



The Monthly Bulletin

24th April, 2026

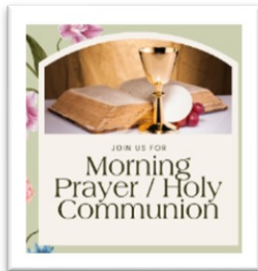
St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

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Upcoming Services

Livestream

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A Prayer for May 2026

3rd May - 10:30

Holy Communion

10th May - 10:30

Morning Prayer

17th May - 10:30

Holy Communion

24th May - 10:30

Morning Prayer

31st May - 10:30

Holy Communion

"Father, I thank you for preserving my life to see a new month. I ask that you bless me richly, aligning my life with your perfect will. Let, May be a month marked by your favor, saturated with your grace, and overflowing with your goodness. In the name of Jesus, I speak your blessings over every day and hour, asking that you go before me and clear the path. **Amen**

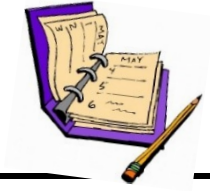
At this time our prayers have been asked for **Colin Robinson and Anne Monk**.

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ.

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remember the family and friends of **June Pottinger** and **Gerald Massey**

Diary



- 26th April Nine Churches, one parish, one vision St Faiths church at 4pm.
- 28th April - MU (2pm) - A talk by Chris Kay small hall, America in the fall
- 07 May 6.00-7.30pm either in person or via Zoom, Public Consultation Invitation to help decide on the next Bishop of Liverpool.
- 09 May First communications session with Claire Coombs at St Luke's at 10am.
- 09th May Maghull Wind Orchestra concert 7.30pm fundraising concert for St Michael's
- 21st May Peter Cousins talk Church Hall Fundraising event for St Michael's
- 21st May DEANERY Mothers Union at Holy Trinity Formby 2pm
- 23rd May Bev Boden Garden party in aid of The Childrens Society.
- 24 May 2026 Pentecost celebrations Many voices one Faith 3-5pm
- 29th May Gold Medal Music 12pm in Church Hall pay on door £5 suggested donation
- 29th May Lumous Event in church playing music from Coldplay under candlelight see <https://www.lumos-experiences.com/event/a-coldplay-candlelight-experience-in-blundellsands-friday-29th-may/>
Quote WELCOME15 to receive 15% off Gold tickets.

2 Cathedrals March/Pentecost Celebrations 2026.

24 May at 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Pentecost: Two Cathedrals March 2026 – Many Voices, One Faith

Celebrate the Christian festival of Pentecost with Christians from across Merseyside at the annual Two Cathedrals March.

Pentecost remembers the moment when the early Christians took their message onto the streets with enthusiasm and energy. Inspired by the visit of Pope John Paul II to Liverpool in 1982, this joyful public celebration has become a cherished annual tradition in the city.

Sunday 24 May 2026 | 3:00-5:00pm

The event begins at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral before participants walk together along Hope Street to Liverpool Cathedral for a shared celebration.

The 2026 theme, "Many Voices – One Faith," reflects the unity and diversity of Christian communities across the region. This year's celebrations will also be inspired by the Manifesto for Hope, encouraging people to come together in a spirit of hope, faith and shared witness.

Everyone is welcome to take part in this uplifting celebration of faith in the heart of the city.

Have your say on the next Bishop of Liverpool

This is an important moment in the life of our diocese as we prayerfully look ahead to the appointment of a permanent diocesan bishop.

We are inviting everyone who lives, worships, works or participates in the life of the Diocese of Liverpool to share their views through our public consultation survey.

Your voice is important in helping us understand the hopes, needs and opportunities for the future of our diocese, and the qualities we seek in our next Bishop of Liverpool.

- Please complete this survey if you are 18+.
- If you are under the age of 18, please complete this survey.

At this important time in the life of our diocese, we ask for your prayers for the work of the Vacancy in See Committee as it **undertakes the local** work of listening, consultation and prayerful discernment on behalf of the Diocese of Liverpool.

We are inviting people from across the Diocese of Liverpool to take part in a public consultation to help inform the appointment of our next Bishop of Liverpool.

This online session will be chaired by The Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, Dean of Liverpool, in her role as Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee. The Archbishops'

Appointments Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will offer a short overview of the process, before moving into a time of listening.

