



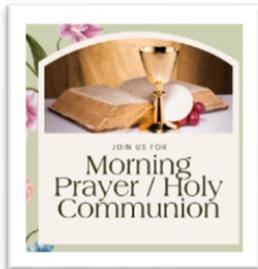
The Weekly Bulletin

28th February,
2026

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk

Upcoming Services



1st March - 10:30

Morning Prayer

4th March - 10:45

MU Holy Communion

8th March - 10:30

Holy Communion

15th March - 10:30

Mothering Sunday

Morning Prayer

22nd March - 10:30

Holy Communion

29th March - 10:30

Palm Sunday

Morning Prayer

3rd April - 2:00

Good Friday

The Last Hour

5th April - 10:30

Easter Day

Holy Communion



Services this coming week			
Date	Day	Time	Service
1/3/26	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
4/3/26	Wednesday	10.45 am	MU Holy Communion
Livestream		Visit our website and navigate to services - livestream (or click this link)	

The Bulletin

From 28th March, the way you receive The Bulletin will be changing as we move to monthly distribution, rather than weekly. We would still very much value contributions and ask that these are sent via email to office@stmbsands.org or left in the post box attached to the hall. These can be recipes, puzzles, jokes, cartoons, photographs or thoughts you would like to share.

April's bulletin will be distributed at the end of March. We would ask that contributions are received by **Friday 20th March**. We look forward to seeing what is sent in!



Sunday's Reading



Romans 4: 1 - 5 & 12 - 17

Abraham Justified by Faith

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about - but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹² And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring - not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed - the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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

At this time, our prayers have been asked for **Colin Robinson, Hugh Hollinghurst** and **Anne Monk**.



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



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.
- **26th March** - Memorial service for Mrs. Grace Barker (2pm)
- **29th March - Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** The meeting will follow the morning service. All welcome.

April

- **2nd April - Maundy Thursday** - L23 churches are joining together for a service at All Saints with St Frideswyde (7.30pm) - all welcome.
- **3rd April - Good Friday** - join us for prayer and reflection as we join together for Jesus' last hour.
- **15th 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.
- **20th May - Heavenly Food** - £8
- **TBC May - MU** - Deanery Festival.

Spring Mailer

If you are able to take some copies of the Spring Mailer to hand deliver, we would be most grateful. Road bundles are available at the back of church. Thank you.

Second Sunday of Lent - A Reflection

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent often brings us to the mountain with Jesus, where His glory is revealed in the Transfiguration. In that moment, Peter, James, and John glimpse the truth of who He is – not just a teacher or healer, but the beloved Son of God.

Lent invites us to our own "mountaintop" moments – times of prayer, silence, and openness – so we can see more clearly the presence of God in our lives. Yet, like the disciples, we cannot stay on the mountain. We are called to carry that light back into the valleys of everyday life, trusting that even in the shadows, God is leading us toward resurrection.



Lord, help me to listen to Your voice, to see Your glory in the ordinary, and to follow You with courage, even when the path is uncertain.

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)



The Ukraine Centre is now accepting donations of clothing. Any donations should be dropped off at 19 Mersey Road, Crosby. L23 3AE

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Special Services



St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

Join us for our special services!



Please see our following special services. We hope to see you all there.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 10.30AM

Come along to our Mothering Sunday service, receive daffodils and enjoy cake after the service.



PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 10.30AM

Come together as we mark the start of Holy Week, exploring Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday 2nd

APRIL 2026 7.30pm

L23 churches are joining together for a Service at ASSF



GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026 2.00PM

Join with us as we observe Christ's Last hour in a service of prayer and reflection

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 10.30AM

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!
A service of Holy Communion as we celebrate the Risen Lord



St Michael's Renovation Fund

Upcoming Fundraising events



Wednesday 25th March 2026, 7pm

Vocatio:Responsio

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 all proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund. Join us for a musical evening with refreshments served after in the church hall. Tickets £5
www.ticketsource.co.uk/vocatio-responsio

Saturday 9th May 2026, 7pm

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

Please see our notice boards in the church grounds for upcoming events in 2026. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

If you would like to help or require any further information please contact Sharon, Parish Administrator, 0151 924 0561 or email: office@stmbsands.org



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

*(NB – The bulletin will be monthly from April)



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<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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<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

1/3 – Pam & Nora

8/3 – Richard & Sue

15/3 – Lynne & Marika

22/3 – Jenny & Lorna



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.



