



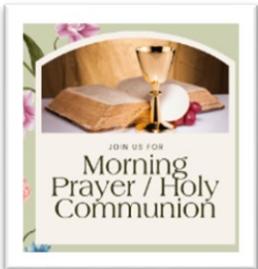
# The Weekly Bulletin

17<sup>th</sup> January,  
2026

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

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

## Upcoming Services



### 18<sup>th</sup> January - 10:30

Morning Prayer

### 25<sup>th</sup> January - 10:30

Holy Communion

### 1<sup>st</sup> February - 10:30

Morning Prayer

### 4<sup>th</sup> February - 10:45

MU Holy Communion

### 8<sup>th</sup> February - 10:30

Holy Communion

| Services this coming week |        |  |                |
|---------------------------|--------|--|----------------|
| Date                      | Day    | Time   | Service        |
| 17/1/26                   | Sunday | 10.30 am   | Morning Prayer |
| Livestream                |        | Visit our <a href="#">website</a> and navigate to services - <a href="#">livestream</a> (or click this link) |                |

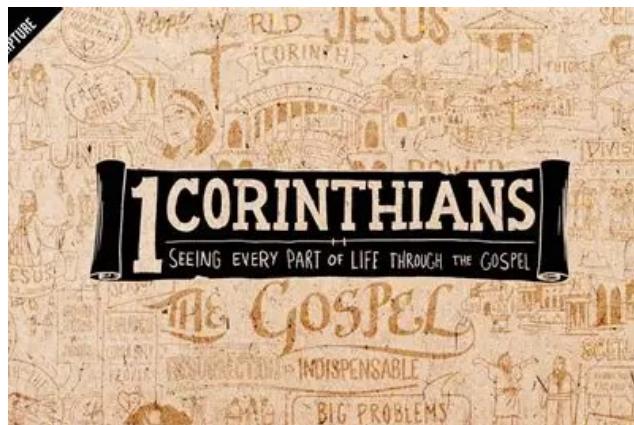
## Renovation Update

As you may have noticed, scaffolding has been erected on the south transept side of the church so that repair work can begin on the roof leak. We hope the work will take no longer than a week and would value your prayers for good weather and a smooth completion.

Lord, as we undertake this phase of renovation, we seek Your wisdom, provision, and protection. May this sacred space continue to be a beacon of hope, drawing hearts closer to You. Bless the hands that toil and the hearts that give, that all may be done for Your glory. Amen



## Sunday's Reading



### 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Thanksgiving

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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

Our prayers have been asked for **Colin and Christine Robinson** and **Anne Monk**.

## 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.
- **29<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** The meeting will follow the morning service. All welcome.

### April

- **15<sup>th</sup> April - Heavenly Food** resumes - £8
- **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](mailto:office@stmbsands.org) and mark the subject as 'Bulletin Contribution'.

## Contributions

### **Poem by Jeffa Kay**

#### **Epiphany Storm**

Violent wind, broken branches,  
a storm brewing since New Year's Day.  
Tiles lifted, wires brought down.  
Silence as a snow blanket lay  
over the earth. The path, just seen,  
indented to the gate. Then which way  
should we choose? Our prints would  
be indelible till the thaw. Would they say  
we took the right path? Fresh start.  
Could we find help on Epiphany day?



Heavenly Food will be taking a short break during the bad or cold weather and will resume on Wednesday, 15th April in the spring. The cost will still be £8.00 per person.

