



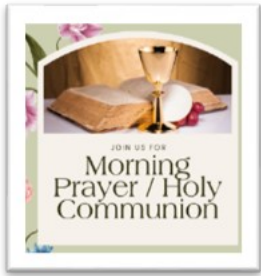
The Weekly Bulletin

10th May, 2025

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk

Upcoming Services



11th May - 10.30
Holy Communion

13th May - 2.00
MU Deanery Festival
with Holy Communion

18th May - 10.30
Morning Prayer
(Gift Day)

25th May - 10.30
Holy Communion
(followed by *Fit for Mission* presentation)

1st June - 10.30
Morning Prayer

Services this coming week			
Date	Day	Time	Service
11/5/25	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
13/5/25	Tuesday	2.00pm	MU Deanery Festival (HC)
Livestream		Visit our website and navigate to services - livestream (or click this link)	

Gift Day 2025 - 'Building to Bless' The Next Chapter

Next Sunday, 18th May, will be our special Gift Day service. From tomorrow, 11th May, you will find your personal copy of the Gift Day booklet. Please do collect your copy and prayerfully consider the contents. We thank you for your continued support.

"Join me, everyone! Let's praise the Lord together. Let's make him famous! Let's make his name glorious to all"

Psalm 34:3

St Michael's Prayer for Growth



God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness. Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Muddles Club

You might have noticed that we have about 5 children regularly attending our Muddles' Sunday Club: What a joy to have some kids in the congregation again!

Please feel free to bring your children / grandchildren along to join in the fun. Lucy would be only too happy to have them. (We do expect you to be available if you are needed.)

In order to make it happen every Sunday, Lucy is looking for volunteers to help with supervising.

If you are willing, please text Lucy on 07514 687353.

Thanks!

Children's Challenge!

Read the bible passage John 10: 27 - 30. Print out this page of the bulletin for your children or grandchildren. Once they complete the colouring page or wordsearch, it can be brought into the office (see working hours) to receive a chocolate coin!

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believe	belong	sheep
hear	voice	follow
eternal	life	perish






On Thursday 8th May at 6.30pm, St Michael's Church rang their bell along side many other churches up and down the country.

The Brownies paused their celebrations to come into church to watch the bell being rung.

 **A PRAYER FOR** 
THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service,
particularly in the Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage
and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.





Sunday's Reading



John 10: 27 - 30

²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Prayers

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit:

Hear the prayer we offer for all your people.

Remember in your mercy those for whom we pray: heal the sick, raise the fallen, strengthen the fainthearted and enfold in your love the fearful and those who have no hope. In the fullness of time complete your gracious work. Reconcile all things in Christ and make them new, that we may be restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom. Amen



We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Amen

FOOD ITEMS

Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate	Sauces (Pasta / Tomato) Jars
Milk / Juice (carton)	Pasta / Rice / Noodles
Cup a Soup / Noodles Puddings / Biscuits / Jam	Instant Mash
Soups (can/packet)	Tinned Fruit / Rice / Custard
Tinned Beans / Spaghetti /Tomatoes	Cereal (small size)
EXTRAS	TOILETRIES (male & female)
Chocolate	Soap, shower gel & shampoo
Pet Food	Deodorant
Nappies	Toothpaste & toothbrushes



Just a reminder we have collection boxes in both church and church hall for the local foodbank. Please do donate what you can.

“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, “You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor.”

(Deuteronomy 15:11)

Barista Rota

- 11/5** - Jenny & Lorna
- 18/5** - Brenda & Jan
- 25/5** - Pam & Nora
- 1/6** - ??



