



The Weekly Bulletin

6th December,
2025

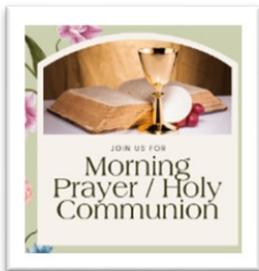
St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

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Upcoming Services



7th December - 10:30

Holy Communion

14th December - 10:30

Morning Prayer (said)

14th December - 16:00

Carol Service

**Mince pie
donations
needed for the
Carol Service
please!**

21st December - 10:30

Morning Prayer (said)

21st December - 16:00

Christingle

28th December - 10:30

Holy Communion

Services this coming week

Date	Day	Time	Service
7/12/25	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Livestream		Visit our website and navigate to services - livestream (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

Sunday's Reading



Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

The Branch from Jesse

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

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

The Diary - Looking Ahead



Contributions

December

- **5th December** - Christmas Lunch at The West Lancashire Golf Club (please arrive at 12.30pm)
- **10th December** - Christmas Heavenly Food at St Michael's School
- **14th December** - Carol Service (4pm) - joined by the West Lancashire Golf Club choir.
- **21st December** - Christingle (4pm)
- **23rd 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 and mark the subject as 'Bulletin Contribution'.

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 5th 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!



Visitation Service

Archdeacons, Pete Spiers, held a short Visitation service in order to formally admit, Richard Kemp, as an elected churchwarden. Richard had been unable to attend the formal Visitation Service held in Sefton South earlier this year.

At this Service, the Archdeacon welcomes, encourages and prepares the churchwardens for the coming year. The service is an important event in the life of the diocese as they allow churchwardens the opportunity to dedicate themselves to the service of Christ in the company of others who are taking on the same responsibility.



Toy Service

The Liverpool Walton Salvation Army Christmas Appeal supports hundreds of children and vulnerable adults across the city of Liverpool. Working with schools, social services and other partners to reach those who receive little or nothing on Christmas morning. On Sunday, we were able to come together and make a difference by providing gifts and money towards the appeal. Our prayer is that the light and love of Jesus will be seen in our actions.





Bring and Share

Following the Toy Service on Sunday, we enjoyed our 'Bring and Share' fundraising event in the Church Hall. It was a fun afternoon and everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion. There was a sumptuous spread of delicious sandwiches, savories and, of course, plenty of cake!

Gen and Frances led a lively Bingo session, and we were treated to Gen's hilarious Bingo Lingo throughout. Lorna was the first to shout "House!" and claim the top prize. A fabulous raffle followed and the afternoon raised an impressive £270 on the day.

Our thanks go to Gen, Frances and Marika for their organisation, to everyone who supported the event, donated raffle prizes and to all who helped set up and clear the room.

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.

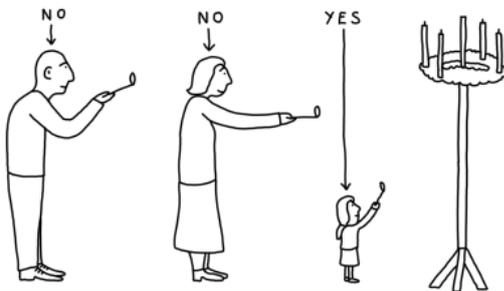
FOOD ITEMS

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)
EXTRAS	TOILETRIES (male & female)
Chocolate	Soap, shower gel & shampoo
Pet Food	Deodorant
Nappies	Toothpaste & toothbrushes

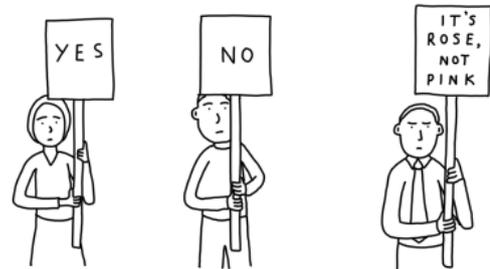
“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, “You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor.

(Deuteronomy 15:11)

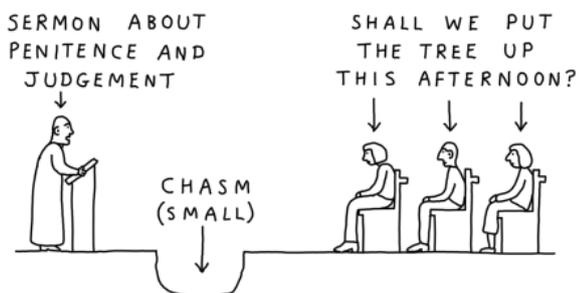
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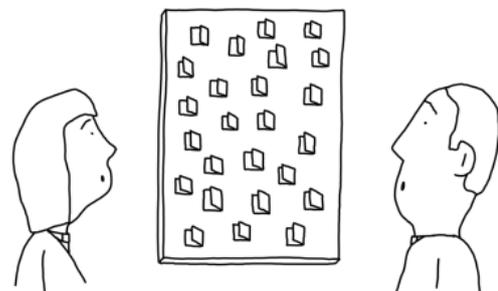
WHO WILL LIGHT THE CANDLES
ON THE ADVENT WREATH?



SHOULD THE WREATH HAVE
ONE PINK CANDLE?



WHETHER TO PREACH ON
CHALLENGING ADVENT THEMES



WHO COULD HAVE EATEN THE
VESTRY ADVENT CALENDAR CHOCOLATES?

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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

Parish Administrator: Sharon Oliver

Website: www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk

Office hours: Weekdays 3pm - 5pm



JustGiving™

<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.

SCAN ME!



<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

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 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

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 or visit our website stmichaelsblundellands.co.uk



... "In illo tempore" ...

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

Tickets: £5
www.ticketsource.co.uk/vocatio-responsio



Wednesday 25th 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



Celebration Concert Merrilocks Park - Sunday 7 December 2025

Friends of Merrilocks Park
Carol Singing
AT MERRILOCKS PARK, L23 6UL

Join us for a magical Christmas Carol Service!
Celebrate the season with joyful songs, raffle and festive cheer. Featuring St Mary's Preparatory School Choir and College Brass Ensemble.

START AT 2:00PM | 7TH DECEMBER, 2025

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St. Mary's College
Preparatory School

FMP
Friends
of Merrilocks Park

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
