



# The Weekly Bulletin

29<sup>th</sup> November,  
2025

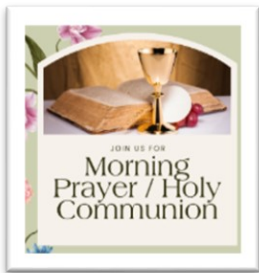
St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

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## Advent 1 Hope

### Upcoming Services



#### **30<sup>th</sup> November - 10:30**

Morning Prayer  
Toy Service  
Church Parade

#### **7<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30**

Holy Communion

#### **14<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30**

Morning Prayer (said)

#### **14<sup>th</sup> December - 16:00**

Carol Service

#### **21<sup>st</sup> December - 10:30**

Morning Prayer (said)

#### **21<sup>st</sup> December - 16:00**

Christingle

#### **28<sup>th</sup> December - 10:30**

Holy Communion

### Services this coming week

Date	Day	Time	Service
30/11/25	Sunday	10.30 am	Toy Service with Church Parade (Morning Prayer)
Livestream		Visit our <a href="#">website</a> and navigate to services - <a href="#">livestream</a> (or click this link)	

### St Michael's PCC - Renovation Fund Update

Over the past few weeks, we have been reaching out for your support in helping us raise the funds needed for the additional roof repair work.

We are very grateful for the positive response we have received so far, and for the generous financial contributions that have enabled us to instruct our contractors to begin the repairs.

We are also delighted to share that the Diocese has contributed £5,000 towards these emergency works. This is a tremendous help, but we still require further funds to ensure the project can be completed in a timely manner.

If you are willing and able to contribute financially to help the PCC complete these essential repairs, please speak to our Treasurer, Jenny Givens, or any member of the PCC. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

If you wish to support by cheque, please make it payable to St Michael's PCC. Your support is greatly valued. Thank you!

Thank you again, sincerely, for your generosity, prayers, and ongoing support.

*Richard Kemp and Brian Dunning*

Churchwardens

St Michael's PCC

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**TOMORROW**

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES  
NEEDED  
THANK YOU!**

## **Bring and Share Lunch for the Renovation Fund**

### **Join Us for Food, Fun, and Festive Bingo!**

#### **Event Details**

We are delighted to invite you to our Bring and Share Lunch in support of the Renovation Fund. The event will take place on Sunday, 30 November, in the church hall, immediately following the church service.

#### **How It Works**

- Each attendee is asked to bring a plate of food for every person in their group. For example, if you are bringing three people, please bring three plates to share.
- There is a minimum donation of £5 required per person attending.

#### **Bingo and Prizes**

After lunch, we will be hosting a special Christmas-themed game of bingo for a small additional charge. All are welcome to join in the festive fun! We kindly ask for donations of prizes for the bingo game—festive treats and goodies are especially appreciated.

#### **How You Can Help**

- Bring enough food to share according to the number in your party.
- Contribute your £5 donation per person to support the Renovation Fund.
- Donate a bingo prize if you are able—Christmas-themed items are ideal!

#### **Let's Make This a Memorable Day!**

We hope you can join us for an afternoon of delicious food, good company, and festive fun, all in aid of a great cause. Your support will make a real difference to our Renovation Fund.

If you have any questions or would like to donate a prize, please speak to **Gen Flynn** or **Marika Stille**.

Thank you for your generosity and participation!



**PLEASE PAY YOUR DONATION ON THE DAY**

## Sunday's Reading



### Isaiah 9: 2, 6 & 7

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness

a light has dawned.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace

there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne

and over his kingdom,

establishing and upholding it

with justice and righteousness

from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty

will accomplish this.

## 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

Our prayers have been asked at this time for **Dr Anne Monk** and **Lynne Bold**.



### 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

## The Diary - Looking Ahead



### November

- **30<sup>th</sup> November** - Toy Service (Church Parade) - donations of new, unwrapped toys welcomed.
- **30<sup>th</sup> November** - Bring and Share lunch in aid of the Restoration Appeal.

### December

- **5<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch at The West Lancashire Golf Club (please arrive at 12.30pm)
- **10<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Heavenly Food at St Michael's School
- **14<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Service (4pm) - joined by the West Lancashire Golf Club choir.
- **21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christingle (4pm)
- **23<sup>rd</sup> December** - MU - Christmas Party (2pm)

## Contributions

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the bulletin, maybe a poem or a prayer, a joke or a moving photograph, please send it through to [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org) and mark the subject as 'Bulletin Contribution'.

## Things to note . . .

### Bring & Share Lunch

Our bring and share lunch takes place tomorrow (Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November). We would be very grateful if you could donate raffle prizes for this event. They can be passed to Gen Flynn.



