get in contact with Dave Carey (Buildings Manager) or Ann Cooke (Coffee Shop Manager)

Men's Event

Reflecting on your faith journey – where are you now and where do you want to go? Liam McCann will be leading the second of our interactive faith talks on Saturday 17th February and addressing those very questions. Please let Rob Bakewell know if you are coming (robanddiane.bakewell@gmail.com or 07912574691). As before, bacon rolls will be available.