



Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 10 January
7.30pm

St Michael's Centre
Auditorium

ALPHA

Wednesday 17 January

Join us for a taster session to find out more!



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



Sunday 7th January

1st Sunday of Epiphany

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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: What is Vision?

Readings: Proverbs 29:18, Matthew 28:16-20

Speaking: Julie Bradley

10.30am
In Auditorium

Morning Celebration

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5.00pm
In Church

Evensong

Psalm 46:47

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9, Ephesians 2:1-10

Leading: Julie Bradley

6.30pm
In Auditorium

Evening Celebration with Communion

Today's Topic: What is Vision?

Reading: Proverbs 29:18, Matthew 28:16-20

Speaker: Joel Preston

This Week

Wednesday 10th January

9-10am Morning Prayer - Church
7.30pm Prayer Gathering - SMC

Friday 2th January

9-10am Morning Prayer - Church

Saturday 13th January

8.30am Saturday Breakfast

Dates for the Diary

17th January Alpha Taster Session

20th-22nd April Church Weekend at Home

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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

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who came and joined in the celebrations at our Big New Year's Party. It was a fantastic evening and particularly special to be able to worship together as we approached midnight.

However you spent your New Year's Eve, here's a to a peace-filled 2018 and lots more opportunity for us to praise, pray and worship together as a church.

New Sermon Series

This week we are starting our latest sermon series "Vision: Enlarging the place of your tent" and we'll be exploring our vision at St Michael's in the morning and evening celebrations.. If you haven't yet picked up a copy of the latest teaching programme, you can still do so, or check online!

Prayer Gathering

Join us on Wednesday 10th January for our termly prayer gathering, It's a great chance to join together as church, in prayer and worship. Join us in the Auditorium in St Michael's Centre from 7.30pm. All welcome!

Messy Church

This month Messy Church will be a week later, on Wednesday 10th January at the usual time of 4pm. We'll be looking at Jesus as a child. And The food this month is Jacket potato beans and cheese.

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to discuss life and the Christian faith, in an open and friendly environment, over 8 Wednesday evenings. There's no pressure, there's no charge; just good food and lots to talk about. The next course starts with a taster session on Wednesday 17th January at 7pm. For more information, or to let us know you're coming, please email

alpha@stmichaelsbristol.org

Mission Partner of the month January 2018

The mission partner of the month for January is Crisis Centre Ministries with a focus on the: **Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter** – a project providing homeless people with a hot meal and a bed for the night in churches in Bristol city centre during Jan-March 2018. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways. This project is a collaboration between our mission partner Crisis Centre Ministries (lead organiser), several Christian organisations and other agencies, churches and Bristol City Council. An information sheet is available in the church and the auditorium

Saturday Breakfast

This month we look forward to hearing from the youth team about their trip to Uganda last summer. Join us on Saturday 13th January 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.

Could you give an hour a week to change someone's life?

Are you prepared to listen, be patient, and have your faith put to work? There is an opportunity to be a mentor to people with criminal convictions, providing them with support to reach their goals and change their life. MentorMe is offering the following training sessions at St Agnes Church, Thomas Street, Bristol BS2 9LL: Saturday 20th January 9.30 am to 3 pm and Wednesdays 24th & 31st January & 7th February 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm (all sessions must be attended). To book a place email alison@mentormeuk.org 0117 403 7905.

If you are interested Sue Woodhead-Marsh is happy to share her experience of mentoring people in these circumstances.

suewmarsh@me.com

Marriage Preparation Course

Getting married or thinking about it? – If so please consider signing up for the Marriage Preparation Course, a 5 week course that will help lay the foundations for a long and lasting relationship. Starting on Thursday 18th January 7pm – 10pm in the OSR Coffee Shop – meal included. For more info please contact the Church Office.

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!

Finance Assistant Needed

Due to an increasing volume of financial administration for both St Michael's PCC, and St Michael's Church Centre Ltd, we are looking for someone who could spare between 4 and 6 hours per week to assist the finance function. This is a voluntary post and the hours can be flexible, depending on the time of month and year.

This would be a good opportunity for someone who would like to gain some financial work experience. It would also suit someone who is retired or works part time and is willing to assist the Church in their spare time. If this is an area of gifting and ministry that you would like to consider, please contact Alison or Ian at the church office. Thank you.

Financial Giving

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 St Michael's.

Visitors

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