



SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest Local—Only the Brave

ONLY THE BRAVE
TOUR 2017

Wednesday 27 September 2017
Bristol
7.30pm, St Michael's Centre

With  Lou Fellingham  Cathy Madavan  Sim Dendy

A local Spring Harvest event exploring the theme of determined discipleship

Tickets £7 adults
£5 for concessions*

To book visit springharvest.org/local

*Concessions include: students, under 18s, benefit recipients and OAPs

We're hosting an event in St Michael's Centre on Wednesday 27th September, as part of the Spring Harvest Local tour.

Worship is from Lou Fellingham, and Cathy Madavan and Sim Dendy will be speaking.

This is a ticketed event, available direct from Spring Harvest.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

www.springharvest.org/local

Connect Supper Club

The supper club is for all members of the church family. Couples, singles, younger or older. It is for people to meet and connect over a good meal and a drink in a nice relaxed atmosphere on a Friday night.

The next Supper Club will be on Friday 18th August at 7:30 pm at 'The Clifton Sausage'. Sign up sheet in St Michael's reception or reply to the Connect Facebook post.

St Michael's Pre-School & Nursery

The Pre-School are offering a new 9am-3pm term time only sessions, from September. Places are still available, so please call them on 0117 9236395 for more information.

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LIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY
BEING A CHRISTIAN HEART AT THE
CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY



Sunday 13th August

9th Sunday after Trinity

For hearing aid users select "T" setting on your device

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 be 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: God is "for" us
Readings: Romans 8:28-39, John 13:1-5

Speaker: Julie Bradley

10.30am
in
Auditorium

Morning Celebration with Communion

Today's Topic: God is "for" us
Readings: Romans 8:28-39

Speaker: Julie Bradley

6.30pm
in
Auditorium

Evening Celebration

Today's Topic: To Nicodemus
Readings: John 3: 1-21

Speaker: Simon Jones

This Week

Wednesday 16th August
Midweek Communion 10am - Church

Morning Prayer resumes Wednesday 6th September

Dates for the Diary

3rd September	Over 65s Lunch
20th September	Alpha Taster Session
27th September	Spring Harvest Local
7th October	Harvest Supper
5th November	Confirmation Service

New Church of England Academy DBAT Proposal

The Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust (DBAT) is currently working on an exciting application for the proposed new secondary school on the old Filton Airfield. They are working with Elisabeth Gilpin, Head teacher of St Mary Redcliffe and Temple CE School (twice judged 'Outstanding' by Ofsted) to create a new outstanding 11-18 CE Academy.

To aid the application, DBAT need to demonstrate a demand from parents in the area, and are therefore asking for letters of support. The proposed new school will not open until 2019 at the earliest. If you would like some more detailed info, and a suggested letter template from DBAT, please email the office and we will forward this information on to you Laura@stmichaelsbristol.org

Part time Job Opportunity

There is a vacancy for a Part-time Kitchen Assistant to work with the Coffee Shop team. The role is for 5 1/2 hours per week over 2 days. Applicants need to be motivated and enthusiastic, and have the relevant knowledge and experience of a similar catering establishment.

For more information and an application form, please speak to the Coffee Shop manager or email coffeeshop@stmichaelsbristol.org

Being There: part time course

'Being There' is an 12-week part-time course, run by Network Counselling and Training, and is open to anyone who has an interest in working with people. It is also a good introductory course for anyone considering training as a counsellor.

The next course will be taking place on Monday evenings 11th September to 4th December 2017 (with a half-term break on 23rd October) – at Trinity College, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. There are still a few places left. For more information, a leaflet and booking form please visit the website: www.network.org.uk or email training@network.org.uk

Lesley Kent's Funeral

Lesley was a member of the 9am congregation for many years, and sadly died suddenly at home a few weeks ago. Her funeral service will take place on Friday 25th August at 1.30pm in church to be followed by a committal at West-erleigh Crematorium. Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be served in the Old School Rooms after the service. We would be very grateful to receive contributions in the form of cake or sandwiches for this event and/or offers to help with the serving of these refreshments. Please contact Julie Hobbs on 0117 9799296 or email jahobbs@blueyonder.co.uk if you can help in this way. Some of you will know that Lesley lovingly made toy bears. We would like to have as many of these bears as possible at her funeral and if you have one please can you bring it along to the service with you.

