



Big New Year's Party

8pm – Midnight

31 December 2018 – St Michael's Centre

A chance for us all to see in 2019 with worship, fun and fellowship!
Please bring your own drinks and bring some nibbles to share
(ie crisps and nuts -nothing that needs heating, or cutlery)

Please sign-up if you would like to come
via website or ChurchSuite

Looking Ahead

- 2 January - Midweek Communion 10am
- 9 January - Whole Church Prayer Evening
- 16 January - John Archer and Alpha Supper
- 26 January - Beetle Drive
- 23 February - Jonathan Veira—Songs and Tales



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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.

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Christmas Notice Sheet

Sunday 23 December 9am in St Michael's Church	4th Sunday of Advent Morning Communion Topic: The Bible Course –Acts & the church Readings: Acts 1:8-11 & 2:1-4, Acts 8:1-13 <i>Speaking: Julie Hobbs</i>
10.30am in St Michael's Centre	Morning Celebration Topic: The Bible Course –Acts & the church Readings: Acts 8:1-13 <i>Speaking: Julie Bradley</i>
6.30pm in St Michael's Centre	Evening Celebration Topic: Amazed by hope Readings: Luke 2:8-18 <i>Speaking: Rob Wicks</i>
Monday 24 December 3pm in St Michael's Centre	Christmas Eve Crib Service
11.15pm in St Michael's Church	Midnight Communion Readings: Zechariah 2:10-13, Matthew 1:18-25 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>
Tuesday 25 December 10am in St Michael's Centre	Christmas Day Family Communion Readings: Matthew 2:1-12 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>
Sunday 30 December 9am in St Michael's Church	1st Sunday of Christmas Morning Communion Topic: The Bible Course - Revelation Readings: Revelation 1:1-8, John 1:1-13 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>
10.30am in St Michael's Centre	Morning Celebration Topic: Hope for 2019 Readings: Psalm 33:1-5, 20-22 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>
6.30pm in St Michael's Centre	Evening Celebration Readings: Romans 15:1-13 Topic: Filled with hope <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>

Christmas Message from Simon

Dear Church,

A huge thank you for being part of all that God is doing at St Michael's during 2018. Church is always an us together movement of God's people. "Us together" is more Biblical than "me on my own!"

I am so grateful for all that you have given to the St Michael's community this year in time, energy and resources. As we head into 2019, we'll be giving some time in our Sunday services to reconsider our Church values. I do hope you can make one of these Sundays. Let's take every opportunity to give thanks for God's goodness, follow Jesus' lead into 2019 and pray for the empowering of His Holy Spirit in us. Have a wonderful Christmas and a 'hope-fuelled' new year.

God bless,
Simon

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Christmas Road Closure

From 6am on 24 December, until 4.30am on 27 December, a section of Hatchet Road will be closed for Railway works. It will be closed to all vehicles between the Railway bridge by Parkway Station, and the roundabout by North Road. A diversion will be in place. As we understand it, there will still be pedestrian access. For a number of us, this will affect our journey to church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so please allow extra time if it affects your journey! More info on the website.

Heart of the Community Prayer Breakfast

Our next Prayer Breakfast is on Friday 28 December. Join us 6.30am upstairs in the Old School Rooms for a time of worship and prayer, followed by a light breakfast together. All welcome!

Alpha Launch with John Archer

16 January

Following the Autumn series of events, we are encouraging you to invite friends, neighbours and family members to an introduction to the Alpha course.

John Archer will be performing as part of the evening, and a hot meal will be provided. The event will be free but to enable effective planning it will be ticketed. You can sign up via ChurchSuite or the office until 12 January.

Who could you invite?

Some invitations are available for you to take, or you can see more at www.stmichaelsbristol.org/alpha

New Year's Party

After the success of last year, we are having another party; with live music from the Usual Suspects and a quiz! BYO drinks and finger food. From 8pm in St Michael's Centre. Please sign-up to let us know you're coming. You can do so the website, on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, or just let us know in the office!

Whole Church Prayer Evening

A date for the diary! Wednesday 9 January is the date of our next Prayer Evening. We hold these once a term and it's always a great chance to get together and pray. It will start at 7.30pm and is in the Auditorium in St Michael's Centre. We'd love as many people as possible to join in as we enter the new year.

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 17 January 7pm – 9.30pm in the OSR Coffee Shop – meal included. For more info please contact the Church Office.

Beetle Drive

Back by popular demand – connect with friends and meet new people at our beetle drive at the Old School Rooms on Saturday 26 January from 7pm to 10pm.

Tickets cost £5 and include a hot supper. Available from Sunday 6 January after the 9am service from Penny Hallett Allen and from Hazel Boyes (after the 10.30am and 6.30pm services). Contact Penny for further information at penny@stmichaelsbristol.org If you've any Christmas presents which didn't quite hit the mark, please bring them along for a mini raffle in aid of the St Michael's Church Sharing Fund.

Mens Ministry

Latest dates for the diary

5 January T1/2 OSR at 09.00 - Faith talk with Paul Ashford. Paul will be providing a new slant on men's faith journeys. Bacon sarnies provided.

26 January Curry at the Bayleaf on Simmonds View. The meal will start at 20.30, but we'll meet up around 19.30 in Nuffield Health next door.

Old School Rooms Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop closed for Christmas on Friday 21st December 2018 and will open again on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 9.30am. We wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you in 2019.

Stoke Gifford Community Library

will be open on the following dates.

Tuesdays at 2pm - 4pm. January (closed 1 January) 15, 29

Thursdays at 9am - 11am. December 27. January 10, 24

Parentalk—the Teenage Years

Starting the end of January, we are running another of these popular courses. Over six sessions, we will look at valuable principles that can be applied on a day-to-day basis with teenagers. It is ideal for people who have not taken part in any kind of parenting course before (as well as for those who have). While Parentalk: The Teenage Years is based on Christian principles, it is designed for parents with or without a Christian faith. You can sign up to come via the website, or by contacting the office www.stmichaelsbristol.org/events/parentalk-the-teenage-years

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter

After many months of preparation the Churches Winter Night Shelter is almost ready to go. This welcoming sanctuary for rough sleepers involves 15 different venues and will extend through the Winter for 13 weeks. Just before the doors open on 1 January they will be gathering to and pray at 5pm—more details and prayer cards available from Geoff Haskett via the Church Office.

Mission Partner of the Month

Faith Home in Adoni, India provides care and support for children suffering with the effects of HIV and AIDS. St Michael's Church contributes towards the employment of a warden to assist the children and also towards other medical and dietary requirements. As part of the HOTC title, contributions have been made to the building of the girl's dormitory, the boy's building which includes a new dining hall/kitchen and the setting up of a computer room and new play area for the children. The latest newsletter is available in the Church and Auditorium.