



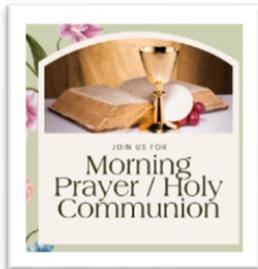
The Weekly Bulletin

14th February,
2026

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

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Upcoming Services



Services this coming week

Date	Day	Time	Service
15/2/26	Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
Livestream		Visit our website and navigate to services - livestream (or click this link)	

15th February - 10:30

Morning Prayer

18th February - 10.45am

Ash Wednesday
Service

18th February - St Lukes 18.30

Ash Wednesday
Service

22nd February - 10:30

Holy Communion

1st March - 10:30

Morning Prayer



A Prayer for February 2026

Lord Jesus,

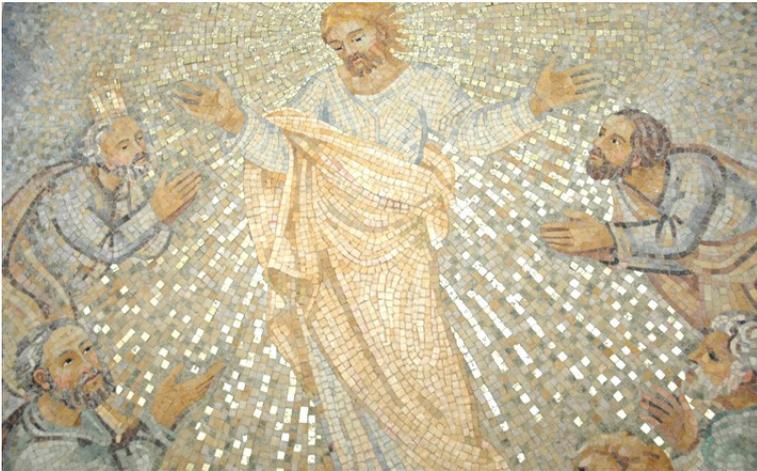
You came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need. We come before you now in this time of illness asking that you may be the source of our strength in body, courage in spirit and patience in pain. May we join ourselves more closely to you on the cross and in your suffering that through them we may draw our patience and hope.

Assist us and restore us to health so that united more closely to your family, the Church, we may give praise and honour to your name.

Amen.

Sunday's Reading

Prayers



2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."^[a] ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit:

Hear the prayer we offer for all your people.

Lord, I lift up those who are suffering and oppressed to You, knowing that You are the One who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3). I trust in Your love and goodness, and pray that You would bring comfort and hope to all who are in need. In Jesus' name, Amen".



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

The Diary - Looking Ahead

February

- **16th Feb** Funeral Service for Christine Robinson 10.30am.
- **24th Feb - MU (2pm)** - Communion followed by the AGM and refreshments in the small hall.

March

- **18th March - Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer service 10.45 A** morning service marking the start of Lent.
- **18th March - Ash Wednesday St Lukes Evening service 6.30pm** an evening service with Ashing
- **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 at 2pm
- **29th March - Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** The meeting will follow the morning service. All are welcome.

2nd April Maundy Thursday-L23 churches are joining together for a Service at All Saints with St Frideswyde 7.30pm

- **April 3rd Good Friday**-join us for an hour of prayers and reflection at 2pm
- **28th April - MU (2pm)** - A talk by Chris Kay

May

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

Contributions

Valentines Meal

Recipe: Lemon-Thyme Roasted Chicken with Fingerlings

- 4 teaspoon canola oil or olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt or 1/4 teaspoon regular salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound fingerling potatoes, halved lengthwise, or tiny new red or white potatoes, halved
- 4 small skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (1 to 1 1/4 pounds total)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- Snipped fresh thyme (optional)

Method

To begin, in a very large skillet, heat 2 teaspoons of the oil over medium heat. Stir 1/2 teaspoon of the dried thyme, the salt, and pepper into oil. Add potatoes; toss to coat. Then cover and cook for 12 minutes. Stir potatoes; push to one side of skillet. Add the remaining 2 teaspoons oil to the other side of skillet. Arrange chicken in skillet alongside the potatoes. Cook, uncovered, for 5 minutes.

Turn chicken. Sprinkle garlic and the remaining 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme over chicken. Arrange lemon slices on top of chicken. Cover and cook for 7 to 10 minutes more or until chicken is no longer pink (170°F) and potatoes are tender. Last, if desired, sprinkle with snipped fresh thyme.

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

- **""Wherever there is a human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference." – Kevin Heath**

The Ukraine Centre are now accepting clothes. Anyone wishing to donate could you please take the items to 19 Mersey Road Crosby L23 3AE

St Valentine

Patron Saint of Beekeepers, not Lovers.

Give her roses the bees have kissed and
candies, sweet between nectar and sugar.

Hold his heart gently like fragile honeycomb.

Give kisses like soft wings brushing your skin.

Buzz words of love in your special one's ear.

Dance like bees to message your feelings.

Hold family close, fly home to the hive at eventide.

Avoid the sharp stings of love that's gone wrong.

Bee faithful.

Jeffa Kay

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

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 Renovation Fund. 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

15/2 - Jenny & Lorna

22/2 - Brenda & Sylvia

01/3 - Pam & Nora

08/3 - Richard & Sue



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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.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrate the Year of the Horse in the heart of Liverpool at the parade on Sunday 22 February. The city will once again become the centre stage for rich and immersive celebrations, with vibrant decorations, and cultural workshops bringing Chinatown and surrounding areas to life.



SHROVE TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

Don't forget your eggs, lemon and sugar for Shrove Tuesday, Pancake day. *Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the fasting period of Lent, 47 days before [Easter Sunday](#)*



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



Special Services



St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

Join us for our special services!



ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 10.45AM

Join us for Morning Prayer to mark the beginning of Lent. Evening service at St Lukes 6.30pm with ashing



PALM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 10.30AM

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



MOTHERING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 10.30AM

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



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





Sefton Women & Children Aid

SWACA are holding their annual quiz night at Marine Football Club on Friday February 27th. Beginning at 7.30pm. Cost £5. Tickets from Pam Stubbs.

BRING & BUY



14TH Crosby St Michael's Girl Guide and Brownie Bring and Buy Sale on Thursday 5th March 2026 5.45-7.30 pm. 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 them in church or is happy to pick them up. Please contact Sue Kemp on: 07798736990 to arrange. Sue, Brownies and Guides would love people to come along on the night, £1 entry which includes a cup of tea and a biscuit.

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. Please contact the office to book on 01519240561 office@stmbsands.org

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	

Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the shortage of biscuits. It is heartening to see how readily everyone responds whenever a need arises. When we reach out for help, you consistently step forward and act. This ongoing commitment is what makes our community exceptional.

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](mailto:office@stombsands.org). Payment to be made by cash, cheque made payable to PCC or bank transfer before 8/3/2026.