### Christmas Lunch at WLGC

Thank you to those who have signed up to come to the Christmas lunch at The West Lancashire Golf Club on 5<sup>th</sup> December. **Please arrive at the Golf Club at 12.30pm, for the meal to be served promptly at 1pm.** It promises to be a lovely occasion!



# Collection Point



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

## FOOD ITEMS

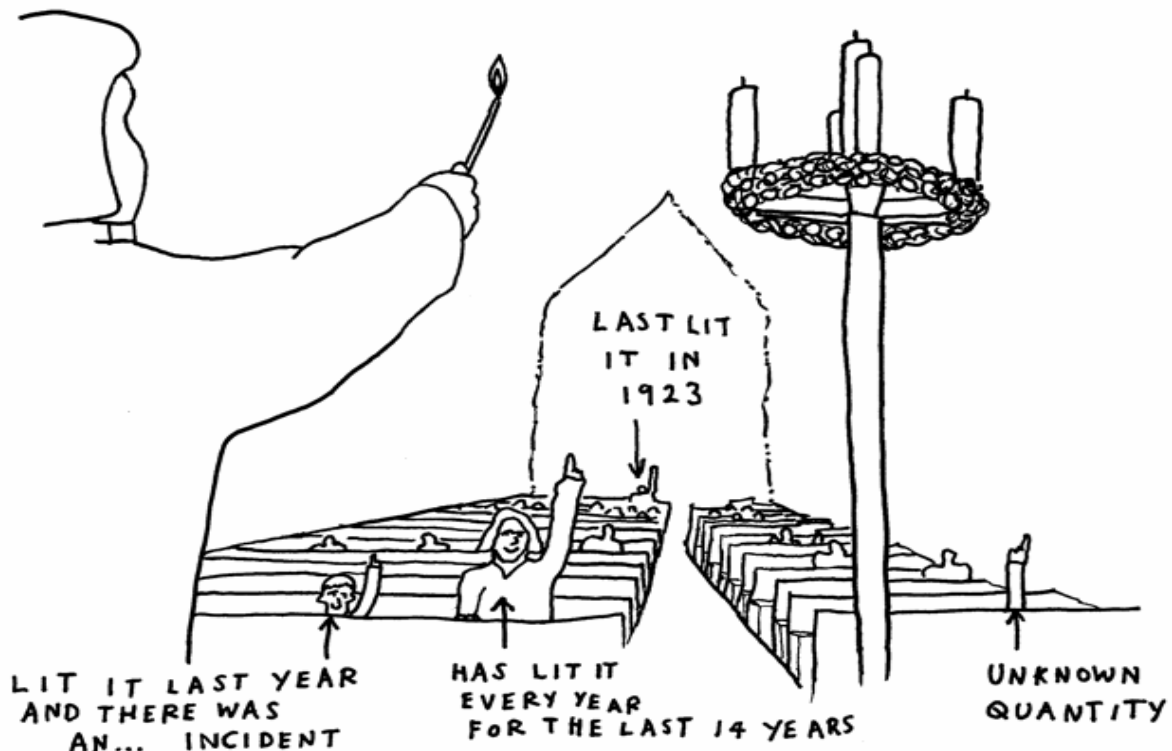
Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate	Sauces (Pasta / Tomato) Jars
Milk / Juice (carton)	Pasta / Rice / Noodles
Cup a Soup / Noodles Puddings / Biscuits / Jam	Instant Mash
Soups (can/packet)	Tinned Fruit / Rice / Custard
Tinned Beans / Spaghetti /Tomatoes	Cereal (small size)
<b>EXTRAS</b>	<b>TOILETRIES (male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

**"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)

# ADVENT

DURING THE SUNDAYS IN ADVENT THE VICAR MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE. IT IS ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS





## CHURCH EVENTS & NOTICES



### Parish Office



For items to be included in the weekly bulletin, please email the Parish Office **by 5pm on Tuesdays**. Thank you. Items received after this time will be published the following week.

Leave a message on: 0151 924 0561

Email: [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org)

**Parish Administrator:** Sharon Oliver

Website: [www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk)

**Office hours:** Weekdays 3pm – 5pm



**JustGiving™**

**SCAN ME!**

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

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.



<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!**



### Barista Rota

**30/11** – Lynne & Marika

**7/12** – Jenny & Lorna

**14/12** – Brenda & Sylvia

**21/12** – Pam & Nora

**28/12** – Richard & Sue

### Welcoming Team



If you would like to join the welcoming team to greet regular members of the congregation and visitors, please sign the list at the back of church. Thank you.





# St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

## Join us for our special services!



### **SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM** **TOY SERVICE**

Gifts of new toys will be collected and donated to the Salvation Army, Walton Branch.



