



PCC Meeting - 10th July

The Parochial Church Council meets every month to make decisions on various aspects of Church business, and this month included the following items:

- **Operations** – An updated Health and Safety at Work Policy has been produced and agreed. A refresh of other policies will take place over the coming months. Several volunteers have come forward to help with grass cutting, and Kia Harris has volunteered to maintain the Garden of Remembrance. Many thanks to all!
- **Finance** - Rob Farrell provided an update on the state of the church finances (see inside the notice sheet for half year financial update)
- **HOTC** – The recommendation from the Trustees for the next phase of building work to St Michael's Centre, is to proceed with the completion of the balcony area and fire escape, but not the upstairs toilets at this time.
- **Church Tower** – Quotes for the urgent repairs to the church tower have been received, and the PCC voted to appoint a contractor to start work as soon as convenient.

Minutes of each PCC meeting are available to view on the church website, with the most recent being posted on the noticeboards in St Michael's Centre reception and in Church. Due to the Summer break the next PCC meeting will take place on the 11th September at 19:30 in St Michael's Centre.

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BEING A CHRISTIAN HEART AT THE
CENTRE OF THE COMMUNITY



Sunday 30th July

7th 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: Sons and Daughters of God
Readings: Romans 8:9-17, Mark 1:9-13
Speaker: Simon Jones

10.30am
in
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6.30pm
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Evening Celebration

Today's Topic: Spirit break out
Readings: Acts 8:26-40
Speaker: Rob Wicks

This Week

Morning Prayer resumes Wednesday 6th September

Dates for the Diary

20th September	Alpha Taster Session
27th September	Spring Harvest Local
7th October	Harvest Supper
5th November	Confirmation Service

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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

Spring Harvest Local—Only the Brave

St Michael's Centre are hosting an event from on Wednesday 27th September, as part of the Spring Harvest Local tour. Worship will be led by Lou Fellingham, with Cathy Madavan and Sim Dendy speaking. This is a ticketed event, available direct from Spring Harvest www.springharvest.org/local

Uganda Mission Trip

Our Uganda Youth Mission Team flew out this week for their mission trip and return on 11th August. If you've not yet picked up prayer sheet, please do so today and be praying for them whilst they're away.



6.30pm Celebration Welcome

As of the 6th August, feel free to join us from 6.10pm each week to catch up with others over coffee at our evening celebration. The aim of providing refreshments is to make our welcome of newcomers at the 6.30 celebration even better. Therefore, feel free to use them as an excuse to chat to someone you may not know very well! Also, if you would be willing to make cake for this service regularly or on an ad-hoc basis please let Joel know. Thank you. Joel@stmichaelsbristol.org.

Pastoral Listening

There are times when we all might benefit from an opportunity to talk and be listened to. We have a new initiative held in St Michaels Centre and Coffee Shop for an hour a day called Pastoral Presence. A volunteer from the Pastoral Ministry team will be available to come alongside, befriend and "listen". The office and coffee shop staff hold the information as to when someone will be available each day (times do 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!

XCC Men's Event

XCC is a mind, body and soul adventure - an active and challenging endurance event for men, out in the wild. If you would like more info on the event this year please contact Vijay Jassal 01179094227 vjassal69@aol.com. Also see the website for further information www.4muk.com. Dates of the event are Thursday 12th October to Sunday 15th October .

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

St Michael's Training Courses

This Autumn we're running a range of professional accredited workplace training courses in St Michael's Centre. More information can be seen on the notice board in St Michael's Centre or online at www.stmichaelsvenuehire.co.uk

Half Year Financial Update St Michael's Church PCC Funds

January - June 2017

Income: £237,334 compared to budgeted £234,258

Expenditure: £227,235 compared to budgeted £231,982

Surplus: £9,301

Forecast: July to December 2017

Regular giving is forecast to be £18,500 per month compared to budgeted £19,818 per month.

With Gift Aid this is £9,490 less in regular income from July to December 2017.

Forecast income = £208,542

Budgeted expenditure = £229,817

Forecast surplus/deficit = £21,275 deficit

Less surplus of £9,301 to date

= £11,974 deficit forecast for 2017

This is assuming no additional lump sums this year.

If regular giving standing orders continue at £18,500 per month and expenditure stays at current levels, in 2018 there would be a deficit of £42,550. This means that we are relying on lump sum gifts to balance our budget in 2018.

We would like to encourage an increase in regular monthly (prayerfully considered) giving to cover our expenditure.

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 the mission and ministry here at St Michael's.