Welcoming Team

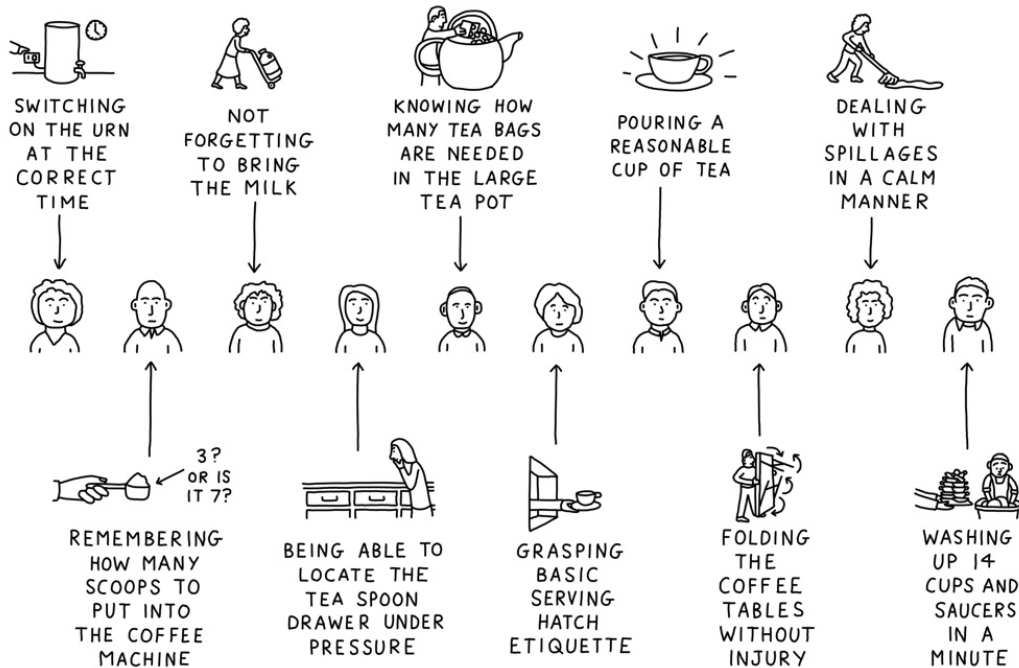
11/4 - Bette Stephens



Please sign up at the back of church!

SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



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Just Giving



We now have a link to our Just Giving page where you can make donations to our Raise the Roof campaign. Please support when you can to help preserve this special church building.

SCAN ME!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmbsandsraisetherooft>



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551488331158>

Please click on the link to go to our Facebook page and 'follow us', so you can see the latest photographs and updates from the church.

You can also view the Facebook feed via our website!



Large Print Orders of Service

I have started to have some large print Orders of Service available for those who need them. If you are struggling to follow the service on the screens, please let the office know and extra copies can be provided.



Readings & Prayers

If you would like to read the prayers in church or the Bible reading, please speak to Lucy. The reading can be given to you in advance and prayers can also be provided if you do not wish to write your own.

New Website!

We are very pleased to announce that St Michael's Church has a new website. You will be able to find details of upcoming services and events, book tickets, view the Facebook feed, find groups to join and watch livestreamed services. Please take a look!

www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk



Our livestream is also up and running well. You can view the Sunday morning service live and you can also view previously streamed services.

1st May 2025

Dear brothers and sisters

Thank you so much for the wonderful sense of welcome I have received among you here in the Liverpool diocese. It has been a joy to be with you during Holy Week for the Chrism service and to celebrate Easter day with you.

I have now said farewell to Bath and Wells diocese and am very much looking forward to the service of welcome and commissioning on Saturday. I am delighted to be joining you on our journey together with God at this moment in the life of the Church within the diocese. We all realise that these have been challenging times but in this Easter season we recognise that we are following the risen Christ who has overcome death and gives us hope for all that is to come.

As we begin our walk together in faith, I want to encourage us to start as we mean to go on. I've found it really helpful to have a passage of Scripture to 'dwell' in each year and I would like to suggest that until the end of the year we take the following verses as words for us to reflect on, allowing God to speak to, and encourage us.

'As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

I've found it really helpful to make this a personal practice but also as a foundation to how we pursue culture change and missional growth in our diocese. You will find me using it at key meetings and moments in our life together and I invite you to do the same within your parishes, schools, chaplaincies and communities. Do let me know how you hear God speak to you through it!