Mission Partner of the Month - Emmaus

Emmaus Bristol provides a home for formally homeless people and work opportunities in the Emmaus shops, collecting and selling used household items and learning new skills. St Michael's has been supporting Emmaus Bristol since it started 13 years ago. More recently, HOTC tithe funds contributed to creating a business incubator unit, where socially disadvantaged people are helped to set up their own businesses. An information sheet is available at the back of church and in St Michael's Centre.

Over 65's Lunches & Teas

These hugely popular outreach events (4 and 2 times a year respectively) are resourced by a fabulous team of volunteers.

We are looking to strengthen the team of cooks and washer-uppers. If this is something you think you could help with, please contact Julie on julie@stmichaelsbristol.org

Welcome

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

Alpha

Who have you been praying for over the last few months? Do you remember the knots we tied round our wrists - who did they represent? Please pray about whether it is right to invite them to the next Alpha course, which starts on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm in St Michael's Centre. The first one is a taster session, so bring as many people as you like; no pressure, just good food and lots to talk about. Email alpha@stmichaelsbristol.org or call the office on 0117 9692486 if you or someone you know would like to come.

SMYB summer workshops

Join us in the Coffee Shop to learn to knit or crochet and to make poppies for our Remembrance Day yarn bomb. Spaces are limited for beginners so please sign up with Debbie or Kia, or email s.m.y.b@outlook.com. If you can already knit or crochet, feel free to come along with your needles, hooks and some red and black wool. Workshop dates are: Saturday 12th Aug, 10am, Friday 18th Aug, 7.30pm Friday 1st Sept, 7.30pm

Community Library

We are delighted to announce that South Gloucestershire's fortnightly community library service will be relocating to the Old School Rooms. Currently provided in a mobile van, it will relocate to mezzanine library space above the Coffee Shop this autumn. This community resource supports our vision of "Living to make a difference, by being a Christian heart at the centre of the Community".

The first community library session will be on Tuesday 10th October, from 2pm until 4pm. Carol Clare has offered to head-up this library service, and is looking to recruit a couple of assistants to help for 2 hours once every 6 weeks or so. Could this be a way for you to get involved in serving the community? There is a training session on Thursday 21st September 9.30am until 11.30am in the upstairs library. Please contact the Church Office if you want to get involved.

Explore Confirmation

This year our Confirmation service is taking place on Sunday 5th November. If you were baptised as a baby, confirmation can be particularly meaningful, as you "confirm" those promises for yourself. If you're interested in Confirmation please get in touch with the office or talk to one of the leadership team. We are holding preparation sessions on 18th September and 2nd October at 7pm.

Bible Study Fellowship

BSF is a Bible study class welcoming men, women and children, whatever their church background, walk of life or level of Bible knowledge, offering a unique way to study God's word. This year they will be studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. There are several classes in Bristol which meet during term time, starting at the beginning of September. The men's class is on a Monday evening in Westbury on Trym and caters for school age children. The women's class is on a Tuesday morning here at St Michael's Centre and caters for preschool children. There are also evening groups for women only. If you have any questions or for further information, please contact Annie Hepburn 0117 9599270. Also see their website at www.bsfindernational.org

Financial Giving

If you would like to give financially to the work of God at St Michael's, you can do so in the following ways:

By Cheque – made payable to St Michael's Stoke Gifford PCC

Via Internet banking:

St Michael's Stoke Gifford PCC:

Sort code: 30 – 16 – 11

Account No: 0 1 8 1 4 8 4 3

One-off giving envelopes are available from reception/ church office.

If you are a tax-payer, we can claim another 25% tax back if you sign a Gift Aid declaration. Please contact Alison Volkmer (Financial Controller finance@stmichaelsbristol.org or Rob Farrell (Treasurer) with any queries. Thank you for your gifts in supporting St Michael's.