



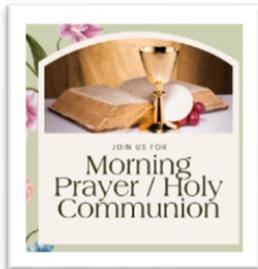
The Weekly Bulletin

10th January,
2026

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk

Upcoming Services



11th January - 10:30

Holy Communion

18th January - 10:30

Morning Prayer

25th January - 10:30

Holy Communion

1st February - 10:30

Morning Prayer

4th February - 10:45

MU Holy Communion

8th February - 10:30

Holy Communion



Services this coming week

Date	Day	Time	Service
11/1/26	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Livestream		Visit our website and navigate to services - livestream (or click this link)	

A Prayer for God's Guidance in the Year Ahead

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we begin 2026, we look to You for direction. We surrender all our plans and desires to You, leaning not on our own understanding, but on Yours. Thank You for showing us the ultimate way, truth and life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to follow the light of Your path. Where decisions weigh heavily on us, give wisdom and calm; where opportunities arise, grant courage; and where doors close, grant peace. Guide our steps day by day and teach us to trust that Your plans are good, prosperous and hopeful.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus,

Amen.



Sunday's Reading



Matthew 3: 13 - 17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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



January

- **27th Jan - MU (2pm)** - A talk by Brian Dunning, "An Interesting Life," in the small hall.

February

- **24th Feb - MU (2pm)** - Communion followed by the AGM and refreshments in the small hall.

March

- **24th March - MU (2pm)** - "Reflections" with Helen Hunter at 47 St Andrew's Road
- **25th March - Vocatio: Responsio Concert (7pm)** - Renovation Fundraising Concert - Tickets £5.
- **29th March - Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** The meeting will follow the morning service. All welcome.

April

- **28th April - MU (2pm)** - A talk by Chris Kay

May

- **9th May - Maghull Wind Orchestra (7pm)** - Renovation Fundraising Concert - Tickets £10.
- **TBC May - MU** - Deanery Festival.

Contributions

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the bulletin, maybe a recipe, 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'.

Contributions

Recipe: Tuscan Chicken

I love my slow cooker and use it whatever the time of the year. However, in the cold winter months, there is nothing better than returning home to the delicious aroma of your evening meal ready for you. This recipe is from the new book I got for Christmas, and I hope you enjoy it too - *Rachel*

- 4 chicken breasts
- 1tbsp oil
- 1tsp paprika
- 1tsp dried basil
- 1tsp dried oregano
- 1tsp dried thyme
- 250ml chicken stock
- handful of sundried tomatoes
- 50ml white wine
- 1tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tbsp low-fat crème fraiche



Method

Drizzle the chicken with oil, then coat with paprika, basil, oregano and thyme. Sear for two minutes on each side in a hot pan.

Next, the chicken and the remaining ingredients to the slow cooker, except the crème fraiche and stir. Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 7 hours. Add the crème fraiche before serving, stirring through to heat.

Delicious served with pasta.

(Bored of Lunch: A Healthy Slow Cooker Book - by Nathan Anthony)