This is an opportunity for you to share your reflections, hopes and insights. Your contributions will help shape the profile and priorities for our next Bishop.

- Thursday 7 May 2026
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Online (Zoom)

Please register to receive joining details. Only those who book via Eventbrite will be provided with access to the meeting.

Sefton North & South Navigation Team

March 2026



We want to introduce ourselves as your Navigation Team in Setton N&S.

- **Rev Amanda Bruce**, Change Lead for Sefton N&S. Amanda will be chairing both the Navigation Team and the Clergy Leadership Team. Prior to ordination in 2008 was a primary school teacher and was also Dean of Women and Diversity for Liverpool Diocese.
- **Jim Stewart** has extensive knowledge of the variety of church backgrounds and has managed a fresh expression community for over 30 years alongside his time at St Lukes. He has professional experience of change management as well as a passion for mission and inclusion.
- **Helen Hunter** worships at St Michael's Blundellsands and has been a reader for 24 years. Has had a long connection with local churches and has experience of collaborative working and mission through the L23 Partnership.
- **Paul Beardwood** is Communications Officer at St Lukes Crosby and has a practical experience in the technical side of church communications such as ChurchSuite as well as experience in areas such as social media and websites and videography.
- **Karen Stark** worked in early years education for 27 years and is PCC secretary at St Mary's. She is the director of her family accountancy firm and uses this experience to play an active role in the administration of church life.
- **Susan Green** is a member, reader and treasurer of St John and St James church and has a wide range of previous experience in education. Was part of the team that oversaw the opening of a new church building
- **Laura Heywood** Has a professional background in operational delivery and education, specialising in coaching and mentoring. She is an active member of St Oswald's Church as a Sunday School leader, serving on PCC and as a Deanery

