



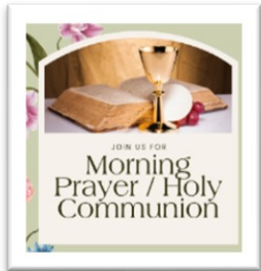
The Monthly Bulletin

31st July, 2026

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands

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Upcoming Services



Weekday Service

Every Tuesday/Friday morning at 9.15 am with Reverend Kate Greaves. Join us for a time of reflection, worship, and community as we start the day together in faith and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday Services

02 August-10.30

Morning prayer With Helen Talk by Dave Unwin

09th August 10.30

Holy Communion with Bill Mainey and Rev Kate Greaves

16th August - 10:30

Morning prayer With Bill Mainey and Katie Travers

23rd August - 10:30

Holy Communion with Helen and Kate Greaves

30th August-10.30

Morning prayer With Helen Talk by Bill Mainey

Livestream

Visit our [website](http://www.stmichaelsblundellsands.co.uk) and navigate to services - [livestream](#) (or click this link)



Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of summer and the warmth of these long days. We pray for those taking time to rest and holiday, that they may find refreshment in body, mind, and spirit. As we enjoy the beauty of your creation, open our eyes to your presence and help us to show your love to everyone we meet. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord, calm every anxious thought within me. Replace fear with faith and worry with peace. Let Your presence bring comfort to my heart today. Amen.

At this time our prayers have been asked for **Anne Monk, Philip and Terri Owen.**

Diary



5th August Mother's Union Holy communion

18th August 2026- Mother's Union Deanery get together at 40 Spinney Crescent 2pm

19th August 2026- Heavenly Food event will be held in the Church Hall. Admission is £8.00, and the programme will feature music by Samuel Oliver-Sherry, followed by food and fellowship at 12.30 pm. To reserve a place, please contact the parish office or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



Poem

The Church Barbeque

Everyone's so busy, it's that time again,
Planning and gathering, volunteers to enlist.
Hoping it isn't too hot, with no sign of rain-
You'd think Him up there would be happy to assist!

The men set up long tables and big barbeques.
The ladies make fine salads from every nation.
Gathering raffle prizes on the nearest back pews
The roof is done but there's some consternation

About walls and painting and updating the loos.
We need to make more money while having fun.
Chaos and laughter, some helpers haven't a clue
But everyone chips in till the work is done.

Congregation and friends sit down for the feast
It's bring your own drinks, some raffle prizes are wine,
So conversation flows and one hundred at least
Agree the summer barbeque is always sublime!

Jeffa Kay

Our Annual BBQ

Our annual BBQ was a wonderful success, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who devoted the days beforehand and their entire weekend to preparing for such a large event. Their hard work made the day possible. It was a lovely celebration of community that also supported the Renovation Fund.







News

Our weekly Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Friday at 9.15am with Reverend Kate Greaves. Join us for a time of reflection, worship, and community as we start the day together in faith and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Support Services Oversight Team Opportunity

St Michael's hosted a well-attended meeting of the Support Services Oversight Team on the 25th July 2026.

Attendees asked many questions, and the team is still seeking volunteers. Building on the information and experiences gathered from the first two cohorts, volunteers would collect data independently throughout each month and attend one meeting per month for 18 months.

If you feel you could contribute, please see the newsletter for the contact details, here is a little more information about the role.

As you know, we have begun our Fit for Mission journey, a journey that will shape how our churches work, how we support ministry, and how we serve our communities for years to come. And today, I want to invite you to play a part in shaping that future.

Over the next year, our parish, along with the whole deanery, will be forming a new, larger single parish. This is a big moment. It's a chance to build something that is fair, sustainable, and genuinely supportive of ministry in every one of our churches.

But here's the important thing: **Fit for Mission is something we are building together.**

And that means your voice matters.

To help shape this future, we are forming the **Support Services Oversight Team.**

This group will help us answer some really important questions: How do we make sure our clergy and volunteers are properly supported? How do we manage our buildings wisely? How do we use our resources fairly across all our churches? And how do we build systems that free us to focus on mission, discipleship, and serving our communities?

