

EASTER

Maundy Thursday 18 April

Holy Communion 7.30pm St Michael's Church

Good Friday 19 April

Messy Church 11am St Michael's Centre
Reflective Service 12pm St Michael's Church
(with Communion at 1.45pm)

Easter Sunday 21 April

9am Morning Communion
10.30am Family Celebration with Communion
6.30pm Evening Celebration

Events at St Michael's

www.stmichaelsbristol.org/smcevents

Tickets on sale now!

4 May - **Faith and the Musicals** £6 each (family ticket £18 for 4)
10 May - **Paul Kerensa** One Man Show £10 (£8 concession)

Tickets on sale soon

1 June - **Philippa Hanna**—Women's Evening (more info soon!)

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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 always supervised when using the auditorium balcony and stairs.

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



Welcome to St Michael's Sunday 31 March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday

9am in St Michael's Church	Morning Communion Topic: Journeying Together Readings: Ephesians 4:11-13, Luke 9:1-9 <i>Speaking: Simon Jones</i>
10.30am in St Michael's Centre	Morning Celebration Topic: Young and Old Readings: Joel 2:28-32, Titus 2:1-8 <i>Speaking: Vicky Wicks</i>
6.30pm in St Michael's Centre	Evening Celebration Topic: Reformation Readings: Nehemiah 13:15-31 <i>Speaking: Murray Hepburn</i>

This week

Wednesday:

Morning Prayer 9.10am - St Michael's Church
Messy Church 3.30pm - St Michael's Centre
FXG (youth - years 7-9) 6pm - St Michael's Centre
Word (youth - years 10-13) 7.45pm - Old School Rooms

Thursday:

Community Library 9am to 11am - Old School Rooms
Beehive (Toddlers) 10am - Old School Rooms
Club and Teen Central (youth) 7.30pm Old School Rooms

Friday:

Morning Prayer 9.10am - St Michael's Church

Saturday:

Saturday Breakfast 8.15am—Old School Rooms

For the full list of what's on, head to the website stmichaelsbristol.org/calendar

Looking Ahead:

18 April	Maundy Thursday Communion
20 April	Board Games Night
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



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Children's Ministry

After 15 years of voluntary service in the role of Children's Minister, Karen Needham has felt the Lord calling her to step down from the role. Karen will continue in post until the end of August. We give heartfelt thanks for Karen and her amazing work at St Michael's.

Going forward, we will be advertising for a paid Children's Minister, as well as re-advertising for the Youth Minister role. Please join us in praying for the this process, and keep an eye on the website for more details.

Buildings Facilities & Technical Services Manager

We are pleased to announce that Chris Smith has been appointed in this role, and will be starting in mid April. Chris currently serves as IT support in a voluntary capacity and has been part of St Michael's for many years. Please join us in praying for Chris as he joins the staff team

Teaching Programme

Pick up or download a copy of the next quarter's teaching programme which is now available. In our morning worship we'll be thinking about how we create a culture of invitation at St Michael's. And at our evening celebration, we're focusing on *The Wisdom House* looking at eight life lessons which we can learn the easy way!

Expressive Worship Space

During our 10.30am Celebration and our 6.30pm Celebration, we are trialling having a cleared space on the far side of the auditorium - this is for those who love to express their worship through movement and dance.

Prayer for Persecuted Church

A group of us are meeting at 6 Fabian Drive on Thursday 4 April at 8pm to pray for the persecuted church, using the Open Doors material. You are welcome to join us.

Please email Watkivs@blueyonder.co.uk if you are planning to come.

April Prayer Diary

Our prayer diary for April is now available to pick up or download from the website. You can also sign up to have it delivered to your inbox - contact the office if you would like to be added!

North Bristol Foodbank

The donation point for items, is in the Old School Rooms foyer, where you can also find a list of items. They are currently particularly looking for Easter eggs and other Easter treats!

Saturday Breakfast

This month our breakfast will be a week earlier than usual on 6 April. We'll be joined by Bart Gee from Breaking Limits. Tea, coffee & conversation will be available from 8am, with a prompt start at 8:30am. Your first visit will be free, with any subsequent visits after are a suggested donation of £2. Please let us know in the office if you plan to come, or sign up via ChurchSuite.

Pastoral Listening

A volunteer from the Pastoral Ministry team is available to listen for an hour a day Monday-Saturday. The church office and coffee shop have the availability details for each day (times vary). We'll 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'!

Church Weekend?

Some of you may be wondering when our Church Weekend at home will be. Well, in response to feedback, we are changing our approach this year! In 2020 (2-4 October) we will be having a Church Weekend away at Brunel Manor. This year we will be focussing more on Church on the Green on 23 June, and will be planning activities and fun for the whole church on that day. These changes are in response to feedback and we are looking forward to seeing what God will do at each of these events. More info to come!

TEN conference.

The annual conference of mission organisation Transform Europe Network is being held in St Michael's Centre on Saturday 11 May from 10.00am to 5.30pm. Come and hear stories of God at work in Eastern Europe - through mission partners working in church planting, evangelism and projects providing material aid. There will be guest speakers from Moldova, Albania and Serbia and live video links with other mission leaders in Europe. For further details and tickets go to: www.ten-uk.org/conference

Financial Giving

There are two ways in which we need your financial support. First, if you would like to give to St Michael's, then a regular gift to the St Michael's PCC would be really helpful. This meets all the general running costs of the church and 10% is given for Mission. And secondly, we hope you would also like to contribute to the Heart of the Community project. For further information about how to give, please email finance@stmichaelsbristol.org

Electoral Roll 2019 - Last chance!!

Sign up by 7 April.

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) on 24 April and is a key reporting figure in the Church of England. 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 or paper form, Paper forms available from Reception or back of church. Online form at www.stmichaelsbristol.org/electoral-roll-revision-2019

Board Games Night

Fancy a game of ludo, snakes and ladders, monopoly, scrabble or other favourite? Then come along to our board games evening on Easter Saturday 20 April, in the Old School Rooms from 7pm onwards. Board games will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. Tickets cost £2.50 and include puddings. Bring your own drinks. Sign-up to the event in ChurchSuite, via the website, or see Kia Harris or Becky Hart.