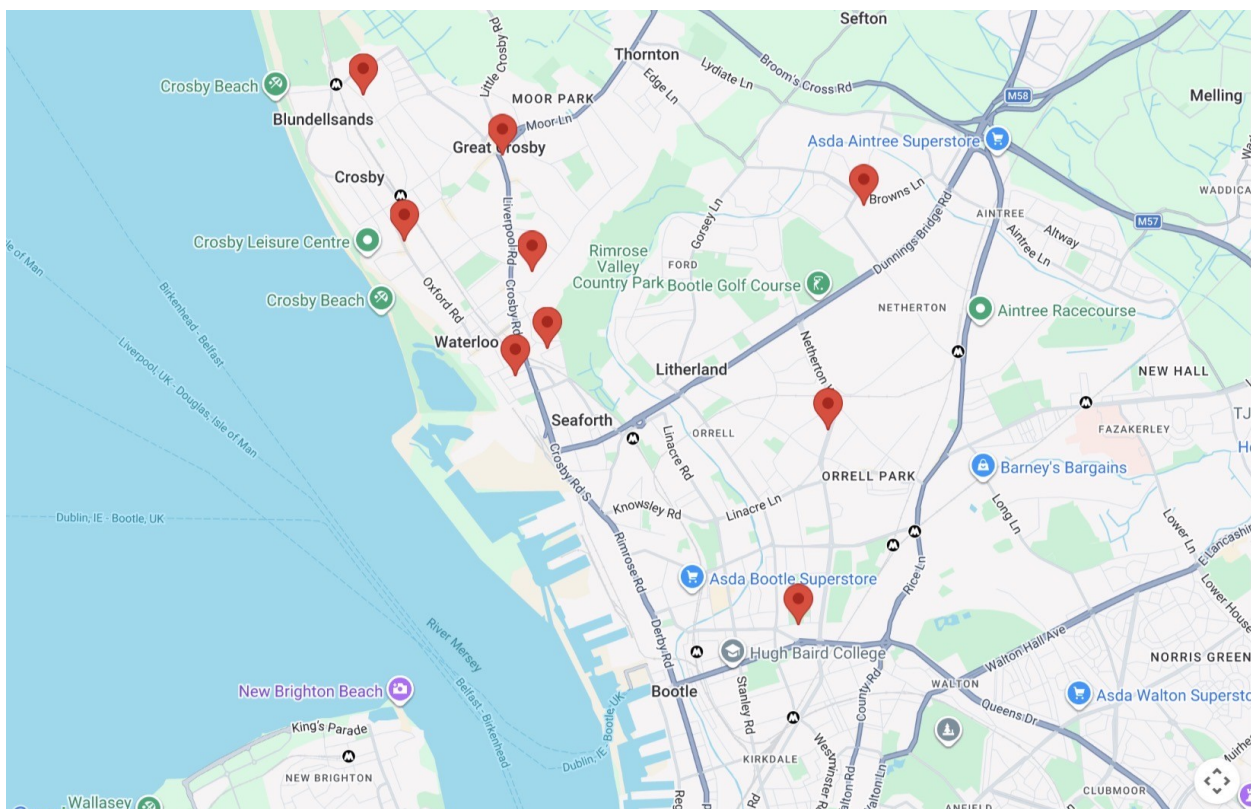
Synod representative

- **Revd Dr Louis Johnson**, vicar of the parishes of St Mary's and St Faith, has experience of collaborative team ministry and has experience setting up new worshipping communities and social justice projects in curacy.
- **Laura Pilgrim**, Change Facilitator Fit For Mission team, Liverpool Diocese. Background in participation and engagement teams for the visual arts and STEM subjects. Was born in Bootle and attended Northfield Church until she married and moved to Aigburth.

As we journey through the 'acting as if' the Navigation Team will be the engine room that gets the wheels in motion for all the different areas that need to work together in the next two years.

For example, soon we will be pulling together a process to invite you all to submit ideas for the name of our Larger Single Parish (LSP) collating those and working out how to narrow down the best ideas. It will be our job to do the admin of consulting you, narrowing down ideas and practically putting into place the decision and sharing back with you.

Our prospective Single Larger Parish (LSP) would consist of 9 churches



This LSP includes the following churches

Christ Church Bootle

St Johns and St James

St Oswalds

Christ church with St John

St Mary's

St Faith

St Nicholas

St Luke

St Michael's.

Sunday 26th April 2026 4pm at St Faiths Combined Service.

For those unavailable to attend in person and who would like a digital option, the service can be watched live here but there wont be a recording:

<https://meet.jit.si/moderated/108bf80a67469a5cd200e2da0cdcd6f92b8190bec4ae333683d98118d4bcb6b8>



**You are invited to a
Combined Service for All 9 Churches**

*Nine Churches
One Parish
One Vision*

St Faith's Church

Crosby Road North, Crosby, L22 4QQ

Sunday 26th April @ 4pm

*Join us as we gather together for worship from the
Northumbria Community, celebrate what God is doing,
reflect on the progress so far and look ahead to being
a Larger Single Parish*

*A time of praise, prayer, unity and hope
as we journey together*

All are welcome

Sefton Communications Session

I'd like to share an invitation for anyone in our church, on Saturday 9th May, from 10am to 12pm, there will be a friendly and practical session called

"Keeping Everyone in the Picture",

at St Luke's Church, 71 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE.

This session is about communication as ministry, not marketing.

We'll explore simple, realistic ways to communicate clearly and warmly, helping remove barriers so people can find their way into church and into faith.

It's open to clergy, wardens, PCC members, volunteers, and congregation members – no experience needed.

Children are very welcome as there will be child-friendly activities running alongside the session. And there will be cake and refreshments, too.

More information from Clare Coombes at

clare.coombes@liverpool.anglican.org

or 07742 603459.

Everyone is welcome – please do come and be encouraged.

Please see poster below.

Communications Session *'Keeping everyone in the Picture'*

Sefton North & South Larger Single Parish Churches



Ever wondered
how we can share what's
happening in our churches
more **clearly, confidently, and
warmly?**

This relaxed session is about **simple, practical ways** to
communicate what God is doing –
without it feeling like “marketing”

WHO IT'S FOR

Clergy, PCC members, volunteers, and anyone involved in
church life – **no experience needed**

