

Prayer Resources

Copies of Derrick Phillips' book:

'**Still Digging** – *Scratching the surface and plumbing the depths of prayer*' are available for purchase direct from Derrick or via the Church Office, cost £9.

Prayer for Beginners

10.00am-11.15am Saturday 9th September - Upstairs in Old School Rooms

It's called "Prayer for Beginners", but who dares claim to be a prayer expert? We can all learn more. The session from 10.00am-11.15am on Saturday 9th September in T4/5 of the Old School Rooms is for the hopelessly busy, the dreamy contemplative, the thoroughly confused, the regular prayer, those who don't know how to start, and anyone who means to pray but ends up feeling inadequate.

Labyrinth

Available between 1.00pm - 9.00pm on Friday 8th September

Lower Hall in Old School Rooms

A Labyrinth is an ancient prayer tool, which on first sight resembles a maze, but is in fact one single path wrapped around itself, which leads into the centre and then out again. The process can be divided into 3 phases of prayer – initially walking towards God, shedding all that is keeping you from union with Him, secondly symbolising union with Him in the centre and thirdly as you exit from the centre, going back with God into the world.

Prayer Walk

Around Stoke Gifford: meet at 3pm on the Green on Sunday 10th September

It's a way of praying with your eyes open, as we circuit around key locations in our community, pausing to pray as we go. If you're new to St Michaels then take the opportunity to look at Stoke Gifford through different eyes. Finish by 5pm.

Soaking Prayer

Gather at 7.45 for an 8pm start

Tuesday 12th September in the Auditorium in St Michael's Centre

In the busyness of life we can sometimes find it difficult to find that time and space to spend with God and to find the words in prayer.

In this hour of Soaking Prayer we will be journeying through 'The Lords Prayer' resting in His Presence and allowing ourselves to be open to the Lord without the need for words. Please bring something to lie on, and a pillow for comfort.

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Week of Prayer 6th - 13th September 2017



'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.'

Ephesians 6:18

A prayer for us all to use and make our own

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth,
we are your people, living to make a difference
by being a Christian heart at the centre of this community

Teach us to pray
and fill us with your Spirit –
that your Kingdom may come
and your will be done,
here on earth as it is in heaven.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen

Throughout the week of Wednesday 6th - 13th September we are offering a number of different **Prayer opportunities**

There really is **something for everyone!**

Our hope and prayer is that *everyone* will join in at least one thing

Take a look at what is on offer and see what you might like to join in with.

Throughout the week watch out for...

Sacred Space

The small meeting room in St Michael's Centre is available to be booked out for an hour – there will be some resources on hand to help you engage with prayer and worship.

Book a time on the sign-up sheet in the Foyer or contact the Office if you would like to reserve a slot,

(if a slot has already been taken, please sign up for an alternative time).

Prayer Tree

Write your prayers on a leaf and hang them on the Prayer Tree in the Foyer of St Michael's Centre. You might like to take some time lifting up to God all the prayers that others have written.

Wednesday 6th September

9.00am-7.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer
9.10am-9.30am	Church	Morning Prayer for the church and the community
7.30pm-9.30pm	Auditorium	Termly Prayer meeting – we'll worship together and pray for the church and for the world, including our mission partners

Thursday 7th September

9.00am-7.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer
7.00am-8.00am	Church	Open for prayer
12.00pm-1.00pm	Church	Open for prayer
5.00pm-6.00pm	Church	Open for prayer
6.00pm	Church	Short service of Evening Prayer

Friday 8th September

6.30am-7.30am	T4/5*	Prayer for revival – followed by breakfast
9.00am-7.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer
9.10am-9.30am	Church	Prayer walk round the 'Heart of the Community'
1.00pm- 9.00pm	T1/2/3*	The Labyrinth – come and experience a way of journeying deeper with God in prayer

**MI is the small meeting room in St Michael's Centre, T4/5 is upstairs in the Old School Rooms, T1/2/3 is the lower hall in the Old School Rooms*

Saturday 9th September

10.00-11.15am	T4/5*	Prayer for beginners some simple 'How to pray' guidelines
10.00am-1.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer
10.00am-4.00pm	Church	Heritage Open Day – Church open for visitors with simple Prayer walk available for personal reflection and prayer.

Sunday 10th September

3.00pm-5.00pm	The Green	Prayer walk around the local community
5.00pm-8.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer

Monday 11th September

7.00am-8.00am	Church	Start the week with prayer
9.00am-7.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer

Tuesday 12th September

9.00am-7.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer
7.45pm-9.00pm	Auditorium	Soaking Prayer come and be soaked in God's presence & love

Wednesday 13th September

9.00am-7.00pm	MI*	Book an hour of Sacred Space for personal prayer
9.10am-9.30am	Church	Morning Prayer for the church and the community
7.30pm-9.00pm	Auditorium	Prayer for Alpha & personal witness and outreach

Going on from here...

Our vision does not finish but rather *begins* with this week of prayer.

Ongoing Prayer opportunities within the life of St Michael's include:

Morning Prayer	9.10am-9.30am	Wednesday & Friday in Church
Rhythms of Grace	7.30am-9.30pm	3 rd Friday of each month in Church –
Prayer Breakfast	6.30am-7.30am	Last Friday of each month in T4/5 Prayer followed by breakfast at 7.30am

TiE Groups TiE stands for 'Three is Enough' – why not join together with a couple of others to pray regularly – guidelines are available from the Church office.

Sacred Space Contact the Church Office if you would like to book the room for prayer (subject to availability)