14th Crosby St Michael's Girl Guide and Brownie's Bring and Buy Sale is on **Thursday 5th March at 5.45 - 7.30pm.** They would be grateful of any donations for the sale: Bric-a-brac, toys, books, raffle or tombola prizes.

Sue Kemp is happy to collect donations from church or your home. Please contact her on 07798 736 990 to arrange. You can also support the event by coming along on the night. £1 entry which includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.

St Michael's Meal

Railway Pub – Menu – Sunday 8th March

Duke Street Formby

L37 4AS

Opposite Formby train station.

2 Courses - £20.00

Main Course

All Sunday mains are served with sage and onion seasoned golden roast potatoes, mixed greens, braised red cabbage, roasted carrots and a rich gravy

Hand-Carved Roast Beef

Sliced roast beef and Yorkshire pudding

Hand-Carved Turkey

With pork, leek and apple stuffing and Yorkshire pudding

Hard-Carved Gammon

with pork, leek and apple stuffing and Yorkshire pudding

Root Vegetable Wellington (V)

Butternut squash, carrot & sweet potato encased in flaky pastry served with vegan gravy and Yorkshire pudding.

Dessert

Apple & Cinnamon Pie (v)

Sticky toffee Pudding (v)

Served with your choice of whipped cream, vanilla pod ice cream or thick custard.

Cherry Eton Mess Sundae

Strawberry meringue nests, layered with vanilla pod ice cream and whipped cream. Topped with saucy cherries and raspberry sprinkles.

All drinks, coffee and tea can be ordered as extras.

Americano, Latte, Cappuccino, Mocha £2.99 – served with a Biscoff cookie wrapped biscuit. Decaffeinated and milk alternatives available upon request.

Sign up sheet at back of church or contact the office on 01519240561/office@stombsands.org. Payment to be made by cash, cheque made payable to PCC or bank transfer before 8/3/2026.



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.



Heavenly Food

Heavenly Food will be taking a short break during the cold weather and will resume in the spring. The cost will still be £8.00 per person.

15 th April	16 th September
20 th May	21 st October
17 th June	18 th November
15 th July	9 th December
19 th August	



COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

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

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



Girl Guiding Volunteers

14th Crosby (St Michael's) units meet in the church hall: Rainbows aged 5-7 Wednesday evening. Brownies aged 7-10 and Guides aged 10 -14 Thursday evening.

The girls explore how they relate to the wider world and develop their sense of self, through the Girlguiding programme's six themes: *Know myself, Express myself, Be well, Have adventures, Take Action and Skills for my Future*. Girls learn new skills, gain confidence, face challenges, make new friends, have fun, do adventurous activities, gain badges and awards.



Volunteers are needed - Female Young leaders aged 14-18 and Female Adults who would be willing to train as Leaders. Visit the Girlguiding website: girlguiding.org.uk or phone Ailsa on 01519241336 for more information and to volunteer today.

Blundellsands Archery

Archery sessions will continue in the Church Hall throughout March, after which they will move outdoors. Anyone interested, can take advantage of the taster sessions offered, which last 45 minutes to an hour and pairs each participant on a one-to-one basis with a coach, covering the basics of barebow archery. These sessions are available on Wednesday evenings in the Church Hall until the end of March, and then from April onwards at Merchant Taylors field, off Spinney Crescent.

To sign up, simply email or call the office, and your details will be forwarded to the Blundellsands Archery secretary.



The 2025/2026 Sunday Concert Series



26 April 2026 at 7 pm

Craig Ogden - Classical Guitar

Torroba - 'Madroños'
Villa-Lobos - Five Preludes
Piazzola - Invierno Porteño & Primavera Porteño
Lovelady - Three Incantations
Shearing arr. Lovelady - Lullaby of Birdland
Koshkin - The Usher Waltz
Houghton - Kinkachoo I Love You
Marais - Les Voix Humaines
Sor - Variations on a theme from Mozart's opera 'The Magic Flute'

Tickets £26

(includes an interval drink and canapés)

www.ticketsource.co.uk/chet

or Telephone: 0333 666 3366



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