



### Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to discuss life and the Christian faith, in an open and friendly environment, over 8 Wednesday evenings.

There's no pressure, there's no charge; just good food and lots to talk about.

The next course starts with a taster session on Wednesday 17th January at 7pm. For more information, or to let us know you're coming, please email

[alpha@stmichaelsbristol.org](mailto:alpha@stmichaelsbristol.org)

**ALPHA**  
Wednesday 17 January

Join us for a taster session to find out more!

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



## Sunday 14th January

*2nd Sunday of Epiphany*

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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: Why is vision important?

Readings: Acts 4:23-31, Luke 10:1-12

Speaking: *Simon Jones*

10.30am  
In Auditorium

### Morning Celebration with Communion

Today's Topic: Why is vision important?

Readings: Luke 10:1-12

Speaking: *Simon Jones*

6.30pm  
In Auditorium

### Evening Celebration

Today's Topic: Why is vision important?

Reading: Luke 10:1-12

Speaker: *Simon Jones*

### This Week

#### Wednesday 17th January

9.10am Morning Prayer - Church

10.00 Midweek Communion - Church

7pm Alpha Taster - SMC

#### Friday 19th January

9.10am Morning Prayer - Church

7.45pm Rhythms of Grace

### Dates for the Diary

18th April APCM and Vision Night

20th-22nd April Church Weekend at Home

**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](http://www.stmichaelsbristol.org/register)

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### Rhythms of Grace

Our reflective prayer group starts again this week. We are meeting in the church this coming Friday 19th January from 7.45 (note new time!) for 8.00 pm finishing by 9.30 pm and will be considering how we can let go of our worries and concerns using prayer and the Bible. There is a brief introduction to the topic, followed by 45 minutes of time alone with God, then we have a chance to share anything that has come up, if we wish to, but there is no pressure to do so. We end with prayer for issues of concern to us and say Compline or Night Prayer together. Material is provided but you are free to come along and use the space 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

### Dads Breakfast

The next St Michael's Dads Breakfast (for Dads with young children) will be held in the Old School Rooms (T1/2/3 Lower hall) on Saturday 20th January from 10am to 12am. Contact Hugh Williams on 07747607870 or [hughandbex@gmail.com](mailto:hughandbex@gmail.com) if you would like more info.

### Men V Food

Any blokes interested in food should read this notice! You can now build your own burger with more or less whatever you want. All you have to do is turn up on Saturday 27th January at 7.30pm in the Old School Room with £5 and some drinks in hand. We'll provide the rest including all those things that all burgers need; cheese, bacon, gherkins, lettuce, pineapple rings and all kinds of sauces!!

Please let Rob Bakewell know via email ([robanddiane.bakewell@gmail.com](mailto:robanddiane.bakewell@gmail.com)) telephone 079125754691 or sign up via Church Suite.

### Mission Partner of the month January 2018

The mission partner of the month for January is Crisis Centre Ministries with a focus on the: **Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter** – a project providing homeless people with a hot meal and a bed for the night in churches in Bristol city centre during Jan-March 2018. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways. This project is a collaboration between our mission partner Crisis Centre Ministries (lead organiser), several Christian organisations and other agencies, churches and Bristol City Council. An information sheet is available in the church and the auditorium

### Trinity College Open Day

Are you considering ordination? Or considering how deeper study could benefit your ministry and your Christian life? Why not go along to Trinity College Bristol on Saturday, 3 February 2018, to chat with their faculty, meet current students, and find out what it can mean to study in community.

To find out more, email [admissions@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk) call 0117 9680254, or visit [www.trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk](http://www.trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk)

### Spring Harvest 2018 Butlins, Minehead Week One (3/4/18 - 8/4/18)

A 6 berth self-catering BlueSkies apartment has become available as part of the St Michael's booking. The cost is £2130 and would have to be paid by 30th January. If anyone is interested in going please contact Janice Stace on 0117 9691088 or email [janicestace@stmichaelsbristol.org](mailto:janicestace@stmichaelsbristol.org).

The Spring Harvest website has details of the theme, price list etc – [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org)

### Could you give an hour a week to change someone's life?

Are you prepared to listen, be patient, and have your faith put to work? There is an opportunity to be a mentor to people with criminal convictions, providing them with support to reach their goals and change their life. MentorMe is offering the following training sessions at St Agnes Church, Thomas Street, Bristol BS2 9LL: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 am to 3 pm and Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January & 7<sup>th</sup> February 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm (all sessions must be attended). To book a place email [alison@mentormeuk.org](mailto:alison@mentormeuk.org) 0117 403 7905.

If you are interested Sue Woodhead-Marsh is happy to share her experience of mentoring people in these circumstances. [suewmarsh@me.com](mailto:suewmarsh@me.com)

### Marriage Preparation Course

Getting married or thinking about it? – If so please consider signing up for the Marriage Preparation Course, a 5 week course that will help lay the foundations for a long and lasting relationship. Starting on Thursday 18th January 7pm – 9.30pm in the OSR Coffee Shop – meal included. For more info please contact the Church Office.

### Art and Soul Lifegroup - change of times

Art and Soul meets on Monday during term time from 1.30- 3.30pm in the Seminar Room in St Michael's Centre.

It's open to all those who have an interest in Art and Creativity, and want to connect with others of a like mind. Most people bring their own projects but we have occasional demos and sharing of ideas. It would be lovely to see some new faces. Contact Kim on 07880 864856 for further info.

### Finance Assistant Needed

Due to an increasing volume of financial administration for both St Michael's PCC, and St Michael's Church Centre Ltd, we are looking for someone who could spare between 4 and 6 hours per week to assist the finance function. This is a voluntary post and the hours can be flexible, depending on the time of month and year.

This would be a good opportunity for someone who would like to gain some financial work experience. It would also suit someone who is retired or works part time and is willing to assist the Church in their spare time. If this is an area of gifting and ministry that you would like to consider, please contact Alison or Ian at the church office. Thank you.

### 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](mailto:finance@stmichaelsbristol.org) or Rob Farrell (Treasurer) with any queries. Thank you for your gifts in supporting St Michael's.

### 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!