Collection Point

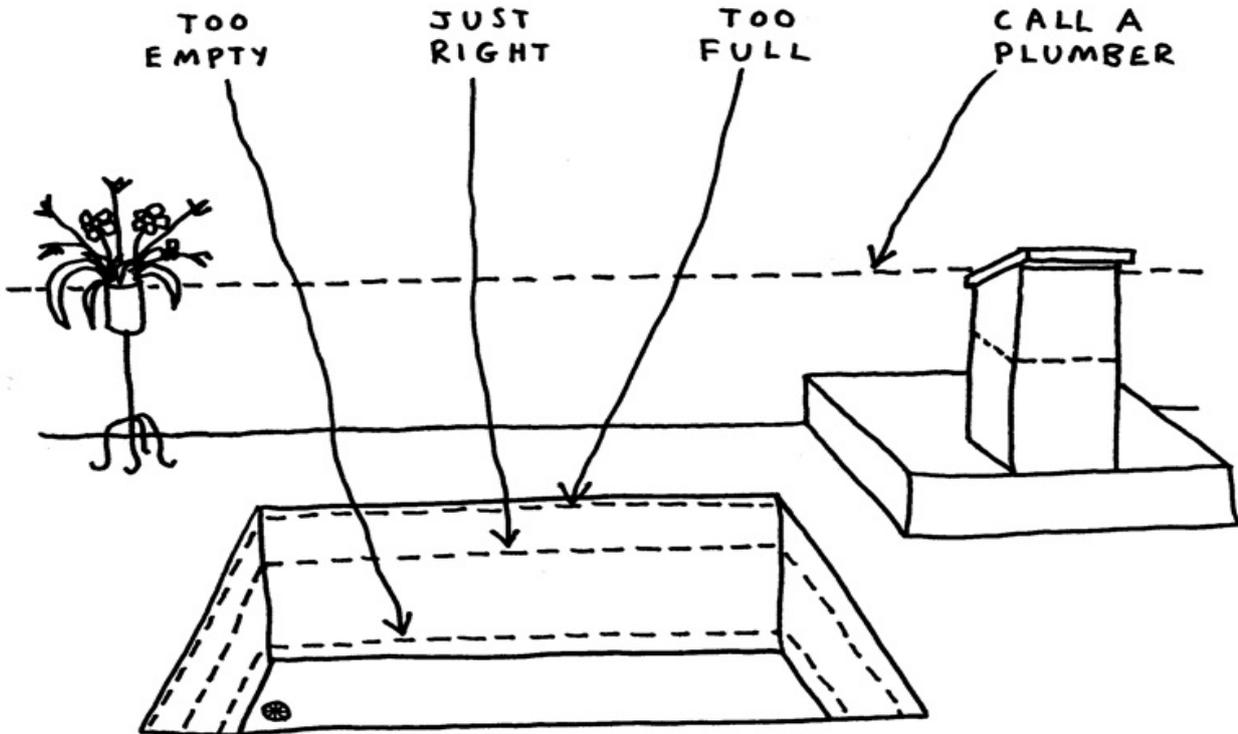


Just a reminder we have collection boxes in both church and church hall for the local foodbank. Please do donate what you can.

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)



FILLING THE BAPTISTRY

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@stombsands.org

Parish Administrator: Sharon Oliver

Website: www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk

Office hours: Weekdays 3pm - 5pm



JustGiving™

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

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.

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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

11/1 - Jenny & Lorna

18/1 - Brenda & Sylvia

25/1 - Pam & Nora

1/2 - 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.

VOCATIO RESPONSIO

...“*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 FUND

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.

Click the link here to view the promotional trailer! <https://youtu.be/wfrh4-7duSQ>

2025 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BLUNDELLSANDS



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



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday 29th March 2026. All are welcome to attend.

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: Crosby Babies Stay & Play, Brownies, Guides

Friday: Pilates, Limelight Drama, Crosby Symphony Orchestra

Saturday: Limelight Drama, Archery



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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



Crosby Babies Stay & Play

Crosby Babies will be hosting weekly stay & play sessions for parents and caregivers and their babies and toddlers on **Thursdays 9am - 2pm**, in St Michael's Church Hall. These sessions will commence on 8th January 2026.



The Arts
Society
Crosby

The Arts Society Crosby will hold its next meeting in the church hall at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th January. Art historian Ed Williams will give an illustrated talk on 20th century northern painters and explain that L. S. Lowry is not the only one worthy of attention.



Music at Crosby Hall

The 2025/2026 Sunday Concert Series



25 January 2026 at 7 pm
Helen Wilson - Flute & Benjamin Powell - Piano

Anna Bon - Sonata in F major Op. 1, no. 2
Paquito D'Rivera - La Fleur de Cayenne
Franz Schubert - Variations on 'Trockne Blumen'
Ian Clarke - Zoom Tube
François Borne - Fantasie Brillante on themes from Bizet's Carmen
Frédéric Chopin - Nocturne (for solo piano) Op. 62 no. 1
Sergei Prokofiev - Sonata No 2 for Flute and Piano

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