



Alpha

Our next Alpha course is starting soon!

The taster session is on Wednesday 20th September

Who could you invite?

Alpha@stmichaelsbristol.org



SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest Local—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.

With worship by Lou Fellingham, Cathy Madavan and Sim Dendy will be speaking.

This is a ticketed event, available direct from Spring Harvest www.springharvest.org/local



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



Sunday 6th August

8th Sunday after Trinity

We welcome Peter Gifford, from Emmaus Bristol, to our morning services today

9.00am
in
Church

Morning Prayer

Today's Topic: Helped in our weakness

Readings: Romans 8:1-28, Matthew 12:15-21

Speaker: *Murray Hepburn*

10.30am
in
Auditorium

Morning Celebration

Today's Topic: Helped in our weakness

Readings: Romans 8:1-28

Speaker: *Murray Hepburn*

5.00pm
In
Church

Evensong

Readings: Song of Solomon 5:2-16, 2 Peter 1:1-15

Speaker: *Julie Bradley*

6.30pm
in
Auditorium

Evening Celebration with Communion

Today's Topic: To first disciples

Readings: John 1:35-51

Speaker: *Simon Jones*

This Week

Morning Prayer resumes Wednesday 6th September

Dates for the Diary

3rd September Over 65s Lunch

20th September Alpha Taster Session

27th September Spring Harvest Local

7th October Harvest Supper

5th November Confirmation Service

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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 be pointed in the right direction)

Recording of Sunday sermons – hear our Sunday morning & evening sermons on the church website

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

Wine Tasting

Thank you to everyone who supported the wine tasting event on Saturday 29 July. You raised a total of £321 for the Heart of the Community project. And a big thank you to Penny Hallett-Allen for organising this fun event.

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

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.

St Michael's Pre-School & Nursery

The Pre-School are offering a new 9-3 term time only sessions, from September 2017. Places are still available, so please call them on 0117 9236395 for more information.

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.

Connect supper club

The 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 18th August at 7:30 pm at 'The Clifton Sausage'. Sign up sheet in St Michaels reception or reply to the connect Facebook post.

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!

Five stars for the Coffee Shop

Congratulations to the staff and volunteer team in the Old School Rooms Coffee Shop. They have once again been awarded a 5 star rating following a recent Food Safety inspection. Well done!

Black Sheep and Prodigals

Spaceforsoul and All Saints Fishponds are hosting an evening with Revd Dave Tomlinson on 6th September. He will talk about his latest book "Black Sheep and Prodigals—an antidote to black and white religion".

Suggested donation £5. To book a place please contact spaceforsoul@gmail.com

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

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.

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.