Saturday 9th May 10am – 12pm

St Luke's Church

71 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE

Cake & refreshments provided

Children are very welcome

Child friendly activities running alongside the session

For more information contact:
clare.coombes@liverpool.anglican.org
07742 603459



PCC MEMBERSHIP 2026-27

Ex Officio Members			Term
Vicar		Vacant	
Lay Reader Lead Recruiter	Re-appointed at the APCM for 1 yr	Helen Hunter	2026-2027
Lay Reader	Re-appointed at the APCM for 1 yr	Bill Mainey	2026-2027
Churchwarden	Elected every year Currently served 3 yrs.	Brian Dunning	2026-2027
Churchwarden	Elected every year	Phil Hunter	2026-2027
**Deanery Synod Rep	Elected for 3 years	Bill Mainey	2026-2029
**Deanery Synod Rep	Elected for 3 years	Helen Hunter	2026-2029
Deanery Synod Rep	Vacancy		2026-2029
Elected PCC Members			
*PCC Secretary:	Elected for a further 1 year term	Jan Owen	2026-2027
*PCC Treasurer:	Elected for a further 1 year term	Jenny Givens	2026-2027
Electoral Roll Officer Health & Safety Officer	Elected for a 3 year term	Jenny Ensor	2024-2027
Sacristan	Elected for a 3 year term	Brenda Hampson	2024-2027
Team Leader – Gardening/Flowers Special Services	Elected for a 3 year term	Cynthia Rees	2025-2028
Finance Team	Elected for a 2.5 year term Aug 25	Rod Homer	2025-2028
Parish Dashboard Safeguarding Team Additional Recruiter	Elected for a 3 year term	Lorna Swainbank	2026-2029
Finance Team Cashier/Envelope Recorder	Elected for a 3 year term	Geoff Stubbs	2026-2029

*These posts are elected at the first PCC meeting.

** Up to 3 people to be elected Deanery Synod Reps in 2026 - 27

*** Co-opted. Non voting member

Monthly Poem

Whitsunday

Girls wearing new white dresses
dance down the street to brass bands.
May flowers laced through their pigtails,
daisies made crowns by small hands.

Families forget work to picnic
on the day that the Lord has given,
as the bands continue to play
Sing Glorious Christ has risen.

Soft warmth of early summer,
perhaps a sprinkle of rain.
Men roistering or morris dancing,
girls flirting and thinking again

that Whit is the wedding season,
catch a lad at church parade.
Then we've got a year of saving
and planning for vows to be made

Jefferia Kay

Future Fundraising Events



Maghull Wind Orchestra
presents

A Night at the Musicals

Featuring music from 'Mary Poppins', 'Miss
Saigon'
'Starlight Express' & more!

In support of St Michael's
church renovation fund



Saturday 9th May 2026, 7:30pm

Tickets: £10 per person

To reserve, contact Sharon at
office@stombsands or 0151 924 0561



St Michael's Church

54 Dowhills Road, Blundellsands L23 8SP

"Tommy's Mail"

Talk by Peter Cousins



Postal Service To The Western Front in The Great War 1914-1918

The postal system to the Western Front did not exist before the declaration of war in August 1914. This presentation tells the story tells of the huge logistical exercise to put a system in place and to get letters and parcels to the "Tommys" - much need morale for the troops.

Fundraising event in aid of St Michaels Renovation fund. Thursday 21st May 2026 at 2pm. Church Hall £8.00 per ticket including refreshments. Sign up in church or contact Sharon on 01519240561 or office@stmbsands.org

**St Michael's
Blundellsands**



**RENOVATION
FUND**

Save the Date



Our Annual Barbeque will be held at St Michael's church on Sunday 26th July 2026.

GET READY TO SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT OUR ANNUAL BBQ! WE WILL BE SERVING BURGERS, SAUSAGES, VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AND HOMEMADE DESSERTS.

BRING YOUR OWN BEER, WINE AND SOFT DRINKS (A COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF PIMMS OR A SOFT DRINK INCLUDED)

Looking Back

Huge thanks to Chris Kay, who had an amazing idea of looking back at old church magazines which go back more than 100 years. They are very interesting to look at, if anyone would like to see the originals please do not hesitate to pop into the office.

Here is an extract from the magazine dated May 1976, 50 years ago, talking about Mothers Union which is celebrating 150 years nationwide and 135 years in the Liverpool Diocese this month. Mothers' Union groups meet regularly with prayer, worship, action and fun - exploring and supporting projects both locally, across the diocese and beyond. As part of our commitment to Mothers' Union and our diocese we aim when possible, to work together to further God's kingdom here on earth.

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Backing the family

THE Mothers' Union is a hundred years old. I send my warmest greetings to all M.U. members in the Diocese. Most of all, they would want the celebrations of this year to highlight their concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life. "The two shall become one flesh" remains the most daunting and ambitious adventure that human beings can enter on.

