

Men's Ministry

Overseen by Rob Bakewell, there is a thriving Men's Ministry at St Michael's. The following events are in the pipeline:

28th August - Motor Racing at castle Combe £15 Adults, £10 OAP's Children free.

16th September -Who Let the Dads Out - Breakfast at Winterstream Farm, this will be a monthly event led by Hugh Williams.

30th September - Sports Quiz - come along and show your knowledge Entry is £5 and includes a ploughmans supper. BYO drinks
18th November - Beer Tasting hosted by Barney Bishop more details to follow.

Please contact Rob Bakewell for info on any of these events robanddiane.bakewell@gmail.com

Spring Harvest - Only the Brave

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

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.

Stewards

In the coming months we have a number of occasions where we are potentially requiring some stewarding support for large events in St Michael's Centre and Old School Rooms. If you are interested and are available Mon to Friday between the hours of 9am - 4pm or evenings. Could you please let Ian know and he will be able to give more detail.

Email: ian@stmichaelsbristol.org

St Michael's Pre-School & Nursery Job Vacancy

St Michael's Preschool and Nursery are looking for a qualified Nursery Practitioner to join the team. We are looking for someone who is dedicated and committed to working with children from birth to five. You need to be caring, creative, fun and full of energy. The position is for 40 hours per week, working four days between Monday and Friday.

Skills needed: NVQ level 3 in childcare and Education or an equivalent. Knowledge of safeguarding Practice. Experience of the EYFS. At least one year's experience working with children birth to five Desirable - up to date in the following areas: child protection training, Food safety and hygiene, and First Aid

If you would like to apply please contact Kelly or Vanessa **0117 9236395**

Sessional Places

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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BEING A CHRISTIAN HEART AT THE
CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY



Sunday 27th August

11th Sunday after Trinity

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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: Living Sacrifices

Readings: Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Speaker: Rachel Corbin

10.30am
in
Auditorium

Morning Celebration with Family Communion

Today's Topic: Living Sacrifices

Readings: Romans 12:1-8

Speaker: Rachel Corbin

6.30pm
in
Auditorium

Evening Celebration

Today's Topic:

I heard the voice of Jesus say.... To a man in need

Readings: John 5:1-15

Speaker: Catherine Paddock

This Week

Morning Prayer resumes on
Wednesday 6th September

Dates for the Diary

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| 3rd September | Over 65s Lunch |
| 6th September | Prayer Evening |
| 20th September | Alpha Taster Session |
| 27th September | Spring Harvest Local |
| 1st October | Over 65s Afternoon Tea |

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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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.

Harvest Celebration

Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm–10.30pm, Old School Rooms. Two-course supper with a choice of four mains and seven desserts, licensed bar, fun quiz and giant raffle in aid of the Heart of the Community project. Bring your friends and neighbours! Tickets £10 each available from Penny Hallett Allen or the church office from today. Penny will be selling tickets in the coffee shop after the 9am service, and in the SMCC reception area after the 10.30am service and before the 6.30pm service today.

Prayer Week Opportunities for Prayer

From Wednesday 6th - Wednesday 13th September we are having a focus on Prayer, There are lots of amazing things to choose from with something for everyone. It will start with a Whole Church Prayer evening on Wednesday 6th September in the Auditorium and we'd love to see you! Pick up a leaflet today, or check out the website

Licensing of Licenced Lay Ministers

On Saturday 7th October at 3pm, Julie Hobbs and John Spens will be admitted as Licenced Lay Ministers during a service at Bristol Cathedral. All are welcome to support them, should you be planning to attend please let Laura know in the office so that we can give the Cathedral an idea of numbers. Laura@stmichaelsbristol.org

Children's Ministry Update

From Karen Needham

We are so blessed with the people God has called to be involved in the Children's Ministry at St Michael's, and the dedication and enthusiasm of the team always fills me with joy and a sense of blessing. There are so many people involved that it is impossible to mention everyone but you do know who you are!

I did want to mention two people though, Megan has done a fabulous job this year as Children's and Families work intern, today is her last day in that role - the fabulous news, however, is she is not going to be leaving us, but will carry on worshipping here and helping with the children's ministry in church in a voluntary capacity.

Another blessing this year is that Janice Stace has retired and is becoming Children's Ministry Assistant, this will be about 20 hours a week and she will work alongside me in school and church as well as taking over the rota's. If you want to know any more information do chat to Karen Needham.

Lifegroups - Sign-Up Sundays

Lifegroups are a key part of life at St Michael's Church. Sunday 3rd September will be the first of three weeks when you can sign-up to a lifegroup. They are smaller groups of church members who gather together regularly for Bible study, prayer, support, worship, discussion, social time and more. They provide an excellent chance to get to know each other better and to grow together in our faith. If you aren't yet in a lifegroup we'd really love you to sign up, if you feel you'd like a change now is the opportunity and if you're intending to stay in the same group don't forget to sign up to that group again!

During Sign-Ups there will be Lifegroup Leaders milling around to chat with you if you want to find out more.

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.

If you weren't baptised as a baby, and feel that this is a step you would like to take, we'd love to talk to you about the possibility of having a full-immersion baptism here at St Michael's.

Heritage Open Day and Ride & Stride

Jane and Mike Watkivs are organising a sponsored bike ride to raise money for the Gloucester Historic Churches Trust with 50% money raised going to HOTC. We will plan a route to visit a number of local churches. If you want to join us please get in touch. Alternatively, if riding is not your thing, we'll be opening the church on 9th September as part of the Heritage Open Days event. This involves welcoming people to the church, If you could please get in touch If you'd like more information please contact Jane and Mike on 0117 9499341 or email

watkivs@blueyonder.co.uk

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. 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. 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.

Bible Study Fellowship

BSF is a Bible study class welcoming men, women and children, whatever their church background, 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 women's class is on a Tuesday morning here at St Michael's Centre and caters for preschool children. If you have any questions or for further information, please contact Annie Hepburn 0117 9599270. Also see their website at www.bsfindernational.org

Network Counselling & Training – Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 16th September Julie Bradley, Louise Mill & Kim Carey will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Network's future home at Elm Park, Filton. The 9-mile route will start on College Green and go to Elm Park via Cotham Brow, Wesley College and Trinity College where Network has been based over its 30+ years. If you would like to join us on the day please do let us know - the more the merrier! You can sponsor us by pledging in person or through a Virgin Money Giving page: www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Networkfriends

Network is one of our Mission Partners and does amazing work, bringing hope to many who are struggling with the difficulties life has thrown at them. Thank you for your support!

Over 65's Lunch

Our next over 65's Sunday lunch is on Sunday 3rd September at 1pm. If you would like to come along please let the office know or email Over65s@stmichaelsbristol.org.