

Christmas at St Michael's, Stoke Gifford



Saturday 15 December Comedians and Carols

7.30pm - St Michael's Centre

Tickets £10/£8 from stmichaelsbristol.org/smcevents

Sunday 16 December Carol Services

4pm & 6.30pm—St Michael's Church

Sunday 23 December

9am Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

10.30am Family Celebration - St Michael's Centre

6.30pm Evening Celebration - St Michael's Centre

Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service - St Michael's Centre

11.15pm Midnight Communion - St Michael's Church

Christmas Day

10am Family Communion - St Michael's Centre

New Year's Eve

8pm Big New Year's Party - St Michael's Centre

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Sunday 9 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

9am in St Michael's Church	Morning Communion Topic: The Bible Course - Jesus Readings: Isaiah 9:1-17, Matthew 1:18-25 <i>Speaking: Richard Willerton</i>
10.30am in St Michael's Centre	Children's Nativity Presentation
6.30pm in St Michael's Centre	Evening Celebration Topic: The search for Jesus Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 <i>Speaking: Ian Taylor</i>

This week at St Michael's

Wednesday:

Morning Prayer 9.10am - Church

Friday:

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Saturday:

Comedians and Carols - 7.30pm - St Michael's Centre

Looking Ahead

16 December - Carol Services

17 December - Christmas Hope for the Future

31 December - Big New Year's Party

23 February - Jonathan Veira—Songs and Tales

9 January - Whole Church Prayer Evening

16 January - John Archer and Alpha Supper

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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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Comedians and Carols

We are so excited to be presenting this fantastic event next Saturday! Four of the UK's best comedy acts with their take on the Christmas Story in an evening of Festive entertainment! Enjoy this feel-good mix of stand up comedy and sing-a-long Carols in this unique show! Featuring Paul Kerensa, Dominic Holland, Steve Price and Stephen Cookson.

Tickets are now! £10 or £8 Concessions available from reception or online www.stmichaelsbristol.org/smcevents

Carol Services

Our popular annual Carol Services are back again! Sunday 16 December in St Michael's Church 4pm and 6.30pm, with St Michael's Christmas Choir! For this date only there will be no 6.30pm celebration in the Auditorium. We hope for lots of people to join in as we sing the beautiful songs telling of Jesus' birth.

Christmas Hope for the Future

Monday 17 December 7pm—8pm St Michael's Church. If you are missing loved ones, sad or lonely at Christmas time, this evening provides a space for you to reflect, remember and express your feelings to God. There'll be music, poems and prayers, and the opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones or for specific prayers needs. There will also be refreshments and access to prayer ministry.

Christmas Recorders in the Coffee Shop

On Tuesday 11 December, customers of the Old School Rooms Coffee Shop will be entertained from 10.30 - 11.00 by the recorder group which regularly meets at St Michael's to rehearse. All are welcome!

Rhythms of Grace

Our contemplative prayer group is on Friday 14 December in church 7.45 for 8.00-9.30 pm. The evening will be centred around a Labyrinth (a prayer pathway which winds from edge to centre and back again with no dead ends like a maze, and the person walking it uses the same path to enter and return) with 6 prayer stations, set up by Jane and Mike Watkivs' lifegroup, using material they've learnt from a study of Mary. Please bring your own scissors, pens and coloured pencils, though there will be some available. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to take some time out with God from our busy schedules. All are welcome. For further information contact Annie Hepburn rhythmsofgrace@stmichaels.org

Alpha Launch with John Archer 16 January 2019

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 also perform and speak 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.

The Bells!

After many years, we can once again hear the sound of bells from our historic church building! Plans for digital bells have been afoot for some time, and we have now been granted the appropriate permissions. They were installed on 4 December, and there will follow a 15 month appraisal period, after which an application can be made to make them permanent. Keep your ears open for this appealing sound!

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 tithe, 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.

Just Carols – the Sequel

Wednesday 19 December, 7.30pm.

For those who didn't make it to last year's well received inaugural event, it's simply a chance to come and sing or listen (or both) to beautiful Christmas Carols. We will avoid the standard ones but not go far off the beaten track.

If you are interested, please contact Ian Butcher i.butcher@blueyonder.co.uk

Old School Rooms Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be closing for Christmas on Friday 21st December 2018 at 2pm 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.

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.

Winter Planning

Are you fit and able to do some snow clearing? One day we will get some serious snow/frost on a Sunday morning and we need to be ready! We need a minimum of five fit and able bodies to be available at 8.00am on Sunday mornings. Instructions and equipment will be made available. Ideally Ian would like 20 volunteers which can be split into 4 teams and create a rota. Please contact Ian or Laura if you are prepared to be called on when the occasions demands. Thank you!

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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.

Stoke Gifford Community Library

will be open on the following dates.

Tuesdays at 2pm - 4pm. December 18th, January (closed 1 January.) 15, 29

Thursdays at 9am - 11am. December 13, 27. January 10, 24

Bristol North Foodbank

An updated list of urgently needed items can be seen on the notice board in the Old School Rooms foyer and online. The list also includes specific Christmas items, so do take a look!

New Year's Party

After the success of last year we having another party! BYO drinks and finger food. From 8pm in St Michael's Centre. Please sign-up to let us know you're coming via the website or Churchsuite.