The adventure can't be guaranteed by defending the institution of marriage. It calls for courage; the courage to give yourself away to someone else, to risk being seen through, and to make yourself vulnerable to wounding words and actions. It calls for trust. That's where commitment, and an institution which supports that commitment, makes sense. Most of us have scars left over from fears and hurts which we've sustained from childhood onwards. When someone commits themselves to you, with the honest intention that this is for keeps, you can dare to bare those raw spots to your partner. In that setting of trust there can be healing, making whole, of many of those scars in the personality.

When physical love is expressing that trust and commitment, it creates deeper trust and commitment, helps us to speak about intimate fears and secrets. No doubt Christians have too often been long-faced about the God-given fun and enjoyment of sex. The real sins associated with sex are the same sins which are associated with all relationships: I mean, for example, greed, selfishness, lack of respect for others, betrayal of trust. Christians must fight against a view of sex which separates "it" from a personal, loving, trusting relationship, or which treats someone else as "it" rather than as a whole person.

A Biblical view of the family extends much wider than the small world of parents and children. In all ages until this century the word family would have meant the "extended family", a network of grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and honorary grannies, uncles, aunts and cousins. For many people, particularly in urban life, this network has disintegrated. Strains are placed on the small family which God never intended it to bear without the support of a human network. We should not despair if the blood relationship family has broken up. Perhaps we should remember the idea of honorary relations; certainly we should strengthen community and neighbourhood groups as well as churches which are developing such networks.

A Biblical view will also put old people in a more honoured place than we are often used to. The commandment about honouring mother and father "that your days may be long in the land . . .", should be set in the context of wandering tribes who just left their old people behind to perish, when they had a difficult river to cross or mountain pass to negotiate. The people of Israel were not to behave like that; they were to honour mother and father.

To honour and respect means that we listen to other people and their views. The generation gap would be turned from a problem to an opportunity if we were better at listening. Older people who are open to new ideas and experiences are frequently so because they have listened, really listened, to their children or their nephews and nieces, and have tried to understand and feel what they feel, even if they've not agreed.

The Mothers' Union crosses generations. We look forward to welcoming families for the Young Family Day in the garden at Bishop's Lodge on Saturday, June 12th. There is a Family week-end at Cloverley Hall, Shropshire, on September 17th—19th. Details of both are available from the M.U. Office, Church House, Liverpool, or from the Young Families Department Representative, Mrs. A. Gibson, 58 Mitchell Street, Newtown, Wigan.

Mersey Message Home is another Mothers' Union enterprise. It is a 24 hour service for young people who have left their homes. If the young person leaves a message by dialling 051-709 7598, together with their family's address, Mersey Message Home will get the message to the family.

DAVID LIVERPOOL

Special visitor to St Michaels

Trena Mary Cox(1895-1980)

At the beginning of April, I received a delightful email from a lady residing in the Wirral. She expressed her interest in visiting the church to view the beautiful windows designed by Trena Mary Cox. Coincidentally, the following day we were scheduled to hold the Mothers' Union Communion service.

I spoke with Bev and asked if she would be willing to assist. True to the welcoming tradition of St Michael's, Bev greeted the lady warmly and ensured she felt at home during her visit.

Trena Cox was a gifted stained-glass artist who lived and worked in Chester for nearly 60 years. The striking windows she created can be found in Cheshire, Wirral, Lancashire and North Wales with a few further afield. Her designs include the altar window in St Michael's Church, Shotwick depicting the Archangel Michael.

Trena Mary Cox was born Emma Trina Cox in Bebington in March in Lower Bebington on the Wirral. She was the only child of Philip, a general produce broker and his wife Hulda Maude Olsen, the daughter of a Norwegian ship's stores manager in Liverpool. In 1901 the family moved to Birkenhead where they lived a comfortable existence in a number of different houses.

In 1917 Emma Trina enrolled at the Laird School of Art in Birkenhead and registered under the name Trena Mary Cox, the name she would use for the rest of her life. She attended classes in drawing, painting and design and by 1923 she had started to exhibit designs for stained glass.