Listening to God and praying for one another will help us to understand what being 'God's chosen ones, holy and beloved' is really all about. It is in the light of those words that I would ask for your prayers for me at this time. Unexpectedly I have been called for some scheduled surgery on May 12th. Not great timing but a necessary procedure if I am going to serve you well as your bishop. It will require me to take 6 weeks to recover and then I anticipate being back among you.

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 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

I am really sorry that this is taking me away from the diocese just as I am beginning to get to know you, but it is also a good reminder that none of us is indispensable! I am delighted that Bishop Geoff has agreed to take my place in ordaining our new deacons and priests and to preside at those confirmations and other special services due to take place during those weeks. In addition, the Archdeacons will have the support of Bishop Richard Frith who will be able to give an external perspective and share his wisdom.

As a diocese we are on something of a journey of change and this will continue in my absence. I am excited by what God is already doing amongst us with Fit for Mission and the Diocesan Investment Programme. There will be challenges ahead but I am looking forward to building upon the foundation already set, and recognise that, as God leads us on our journey of missional growth he will expand our vision and learning.

Do be in contact with Nichola and Kim in the Bishop's Lodge office team as usual for any advice, diary planning and information you need. The Archdeacons will continue their excellent support and care of you all. In addition we have a wonderful support team within St James' House who will be working to support and empower you all in our shared mission to grow a bigger church and bring more people to Jesus.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during this period. I shall be keeping in touch, and I look forward to joining you again early in July.

With thankfulness for you all

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a small cross symbol followed by a stylized cursive name.

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CHURCH EVENTS & NOTICES



Parish Office



My final day as Parish Administrator will be Friday 24th May. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for the vacancy, please see the details on the website:

<https://stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

Kind Regards, Rachel

For items to be included in the weekly bulletin, please email the Parish Administrator **by 5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

Office Hours this coming week:

Tuesday 13th May - 12.00 - 14.30*

Wednesday 14th May - 9.30 - 14.30

Thursday 15th May - 9.30 - 14.30

Saturday 17th May - 8.00 - 10.30*

office@stombsands.org

*Working from Home

Information Session for St Michael's Church



Laura Jones from the Diocese will be joining us for our service on **Sunday 25th May** and will speak to the congregation after the service about Fit for Mission. It is a good opportunity to find out more and ask questions. Please do attend if possible.



Archdeacon's Deanery Visitation for Churchwardens

Rev. Pete Spiers will be visiting St Faith's Church on 22nd June at 6.30pm as part of his deanery Visitation to meet with Church wardens. Brian shall be attending and members of our congregation are also invited to attend. Richard shall be seeking an alternative date due to prior commitments.



St Michael's Church, Blundellsands
Dowhills Road



Please join us for **Heavenly Food** where our dedicated team of volunteers would be delighted to offer you a warm welcome to our church hall.

Meet together with friends old and new to enjoy a short act of worship followed by a two-course lunch, including delicious homemade desserts.

Next gathering: **21st May at 12.30**
(please book by 12th May)

Cost: **£8**

Booking essential -contact Rachel to book
tel: 0151 924 0561 / email: office@stombsands.org



FUN QUIZ

Hosted by

JOHN NELSON



In St Michael's Church Hall
(Dowhills Road L23 OEP)

Teams of 6 are invited to a fun quiz

Thursday 29th May

7.00pm prompt for 7.30pm start

Bring your own refreshments and nibbles -
picnic style!



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TICKETS £7.50pp

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Music, Movies, Sport, History, Geography, TV,
Literature, Music and much more in this
fabulous quiz!

All monies raised are in aid of the Raise the Roof Appeal.

Great raffle prizes to be won!

For further details and tickets,
please contact Rachel on
0151 924 0561 or email
office@stombsands.org

Let us know if you
want to go on a
'waiting list' to
join a team.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES



Please see the details on the poster / notice for more information or contact details.

(Community notices will be listed until the event is passed, or for 4 weeks if not time limited.)

St Michael's Church Hall – A 'What's On' Guide

If you would like the contact details of any of the community groups that hire the Church Hall, please contact the Parish Office.

