

Our upcoming events are perfect to bring family and friends along to! Tickets are already selling well—particularly for the Stuart Townend concert on 28 September. Please check out the dedicated website page at stmichaelsbristol.org/smcevents and spread the word! You can also pick up a flyer from St Michael's Centre foyer. From this week, we'll have a box office open on Tuesday and Friday mornings in St Michael's Centre. Just look out for the banner!



St Michael's Centre *Events*

St Michael's Church Stoke Gifford

Steve Legg

John Archer

Patrick Regan OBE

...and many more!

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If you're new to St Michael's and would like to receive news and updates via email please head to www.stmichaelsbristol.org/register

For hearing aid users select "T" setting on your device.

10.30am 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 Auditorium. There is a crèche for 0-3 year olds (head for the foyer and you will be pointed in the right direction).

Auditorium Balcony - For safety reasons, please ensure that children are supervised when using the auditorium balcony and stairs.

Recording of Sunday sermons - hear our Sunday morning & evening sermons on the website.

9am in St Michael's Church	Morning Prayer Today's Topic: Suffering and prayer Readings: James 5:7-20, Luke 11:1-13 <i>Speaking: Richard Willerton</i>
10.30am in St Michael's Centre	Morning Celebration Today's Topic: Suffering and prayer Reading: James 5:7-20 <i>Speaking: Richard Willerton</i>
5.00pm in St Michael's Church	Evensong Psalm 119:1-16 Readings: Zechariah 3:1-10, Mark 9:30-37 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>
6.30pm in St Michael's Centre	Evening Celebration with Communion Today's Topic: The opportunities coming A preview of what lies ahead.. <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>

This week at St Michael's

Wednesday

Morning Prayer 9.10am - Church

Friday

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Saturday

Saturday Breakfast 8.15am - Old School Rooms

Looking Ahead

9 & 16 September - Life Group Sign-up Sundays

12th September - Church prayer meeting

15 September - Board Games Night

19 September - Alpha Taster Session

28 September - Stuart Townend Concert

29 September - Bristol Male Voice Praise

5 October - Steve Legg (Comedy Magician)

13 October - Harvest Celebration

18 October - "Left to their own devices" (Care for the Family)

26 October - Riding Lights Present: Gospel Street

16 November - John Archer (Magician)

23 November - Honesty Over Silence (Patrick Regan Event)

24 November - Christmas Fair

8 December - Carols on the Green

15 December - Comedians and Carols

Vacancies

The recruitment process is underway for two significant roles in the leadership of St Michael's.

Associate Minister—a new position for a full-time ordained vicar to work alongside Si and Julie.

Youth Ministry Director - to fill the vacancy arising as Joel moves on.

More information on both positions can be seen on the website.

Saturday Breakfast

Join us on Saturday 8 September for our monthly Saturday Breakfast. Delicious cooked breakfast followed by an interesting speaker. Please let us know if you're coming so that the team can cater adequately! 8.15am for an 8.30am start—Old School Rooms. Cost is £2 per person (free if it's your first time). This month's speaker is Andy Street from Christian Action Bristol

Opportunities to Help with Messy Church

We have a few openings to help with Messy Church (our monthly service for families). It's the first Wednesday of each month and we are looking for people able to help in the following areas:

3pm to 5pm - helping in the kitchen cooking and preparing food this will be on a rota basis so won't be each month **5pm to 6.30pm** -helping serve food to families and then washing up - or if you prefer not to be in the public eye just wash up.