Unfortunately it is not known who taught Trena Cox the art of stained glass, but when she moved to Chester in 1924 and set up a studio in the city, she was working in association with the firm Williams and Gamon who specialised in leaded lights and casement windows. By the end of that year her first designs had been realised and installed in Chester College (now University) Chapel.

In 1925 and 1926 she designed windows for the cloisters in Chester Cathedral comprising of eight famous figures including Hugh Lupus, 1st Earl of Chester and St Thomas of Canterbury. These early works were simpler and did not contain the ornamentation that would dominate her work from the latter part of the decade and for the following twenty years.

Throughout the 1930s and 1940s Trena Cox produced some exquisite windows, many of saints including St Michael for Shotwick Church. During this period her

work was characterized by a richly decorative style with diamond shaped quarries (individual panes of glass) embellished with patterns and symbols. However, after the Second World War, and especially in the 1950s her style began to change. She started using larger rectangular background quarries, her figures became less naturalistic and the detailed shading on the faces was less common. Her output was steady throughout her career, she generally completed between one to three commissions a year. She continued to make windows until 1972 when she was 77 years old. During the 1920s and 1930s she lived in a succession of rented rooms in Chester but in 1945 she moved into a house in Watergate Street where she remained until her death in 1980. Trena Cox left a wonderful legacy of stained glass and at St Michael's we are fortunate to have a particularly fine example of her work.

The Trena Cox windows in St Michael are the windows in the lady chapel and the coats of arms around church and the St Christopher window in the north porch. The glass in the small windows above are fragments of medieval glass. The second photo, which is much better, is a detail of the window.

Photographs of St Michael's windows and many others are featured on the website of Aleta Doran who is the Trena Cox. <https://www.aletadoran.co.uk/>.

St Michael's windows are in the sections for the 1930s and 1950s. Trena Cox also has a Wikipedia entry and there is a very good article about her by Peter Jones <https://www.buildingconservation.com/articles/trena-cox/trena-cox.htm>



'The Word Was Made Flesh': part of the 1932 'blue' window at St Michael, Blundellsands



Letter from Musical Director of Vocatio:Responsio- Samuel Oliver-Sherry

Hi,

I'm sorry that I haven't been into church over this period as I hoped I would. A few things have gotten in the way of me being able to come, such as orchestral projects, stress over finishing my degree, and this week it's illness (I'm suffering with vertigo). As I go back to Oxford on Wednesday, I'm gutted that I can't see you, so felt that I had to write this message so I can still speak to you, just through someone else's voice, so-to-speak.

I just wanted to round up the project that has consumed my life over the past few months, bringing my ensemble *Vocatio:Responsio* to St Michaels Church for a concert which happened on Wednesday 25th March. Following a great concert in Oxford on the Monday, we took a minibus up to Liverpool the next day (driven by my wonderful, and long-suffering, mother who has to put up with my mad ideas!), and as soon as we got off the bus we were straight to work, delivering a workshop with St Michaels C of E Academy. The students were so engaged with our work, and after the workshop what was meant to be a Q&A session dissolved into everyone talking freely, mingling with each other and totally bridging the communities together. It was really something to behold. Then, we finally had some free time where everyone got to explore the city: except one, none of the musicians had been to Liverpool before, and they thoroughly enjoyed the sightseeing they got to do.

On the Wednesday, we did the concert in St Michaels. It was a memorable occasion, one that will stay with me forever, and that was ultimately down to you all. On behalf of everyone associated with *Vocatio:Responsio*, and from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your help and encouragement in making this event the success it was. We were all completely blown away by how many of you were there to support us, and especially after the concert my musicians were extremely touched by your kind words and how grateful you were. I'm so glad that you got to meet and talk to them, again fulfilling this 'bridging communities' theme to the week. Of course, the highlight was the brilliant cakes - everyone was talking about them, which makes me feel very jealous because I was taken by so many people that I missed out on them!

In the end, we raised £850 for the Renovation Fund. I didn't hide my ambition for this event that I wanted to raise as much money as possible for this cause that I feel strongly about, and while I'm disappointed we couldn't quite reach four figures (which was my goal) I am still incredibly proud of our efforts.

I look forward to seeing you all soon once my degree is finally over and having a good chat with you all. Thanks again for all your support, I'm so grateful to have this community in my life.



You are warmly invited to
Bev's Garden Party in aid of
The Children's Society.