Monday: Pilates, Tae Kwondo

Tuesday: Tai Chi, Limelight Drama

Wednesday: Move It or Lose It, Rainbows, Crosby Arts Society

Thursday: Brownies, Guides

Friday: Pilates, Limelight Drama, Crosby Symphony Orchestra

Saturday: Limelight Drama



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See differently



Stamp Collection

Please put any postage stamps you have collected into the box at the back of Church. The Royal National Institute for the Blind receive £20 for every kilo they collect.

Christine Robinson

Ukraine Welcome Centre

Here is an update on our donation needs:

Conditions on the frontline are worse than ever, and the extreme cold is an added factor ...

So, **warm bedding** is very much needed, together with **tinned** and **dried food**. Also, **adult bikes** in working condition are desperately needed on the frontline, because fuel is difficult to obtain for vehicles.

These donations will be sent over to Ukraine by International Aid Trust. Thank you for your continued support.

Donations should be taken to the Ukraine Welcome Centre or please speak to Lucy Faulkner.



The Arts Society (Crosby)

14th May - 2pm



The Arts Society Crosby will hold its next meeting in the church hall at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th. Ed Williams from Tate Liverpool, who is also a Green Badge tour guide for north Wales, will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Romance and Rocks', which will examine the tradition and importance of Welsh landscape art.

St Nicholas' Church Music Festival 2025

Wednesday 7th May - Cafe Society Trio
playing 1920s' prohibition style Jazz at its very best

Thursday 8th May - Maghull Wind Orchestra conducted by Phil Shotton
performing The Last Night of the Proms

Friday 9th May (part 1) - Indigo Vibe
performing a lively mix of songs from 1950s' - 1980s'

Friday 9th May (part 2) - Crosby Strings Ukulele band
performing a pot pourri of music for all ages

Saturday 10th May - Valley Brass Band
presenting music from the movies, a tribute to the music of WW2 and other memorable classics

All concerts start at 7.30pm
£6 per concert (under 16s free)

Available on line from <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stnicholasblundellsands>
or from the Church or pay on the door

Charity registration No. 1158819

St Nicholas' Church Music Festival

7th - 10th May

See poster for details

SPRING SALE

Fundraising for the Ukraine Welcome Centre

SATURDAY 17th of May
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Blundellsands Methodist Church,
Mersey Road, L23 3AE

- New/Nearly new clothes women's, men's, children's
- Household goods, toys, jewelry
- Homemade Ukrainian cakes
- Tea, coffee and soft drinks
- Tombola and more

www.uacentre.org
<https://www.facebook.com/UA.Crosby>

Ukraine Welcome Centre

17th May - 11am - 3pm

Please see details on the poster



You are warmly invited to

Bev's Garden Party

In aid of The Children's Society

At: 40 Spinney Crescent, Blundellsands. L23 8TZ

On: Saturday 24th May 2025, 2pm

Admission: £4 (includes tea, coffee & scone with jam and cream)

Raffle & stalls

Bev's Graden Party

24th May - 2pm

Please see details on the poster

in support of The Children's Society

To celebrate the completion of the railings campaign join us for a

FMP Friends of Merrilocks Park
EST. 2019

Free entry but all donations welcome. Bring your own picnic and chairs

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday 8th June 2025, 2-4 PM

Featuring Allerton Brass

Merrilocks Park, by Hall Road Station, L23 2UL

For More Information :

Facebook.com/Merrilocks Park

merrilocksparkl23@gmail.com

RAFFLE

Friends of Merrilocks Park

'Picnic in the Park'

8th June - 2-4pm

See poster for details

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Maghull Wind Orchestra
presents

100 YEARS OF MUSIC IN CINEMA

A cinematic musical adventure,
from the golden age of Hollywood to the present day
Conducted by Phil Shotton

7:30pm Saturday 20th September 2025

Tickets £15 (under 16s £12)
booking fee applies
Book now at
www.thetungauditorium.com



Staged at
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Maghull Wind Orchestra
20th September - 7.30pm

Please see details on the poster to
book.