



Who? Me? You Must Be Joking!
Saturday 16 March 7.30pm

A fascinating evening from Saltmine Theatre Company! A seriously funny look at developing a culture of invitation and why we don't we invite people. Michael Harvey, from National Weekend of Invitation will be interspersing the evening with thought provoking teaching, discussion and humour. He has an incredible ability of gently, but deeply, challenging thinking in a lighthearted and disarming way. Some of the material was premiered to a packed seminar at the Christian Resources Exhibition in October 2018 and was extremely well received with people coming away both challenged and encouraged.

Tickets are £5 (£4 concessions) and are available online or from the box office www.stmichaelsbristol.org/smcevents

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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.



Sunday 3 March 2019

First Sunday before Lent

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| 9am in St Michael's Church | Morning Prayer Topic: Leadership & Every Member Ministry Readings: Ephesians 4:7-13, Luke 10:1-12 <i>Speaking: Tom Benyon</i> |
| 10.30am in St Michael's Centre | Morning Celebration Topic: Leadership & Every Member Ministry Readings: Ephesians 4:7-13, Luke 10:1-12 <i>Speaking: Tom Benyon</i> |
| 5pm In St Michael's Church | Evensong Readings: Exodus 34:29-35, John 4:13-26 <i>Leading: Vicky Wicks</i> |
| 6.30pm in St Michael's Centre | Evening Celebration with Communion Topic: First Things First Readings: Nehemiah 9:1-37 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i> |

This week at St Michael's

Wednesday:

- Morning Prayer 9.10am - Church
- Midweek Communion 10am - Church
- Ash Wednesday Communion 7.30pm - Church

Friday:

- Morning Prayer 9.10am - Church

Saturday:

- Saturday Breakfast 8.15am - Old School Rooms

Looking Ahead:

- 16 March "Who? Me? You Must be Joking!" Saltmine Theatre
- 25 March Hope for the Future
- 19 April Good Friday services
- 21 April Easter Sunday
- 24 April Vision Night/APCM
- 30 May Half Night of Prayer
- 23 June Church on the Green



Diocese of Bristol
 Creating connections



Registered Charity Number 1134709

Tom Benyon

Last November we announced that Tom Benyon has been appointed as our new Associate Vicar, to work alongside our existing leadership team. The Diocese have been working on arranging a home for Tom and family to move into in the parish, and we hope to be able to share more on that soon.

Today we are pleased to welcome Tom as a guest speaker at both 9am and 10.30am. Please continue to pray for Tom, his wife Sara, and children Elijah, Zachary and Raphael.

Do you like DIY? Woodworking? Painting? Putting up shelves and fences? Then this notice is for you !

On Friday 15 March (from 6pm until 9pm) and Saturday 16 March (9am until 5pm), we are tackling a load of fun jobs at the St Michael's Church Pre-School and Nursery based at The Old Vicarage, 24 North road, Stoke Gifford (by the entrance to Parkway Station). Refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Come for as long (or short) as you can. Great atmosphere and fellowship. Please contact Chris Bradley on chris@deltats.co.uk or text 07989 401081 to let him know if you would like to help. Alternatively if you could provide cake to sustain the team do let us know!

Stoke Gifford Community Library

The community library has over 900 books for all ages, including board books for small children and large print for those who prefer it.

Opening hours in March

Thursdays 7 and 21: 9am - 11am

Tuesdays 12 and 26: 2pm - 4pm

Coffee Anyone?

We have two fantastic opportunities to help serve through the medium of coffee (and tea)!

The Old School Rooms Coffee Shop

The Old School Rooms Coffee Shop ministry welcomes people from the community and offers hospitality.

It relies on volunteers to keep the Coffee Shop open every day, and is looking for new volunteers to join the team.

For more information please talk to Ann the Coffee Manager or email:

coffeeshop@stmichaelsbristol.org

Sunday Coffee

For a variety of reasons, a number of individuals have stood down from the tea/coffee serving after both the 9.00 and 10.30 services in recent weeks, so there are new opportunities to serve on either of these rotas. If you would like to get involved, or might just like to know what the role entails, please contact Martin Roach email mjroach57@gmail.com or via the church office.

Ash Wednesday Communion

A service of Holy Communion and the opportunity to be marked with a cross of ash as part of the service. This Wednesday 6 March 7.30pm in St Michael's Church. All welcome.

Lent

Lent begins on 6 March.

At St Michael's we are recommending the Church of England Lent resources for 2019. Head to the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim for more information and to sign up for the daily emails

Mission Partner of the Month – Network Counselling and Training

St Michael's Church has had links with Bristol-based Network for more than 30 years. Many church members have been involved with Network by attending training courses, working as volunteer counsellors or benefiting as clients of the service that Network offers. Network is grateful for the continued support through prayer and finance from the Mission Action Group. An information sheet is available at the back of church and in the auditorium.

Saturday Breakfast—9 March

This month we welcome guest speaker Chris Lowther from Open Doors. Please arrive by 8.15am for an 8.30am Breakfast.

Tea & coffee will be available from 8:00am First visit is free, subsequent visits after are £2 per person. Please let us know if you're coming so we can adequately cater. email admin@stmichaelsbristol.org or sign-up via churchsuite or the website calendar.

Go Karting Event

The planned event for 9 March has been cancelled due to low take-up. If you have any queries re Men's ministry in general please talk to Rob Bakewell or email mensministry@stmichaelsbristol.org

Building Facilities & Technical Services Manager

This exciting opportunity is a result of the retirement of Dave Carey, and Jack Bishop moving on to a new position. There is an increasing emphasis on the maintenance and development of technology, alongside the continuing need for basic maintenance. This role is 40 hours a week with some early mornings required. Closing date 5 March.

For further details, please contact Ian Taylor ian@stmichaelsbristol.org

Electoral Roll 2019

What is it?

The Electoral Roll is a way of saying 'I belong' – an act of commitment to St Michael's and to the church as a whole. It also enables you to vote at the Annual meeting (APCM). If you are eligible to join, we would love to encourage you to sign up. To be on the electoral roll at St Michael's you need to have worshipped with us regularly for at least the last six months or be resident in the parish. You should be baptised and 16 years old (or turning 16 in the next 12 months).

Why revise it?

Every six years we are required by the Church of England to make a brand new list. This means we will delete everyone from the Electoral Roll and ask people to sign up again.

How do I join?

It's easy! Just fill in the online form, or paper form and return it to the church office. If you are member of the current roll you will have received an email (or letter) Paper forms available from Reception or back of church. Online form at www.stmichaelsbristol.org/electoral-roll-revision-2019

Secretary for the SMCC Trustees

After serving faithfully, Mary Date is now stepping back from the role of SMCC Secretary creating an opportunity for someone else to step up and serve in this very valuable way. The requirement is to attend 10 meetings a year, take and distribute minutes and formulate meeting agendas in partnership with the Chair of Trustees. If you feel that you may be called into this area of service, please email

admin@stmichaelsbristol.org.