At: 40, Spinney Crescent, Blundellsands.
L23 8TZ

On: Saturday 23rd May 2026

At 2pm until 4pm

Admission £4 includes Tea/Coffee
& a Scone with Jam & Cream

Raffle. Various Stalls. Bring & Buy

Looking forward to seeing you 😊

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

"His love endures for ever" 1 Chronicles 16:34

BOOTLE/SEFTON DEANERY FESTIVAL

INVITATION

The members of Bootle/Sefton Deanery would like to invite

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to Holy Trinity, Formby
on Thursday, 21st May 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

We very much hope you will be able to attend and look forward to
meeting you on this occasion.

Beverly Boden
Deanery President

R.S.V.P. B. Boden 0151 924 7450

Thought of the month

My nagging wife died suddenly on a trip to Jerusalem... Funeral director: "Sir, it would cost about £45,000 if we send her home back to the UK or £500 if we bury her here in Jerusalem." Me: "Ship her home." Funeral director: "But sir, why don't you bury her here in the Holy Land and you can save money." Me: "A long time ago a man was buried here and 3 days later he rose from the dead, I can't take that risk."

Receipe

Smoked mackeral and roasted new potato salad

Ingredients

- 350g/12oz [new potatoes](#), large ones quartered and smaller ones halved
- 2 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 50g/1¾oz [soured cream](#)
- 50g/1¾oz [mayonnaise](#)
- 1 tsp [Dijon mustard](#)
- 1 tsp runny [honey](#)
- 1 tsp [white wine vinegar](#)
- 1 [garlic](#) clove, finely grated
- 40g/1½oz [red onion](#) (approx. ½ small onion), finely diced
- 40g/1½oz cornichons or [gherkins](#), finely diced
- large handful (approx. 60g/2¼oz) baby spinach (or rocket, spinach and [watercress](#) mix)
- 2 [smoked mackerel](#) fillets (approx. 175g/6oz), skin removed and torn into bite-sized pieces
- small handful finely chopped fresh [dill](#), plus extra to serve
- small handful finely chopped fresh [parsley](#), plus extra to serve
- sea salt and freshly ground [black pepper](#)

Method

1. Place the potatoes into a saucepan and put a full kettle on to boil. Pour over the boiling water, add a generous pinch of salt, and cook over a high heat for 5 minutes. Drain and return the potatoes to the pan to steam dry for 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7. Add the olive oil to a roasting tin and place in the oven to heat for 5-10 minutes.
3. Carefully remove the hot tin of oil from the oven, then tip in the potatoes and season with salt and pepper. Toss to coat the potatoes in the oil then spread out in a single layer and return to the oven. Cook for 25 minutes (shaking halfway) until golden and crispy.
4. While the potatoes cook, make the rest of the salad. In a large mixing bowl, combine the soured cream, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, honey, vinegar, garlic, red onion and cornichons. Season with salt and pepper and mix well.
5. Add the spinach to the bowl and as soon as the potatoes are cooked, place them on top. Cover the bowl and leave for a minute (the heat will wilt the spinach a little) and then add the mackerel pieces and the herbs. Toss everything together. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if necessary, before dividing between two plates and serving immediately, with extra herbs scattered over.

Collection Point



It is 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



Heavenly Food

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

Heavenly Food is BACK and had a very successful first Session, many thanks to Lynne and all the volunteers for making this such a success. With friendly faces, musical interludes and pleasant conversation. The cost is still £8.00 per person. Please contact the office to book on 01519240561 office@stombsands.org

Social Event

Sunday 10th May 2026 at 12.30pm, a meal at the Hightown Pub. No set menu just choose on the day. Sign up sheet at the back of church or contact the office on 0151 9240561 or office@stombsands.org.

Please see for the menu

<https://thehightown.co.uk/>

Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 3pm to 6pm. May be subject to change.

Email office@stombsands.org

01519240561



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!



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Barista Rota

26/4 - Jenny & Lorna

03/5 - Brenda & Sylvia

10/5 - Pam & Nora

17/5 - Richard & Sue

24/5 - Lynne & Marika

31/5 - 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.

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, , Rainbows, Crosby Arts Society

Thursday: Brownies, Guides

Friday: Pilates, Limelight Drama, Crosby Symphony Orchestra

Saturday: Limelight Drama,