# Collection Point



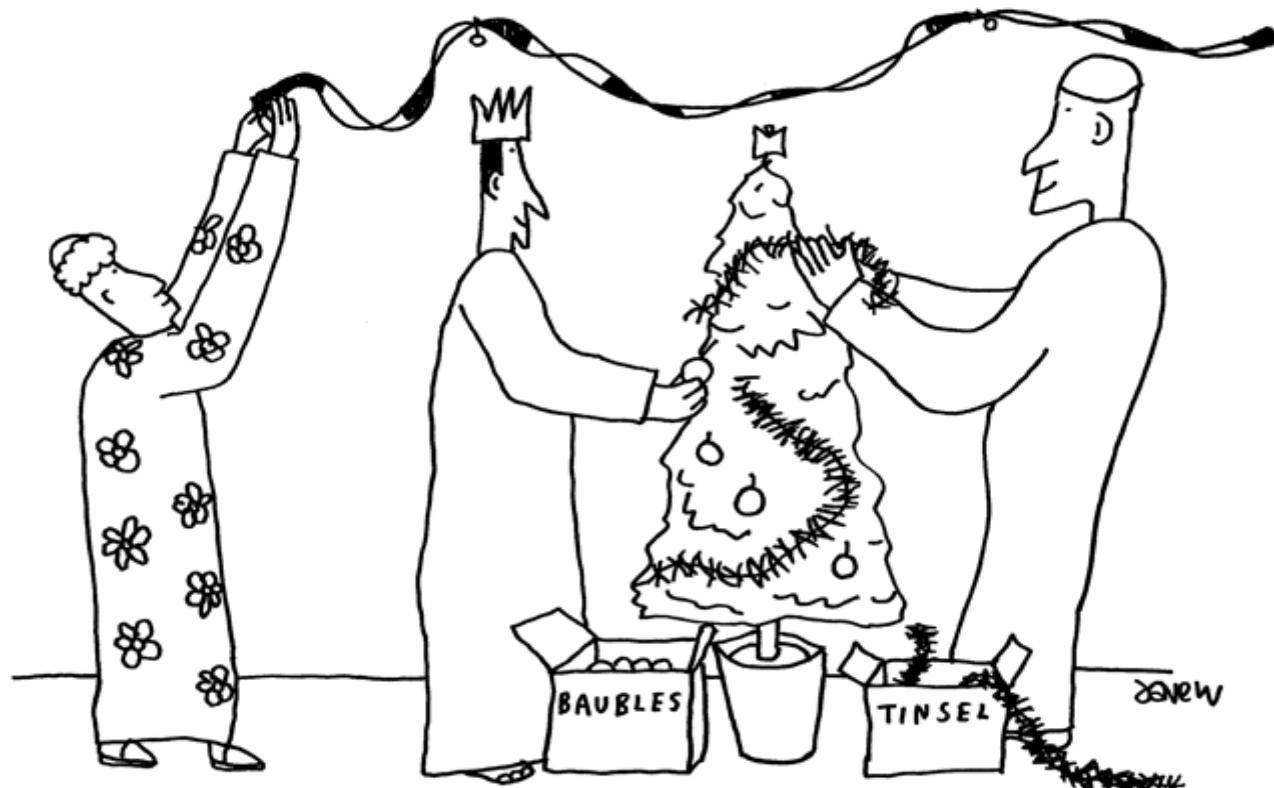
Just a reminder we have collection boxes in both church and church hall for the local foodbank. Please do donate what you can.

## FOOD ITEMS

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate                      | Sauces (Pasta / Tomato) Jars          |
| Milk / Juice (carton)                             | Pasta / Rice / Noodles                |
| Cup a Soup / Noodles<br>Puddings / Biscuits / Jam | Instant Mash                          |
| Soups (can/packet)                                | Tinned Fruit / Rice / Custard         |
| Tinned Beans / Spaghetti<br>/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)



EPIPHANY: THE WISE MEN /  
TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

## 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@stmbssands.org](mailto:office@stmbssands.org)

**Parish Administrator:** Sharon  
Oliver

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

**Office hours:** Weekdays 3pm - 5pm



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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

**18/1** - Brenda & Sylvia

**25/1** - Pam & Nora

**1/2** - Richard & Sue

**8/2** - Lynne & Marika

### 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.



... “*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**



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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.**

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](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)



### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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



# R N I B

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



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**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

**Tickets £21**  
(includes an interval drink and canapés)

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/chet](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chet)**  
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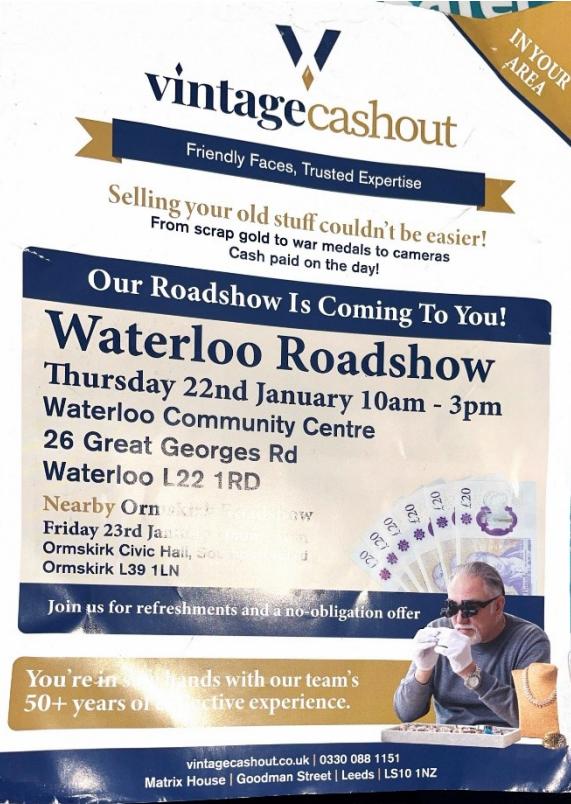
14<sup>th</sup> January : Northern Painters  
Ed Williams

11<sup>th</sup> February : A Life Among Plants  
Timothy Walker

11<sup>th</sup> March : Jane Austen  
Prof. Alan Silman

2.00 pm at St. Michael's Church Hall, Dowhills Road,  
Blundellsands L23 8SP.

For full details, visit [www.theartssocietycrosby.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietycrosby.org.uk)  
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