If you're interested, or for more info please contact Karen Needham

karenneedham@stmichaelsbristol.org

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

BSF is a Bible study for men, women and children, whatever their church background, walk of life or level of Bible knowledge, offering a unique way to study God's word using personal study, group discussion, teaching and comprehensive notes. There are various groups which meet in Bristol during term time:

Including a group for women: on Tuesday

mornings at St Michaels Centre. With an excellent programme for pre-school children. Starting 3 September BSF will be studying "The People of the Promised Land – Joshua to Solomon"

For more info please speak to Annie Hepburn or take a look at the website www.bsfindernational.org

Harvest Celebration

Just a handful of tickets left for the Harvest Celebration on 13 October, Old School Rooms, 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Two course dinner (with four main courses and eight puddings to choose from), tea or coffee and fun quiz. Licensed bar (wine, cider, beer and soft drinks) plus giant harvest-themed raffle. All proceeds will support the Heart of the Community project. Admission by ticket only, price £12, from Penny Hallett Allen tel 01454 778590 or the church office. (penny@stmichaelsbristol.org),

Mission Partner of the Month Crisis Centre Ministries

Mission Partner of the Month *Crisis Centre Ministries* is an award-winning charity that has been working in Bristol for over 30 years. The organisation is comprised of four projects and is dedicated to transforming lives through offering food, shelter, hope and support to the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. Staff and volunteers mostly come from local churches and funding comes primarily from gifts and donations from individuals, churches and trusts who support the work. Please see the information sheet available in the church and auditorium for further details and news.

Men's Ministry - Diary Dates

15 September 9am - Faith talk

The next in our series on our faith journey for men. With bacon sarnies!

22 September 5.30pm- Bring a buddy

Men's social where we ask you to bring someone who hasn't been to a Men's Ministry event before. More details to follow. Food will be provided!

All events in the Old School Rooms. Contact Mensministry@stmichaelsbristol.org

Board Games Night

After the success of our last event in March, we are hosting another one! It's being held in the Old School Rooms on Saturday 15 September from 7.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 per person and includes pudding! Drinks will be BYO. Tickets are available from Becky Hart/Kia Harris/Church Office or you can sign up via ChurchSuite. Please can we ask if you are interested that you purchase a ticket prior or let us know as we will need to know numbers to cater for.

There will be a selection of games available but if you have a favourite, please bring it along to avoid disappointment.

Exploring Singleness

A new one year programme starting 29 September, led by Tina Goodwin and Laura Thomas. The aim is to support fellow singles where we are at in life, looking at both the challenges and blessings of being single. We'll follow a study each month, based on the book "Jesus, Single Like Me". The sessions will run monthly on a Saturday morning in St Michael's Centre. The programme is being launched under the St Michael's Life Groups umbrella and sign-up will be available next week or you can sign up via ChurchSuite now!

Men's Friday Night Football back, for a new season.

As part of the Men's ministry here at St Michael's we meet and play an attractive game of football for fun in a positive, encouraging and friendly manner.

We kick off at 8pm (for one hour) on Friday 7 September 2018 (and then most Fridays up to June 2019). The Venue is Abbey Wood Community School (outdoor astro turf pitch). The cost is £3.00, (which is cheaper than any gym membership). So if you are over 16 (16-18's need adult permission), no upper age limit and would like to join us for a game of football, please contact Andy Greenslade via the church office to be added to the football mailing list!

About to renew home insurance? If you are about to renew your home insurance, do please contact Ecclesiastical Insurance for a quote. As this year is their 130th anniversary, they will donate £130 to St Michael's for every member of the congregation who takes out a new policy with them this year. See the notice board for more details Or email finance@stmichaelsbristol.org

This Sunday Evening, 'Preview Night'

At the 6.30 service on September 2nd, we will be watching video clips of the artistes who will be performing/ministering at the Auditorium this autumn. So, if you want to know what you will be inviting your friends, family and colleagues to see, join us at 6.30 when all will be revealed.

Box Office Open This Sunday!

In the foyer of the St Michael's Centre you will be able to purchase tickets this Sunday for this autumn's events (note, out of 200 tickets sold for Stuart Townsend only 20 approx. have been purchased by St Michael's members). Tickets can now be purchased by cash, cheque or card payments.

Opening Times:

10.05—10.30

12.00— 12.30

8.00 pm— 8.30 pm

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'!