

## Over 65's Afternoon Tea

Our next over 65's Afternoon Tea is on Sunday 1st October from 3pm - 5pm. If you would like to come along please let the office know or email [admin@stmichaelsbristol.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbristol.org).

## 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:

*16th September* -Who Let the Dads Out - Breakfast at Winterstream Farm 10.15am this will be a monthly event led by Hugh Williams. Join the Dad's WhatsApp group on 07747607870

*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](mailto:robanddiane.bakewell@gmail.com)

## Spring Harvest - Only the Brave

Tickets are selling fast for the event on Wednesday 27th September with nearly 150 people booked to come. This exciting event is being held 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 now to avoid disappointment! [www.springharvest.org/local](http://www.springharvest.org/local)

## Can you host?

We are looking for hosts for 3 people from Spring Harvest (3 single rooms) on the evening of 27th September. If you can help please contact Laura or Ian in the church office [Laura@stmichaelsbristol.org](mailto:Laura@stmichaelsbristol.org)

## 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](mailto:Ian@stmichaelsbristol.org)

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Connect Supper Club

The connect 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 22nd September at 7:30 pm. The venue is the "Fire & Ash" 203b Cheltenham Rd Bristol BS6 5QX. People who are interested can sign up on the sheet in St Michael's reception.

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# Sunday 3rd September

*12th 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 Prayer

Today's Topic: Clothed with Jesus  
Readings: Romans 13:8-14, John 15:12-17  
Speaker: Julie Bradley

10.30am  
in  
Auditorium

### Morning Celebration

Today's Topic: Clothed with Jesus  
Readings: Romans 13:8-14  
Speaker: Julie Bradley

5.00pm  
In  
Church

### Evensong

Readings: Jonah 2:1-10, Revelation 1:1-10  
Speaker: Simon Jones

6.30pm  
in  
Auditorium

### Evening Celebration with Communion

Today's Topic:  
I heard the voice of Jesus say...To a trapped woman  
Readings: John 8:1-11  
Speaker: Rob Wicks

### This Week

*Wednesday 6th September*  
Morning Prayer 9.10am Church  
Morning Communion - 10.00am Church  
Whole Church Prayer Evening - 7.30pm SMC

*Friday 8th September*  
Morning Prayer 9.10am Church

*Saturday 9th September*  
Saturday Breakfast 8.15am -OSR

*Pick up a leaflet for full details of our Week of Prayer 6th- 13th September*

**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)

### Dates for the Diary

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| 20th September | Alpha Taster Session   |
| 27th September | Spring Harvest Local   |
| 1st October    | Over 65s Afternoon Tea |
| 7th October    | Harvest Supper         |
| 5th November   | Confirmation Service   |

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## Prayer Week—Starts Wednesday!

From Wednesday 6th - Wednesday 13th September we are having a focus on Prayer, here at St Michael's, There are lots of amazing things to choose from with something for everyone. Pick up a leaflet today, or check out the website.

It starts with a Whole Church Prayer evening on **Wednesday 6th September** in the Auditorium at 7.30pm. There will be worship, and a chance to pray in different ways. We'd love to see you!

## Lifegroups - Sign-Up Sundays

Lifegroups are a key part of life at St Michael's Church. Sunday 3rd September is 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.

## 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](mailto:alpha@stmichaelsbristol.org) or call the office on 0117 9692486 if you or someone you know would like to come.

## Harvest Celebration

St Michael's Harvest Celebration, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm—10.30pm, Old School Rooms. Two-course meal (choice of four main dishes and seven puddings) with tea/coffee. Cash bar (still and sparkling wine, cider, beer and soft drinks) plus fun quiz and giant raffle. Admission by advance ticket only, Price £10 from Penny Hallett Allen ([penny@allen49.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:penny@allen49.eclipse.co.uk)) or the Church Office. Please invite your friends and neighbours – everyone is welcome. All proceeds will support the Heart of the Community project.

## 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, and last week as her last Sunday in that role. However, 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 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 me. *Karen Needham.*

## 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](mailto:Laura@stmichaelsbristol.org)

## 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 & Mike Watkivs are organising a sponsored bike ride to raise money for the Gloucester Historic Churches Trust with 50% money raised going to HOTC .

They have planned a route to visit a number of local churches. Please see their giving page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-watkivs4](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-watkivs4)

Alternatively, if riding is not your thing, we'll be opening the church on 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:watkivs@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Mission Partner of the Month

### Ruslan and Larisa Telpiz, Moldova

Ruslan is a Pastor and the leader of Gotesti Baptist Church. He and Larisa are involved in pastoral visits, evangelistic outreach and prayer. Teams and individuals from St Michael's regularly visit to strengthen friendship and to help with the church's activities. An information sheet is available at the back of church and in St Michael's Centre.

## Read all about us!

St Michael's is in the news with an article featuring our partnership with Crisis Centre Ministries in their latest StreetWise magazine. Pick up a copy from the Foyer.

## Saturday Breakfast

At this month's breakfast, this Summer's Moldova team will be speaking about life and church in Moldova and impressions from their recent trip. Join us on Saturday 9th September, 8.15am for an 8.30am cooked breakfast. Only £2 (free if it's your first time). Please sign-up to let us know you're coming so that our fabulous team can adequately cater. You can do that by contacting the office, via the Calendar page of the website, or via ChurchSuite

## 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](http://www.bsfindernational.org)

## Network Counselling & Training – Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!