

## Heart of the Community Gift Day – 21 May 2017

Our vision for St Michael's Church is "living to make a difference" by being a "Christian heart at the centre of the community". The Heart of the Community project (HOTC) is central to our plan to be a **welcoming, thriving, sharing community that is truly living to make a difference.**

Every part of the project is designed to make a difference to the lives of people living here, to the life of the church and to the lives of those in need by:

- expanding our youth work and **reaching out to hundreds of young people**
- providing more care and events for **the elderly**
- supporting the **disadvantaged** and those in debt
- offering space for **community**, performance and arts events – both big and small – and extending our **collaboration** with schools, charities, community groups and other churches
- building on our welcome and support for university **students and young adults**
- anticipating further **population increase**
- preserving, protecting and increasing the use of our **historic church building**
- refurbishing the **Old School Rooms (OSR)**
- funding **outreach and anti-poverty** projects by our mission partners in the UK and overseas by setting aside a tenth of all money donated by church members.

Church members have already donated a total of £3.39m (including Gift Aid) through generous and sacrificial giving. But we have so much more to do. We need to raise £3.22m to repay the money we borrowed to complete the new building to a useable and weatherproof state and to finish the work. The total capital and interest payments for 2017 alone are £150,000 (equivalent to £12,500 a month) of which £6,000 (including Gift Aid) is given by church members each month. This leaves a shortfall of £6,500 every month. Already there is standing room only in the new church and community centre auditorium on Christmas Day and at some Sunday services, community events and shows. We would love to complete the balcony (£351,000) together with the retractable seating in the auditorium (£60,000).

Sunday 21 May is our HOTC project Gift Day. Please pray and seek the Lord about how we can give to His service and leave a lasting legacy of God's love for future generations.

Please pick up a copy of our Spring 2017 project update from reception, the rear of the church or visit the website. There will also be an opportunity to go "behind the scenes" at the St Michael's Centre following all services today.

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BEING A CHRISTIAN HEART AT THE  
CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY



## Sunday 21st May

6th Sunday of Easter

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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: Discipline of Fasting  
Readings: Isaiah 58:3-7, Matthew 6:16-18  
Speaker: Ruth McGinley

10.30am  
in  
Auditorium

### Morning Celebration

Today's Topic: Discipline of Fasting  
Readings: Matthew 6:16-18  
Speaker: Vicky Wicks

6.30pm  
in  
Auditorium

### Evening Celebration

Today's Topic: Gift of Tongues & Interpretation  
Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-10  
Speaker: Tim Coates

### This Week

Wednesday 24th May  
Morning Prayer 9.10am - Church

Thursday 25th May  
Ascension Day Service - 7.30pm Church

Friday 26th May  
Prayer Breakfast 6.30am - OSR  
Morning Prayer 9.10am - Church  
Harry & Chris Performance - 7.30pm  
SMC

### Dates for the Diary

28th May- 4th June	24/7 Prayer Week
29th May	Stoke Gifford Fete
4th June	Church on the Green
11th June	Over 65's Lunch

## Heart of the Community Tours of St Michael's Centre

Today is our Heart of the Community Gift Day. And we're running tours of the unfinished parts of St Michael's Centre after each of our services. Meet in the foyer area and look out for those in the hi-vis vests who will be leading the tours. Also see the back page of the notice sheet for more info about our audacious and exciting project.

## Harry and Chris

Not long now till the performance in St Michael's Centre - Friday 26 May at 7.30pm. An evening of stand up poetry, comedy, melody and best-matery. An evening to make you feel more smiley. Have you got your tickets yet? If not don't worry - you can buy them from Vicky after both morning services today (21 May) or you can get them online [bit.ly/HarryandChris](http://bit.ly/HarryandChris) or via the office. It's going to be good - don't miss it!

## Stoke Gifford Fete

On Bank Holiday Monday 29th May from 2pm to 5pm at the Trust Grounds, North Road. A fun afternoon to bring our local community together with free events, refreshments and displays. The village fete is a great opportunity to serve our community and to show God's love in a practical way. If you can help please contact Tanya Booth. [tanya@stokegiffordtrust.org.uk](mailto:tanya@stokegiffordtrust.org.uk) or 0117 9697309

## Adult Baptism

If you haven't been Baptised yet, there is an opportunity on Sunday 4th June. Baptism is a way of publicly declaring your Christian faith and is a vital part of being a disciple of Jesus. Please talk with Simon or Chris Beaumont if you're interested.

## Renovation Work

### OSR Foyer area closed

Sunday 28th May sees the start of renovation work in the foyer area outside of T,1,2,3 and the Coffee Shop. From 28th May until Monday 5th June there will be no access to that area. This includes the toilets on the ground floor in the OSR, and the stairs to T4/5. Coffee shop customers can use the toilets in St Michael's Centre during this time.

## Helpers Required

Immediately after the 10.30am service on Sunday 28th May, Dave would appreciate help from those who are confident and competent with power tools. This will be to assist in removing the original flooring in the foyer area. If this is something that you can help with please let Dave know asap Help is also required on Saturday 3rd June to work with Dave on fixing 'Trims' to the new floor. Email [dave@stmichaelsbristol.org](mailto:dave@stmichaelsbristol.org) or contact the Church Office. Thank you.

## Grass-cutting Help

We urgently need some help with cutting the grass in the churchyard and the Pre-school and nursery. If you can help please contact Dave or Ian. Thank you.

## Children's Society Boxes

If you have been collecting for the Children's Society via Sue Peacey, please can you bring in your boxes for emptying. Please leave at the back of church or at the auditorium entrance. For further information please contact Sue Peacey (0117) 9799068

## Trinity College Open Evening

Are you considering part-time theological study?

You can find out more at Trinity College on the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> June. Their part-time programme meets on Tuesday evenings and offers students the option to complete a programme (the Foundation Award or a Certificate in Theology, Ministry & Mission) or to simply attend individual modules of interest.

To find out more please contact Jo Norman [j.norman@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk](mailto:j.norman@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk) 0117 968 0253.

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

## May Mission Partner of the Month

**b.friend** trains volunteers from local churches to befriend asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol.

The project seeks to reduce the isolation of refugees and asylum seekers and to raise awareness of the issues they face.

Sam Sayer is the project coordinator. An information sheet, which includes the next training dates, is available at the back of church and in the auditorium.



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## Thy kingdom Come

Join the global wave of Prayer  
The Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Justin Welby, is inviting Christians

around the world to pray as one. It's a special  
global week of events from  
25th May - 4th June.

At St Michael's we're joining in the following ways:

## Ascension Day Service

This Thursday 25th May we'll be having a service in Church to mark Ascension Day. It will be an informal service with worship, prayer and communion. We'd love to see you there - the service starts at 7.30pm

## 24/7 Prayer Room

Our 24/7 Prayer Room is opening for a week from 8pm Sunday 28th May until 11am Sunday 4th June. We're really excited about what's in store.

Sign up is **now open**, so why not book your prayer room time whilst there is still lots of choice! Slots are available by the hour. Visit [www.bit.ly/StMikesPrayer2017](http://www.bit.ly/StMikesPrayer2017) or see the sign-up sheet in the St Michael's Centre foyer. There are also themed prayer sessions at 8pm each week day which you don't need to sign up to—just turn up! You can also pick up a flyer today, which explains a bit more about the prayer room. Full details on the themed sessions available soon.

## Church on the Green

The week will end on Pentecost Sunday with church on the Green, Join us at 11am for hymns stories songs and fun. Bring a picnic and stay around afterwards too. Everyone welcome.