### **SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER** **MORNING PRAYER - 10.30AM** **CAROL SERVICE - 4.00PM**

Come along to sing Christmas Carols, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.



### **SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER** **MORNING PRAYER - 10.30AM** **CHRISTINGLE - 4.00PM**

A service in aid of **The Children's Society**. Receive a Christingle and prepare for Christmas. Followed by refreshments and Christmas cake.

### **THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER 10.30AM** **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Join us with Pete Spiers, Archdeacon of Knowsley & Sefton, to celebrate The birth of our Lord.



Photograph courtesy Christine Robinson

## 2025 FORTHGOING EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BLUNDELLSANDS



**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 1.00PM**  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at the West Lancashire Golf Club.

**WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 12.30PM**  
**HEAVENLY FOOD.** Special Christmas lunch hosted at St Michael's School. Tickets £8

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENOVATION FUND



### **2026 - TWO SPECIAL CHURCH CONCERTS**

St Michael's Church is delighted to welcome you to join us for an unforgettable Year of music in support of our **Renovation Fund**. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of our historic church interior.

### **WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH, 7.00PM**

**CLASSICAL CONCERT** - Presented by Oxford University Students, *Vocatio: Responsio* performing - "'Il illo tempore": Scarlatti's St John's Passion'. Tickets £5  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/vocatio-responsio](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/vocatio-responsio)

### **SATURDAY 9TH MAY, 7.00PM**

**MAGHULL WIND ORCHESTRA** - Founded in 1978, Maghull Wind Orchestra has been bringing people together through music for over 45 years. St Michael's is delighted to welcome back this wonderful group of musicians for a night of entertainment. Tickets £10

For further details of both these events can be obtained through our Parish Office - **0151 924 0561**.  
Email: [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org) or visit our website [stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk](http://stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk)







...*“In illo tempore”*...

**Sammartini: Sinfonia in A Major**  
**A. SCARLATTI: ST JOHN'S PASSION**

*Tickets: £5*  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/vocatio-responsio](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/vocatio-responsio)



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2026, 7pm**  
**St Michael's Church,**  
**L23 8SP**



St Michael's  
Blundellsands



RENOVATION  
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### **Vocatio: Responsio - V:R on Tour Oxford-Liverpool '26**

St Michael's Church is delighted to announce that we will have the honour of hosting Vocatio: Responsio as part of their Oxford-Liverpool tour.

This special concert is of particular significance to us, as Sam, who has shared his musical gifts with our community during his time at St Michael's Church School, returns with his ensemble to support our church.

In gratitude for the encouragement and support he has received from St Michael's, Sam and his players have generously dedicated all proceeds from this event to our Renovation Fund, which is essential for the restoration of our church interior.

We warmly welcome this remarkable offer of help from Vocatio: Responsio and look forward with great anticipation to hosting what promises to be an uplifting and memorable evening of music.

**A sign-up sheet will be at the back of church for those wishing to order tickets @ £5pp.**



## 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, Archery, Rainbows, Crosby Arts Society

**Thursday:** Brownies, Guides

**Friday:** Pilates, Limelight Drama, Crosby Symphony Orchestra

**Saturday:** Limelight Drama, Archery



Christmas  
with  
OPERA *viva*

Join us for a concert of  
seasonal favourites

Saturday, 29 November at 7.30pm  
St Michael's Church Hall - Blundellsands  
Dowhills Rd, Liverpool L23 8SP

Tickets £10 (cash) payable on the door

or from  
Harmonics Crosby Rd North  
Write Blend South Rd  
Pritchards Bookshop Moor Lane

For further details please contact [r.purcell@opera-viva.org.uk](mailto:r.purcell@opera-viva.org.uk)

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Opera Viva is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales, Charity Commission No. 1171885

**Christmas with Opera Viva**

**29<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm**

Please see details on the poster for details.

## Celebration Concert Merrilocks Park - Sunday 7 December 2025

Friends of Merrilocks Park are delighted to share some wonderful news. Earlier this year, they entered the 'RHS In Your Neighbourhood' competition as part of Britain in Bloom and the judges visited in June 2025. They are extremely proud to announce that the Park received a Rating of 5 - Outstanding!

A huge thank-you goes to everyone who helped look after the Park throughout the year and to all who contributed donations towards its upkeep. Your support truly makes a difference.

To celebrate, they will be hosting a concert at 2pm on Sunday, 7 December 2025.

The event will feature:

- Singing by The Mount Preparatory School
- Music by the College Ensemble

There is no charge for the concert, though donations towards the ongoing care of the Park are always warmly appreciated. There will also be a raffle.

If you would like to join them for an afternoon of festive music, children's singing and community carols, please bring your friends and family—and help spread the word about this lovely park on your doorstep.



# R N I B

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## 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