These aren't just administrative tasks. They are **acts of stewardship, acts of leadership** and **acts of hope.**

We are looking for people who care about the future of our churches. People who want to make sure every congregation, large

or small, has a voice. People who want to help build something that will last.

You don't need to be an expert. You don't need to have all the answers. You simply need a willingness to learn, to listen, and to work with others.

If you've ever thought, *"I wish I could help shape the direction of our parish,"* or *"I want to make sure our community is heard,"* this is your moment.

By joining this team, you will:

- help shape the foundations of our new parish
- ensure our resources are used wisely and fairly
- support the mission and ministry of our churches
- and make a real difference to the future of faith in our communities

This is a time-limited commitment, running for no more than 18 months, and you'll be part of a supportive team, not working alone, with a wide range of resources and support available.

Let's build this future together.

FIT FOR MISSION

Fit for Mission publishes a monthly newsletter.

Please see the attached newsletter.

This month we announced our new parish name:
Christ the River of Life.

This was done through a series of discussions and consultations rooted in scripture and prayer that thought about our parish and how we can represent it in this name.

*Psalm 36: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*



Communications Team



Members: Kate (St Michael's), Ali (St Oswald's), Andy (St Faith's), Paul & Gillian (St Luke's), Clare (Church Comms Advisor, Fit for Mission) and Georgina (Project Administrator) met recently, in attendance was a work experience participant through Fit for Mission. Now that the new LSP name has been launched we were able to chat further around Branding, our **next steps include a review of the graphic design requirement.** Our next meeting will be to discuss the quotes that have been submitted, which will lead to the chosen **graphic designer working with CLT, Nav and Comms Team** over the next few months to **develop our unique brand.** Watch this space for more information!

Officer teams



The officer teams are continuing to work together to build to their understanding of their tasks and priorities over the transition process with the support of the FfM team. If you are an officer and haven't been notified of these meeting, please email georgina.abram@liverpool.anglican.org

Joint Worship Service



In July, we held our second Joint Worship Service. This was a great opportunity for us to worship together, celebrating the naming of our new Parish – Christ the River of Life. A big thankyou to Ravi, the hospitality and worship teams who welcomed us to St John & St James on a hot sunny evening; before the service we had time to meet others from the eight churches whilst enjoying light refreshments. Uplifting songs and accompaniment were provided by the worship band; Amanda shared some reflections of our journey so far and the discernment of the new Parish name. Ravi led the service and gave a short talk around the Bible readings which were taken from the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation 22 v 1,2. The service ended with the Song 'Way Maker' the words, of which boldly proclaim biblical truths about different aspects of God's character, reminding us that God is close to us in our lives opening paths, encouraging us to trust in Him. There was time after the service to enjoy more refreshments and conversation before heading home, inspired and looking forward to the next service.

Support Services Information Session

On **July 25th**, we are holding an **information session** where **you can learn more about the new Support Services Team** and how you can be involved in shaping the future of your new parish.

By joining the **Support Services Oversight Team**, you will help **shape how our new parish works** and ensure resources are used **wisely and fairly** by representing your church and community to **support mission** and ministry across the deanery.

This will be done through **prayerful decision making** to put together a proposal on how the Support Services Team, a centralised admin office that will alleviate burden from clergy and laity, should operate.

This information session will be taking place:

July 25th, 10am-12pm
St Michaels Church, Blundesands
L23 8SP



Have any questions?

If you have any questions or want any extra information on anything here, please don't hesitate to get in touch at the following emails:

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St Michael's Blundellsands


RENOVATION
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LAST NIGHT OF

THE PROMS

LIVE AT THE BBC

SATURDAY
12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

7.30PM

TICKETS
£10.00

AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL
DOWHILLS ROAD, L23 8SP



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OWN FOOD
AND DRINKS



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COMPLIMENTARY
GLASS OF PIMM'S



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IN 6 OR 8

TO BOOK CONTACT



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office@stmbsands.org

Future Fundraising Events

Money in aid of the Renovation fund

Save the Date

MAGHULL
WIND ORCHESTRA

Christmas Concert

at St Michael's Church

Tuesday 24 November 2026

7.30pm

Recipe

Charred corn with chilli, lime and mint butter

Grilled corn is a classic for a reason: sweet, juicy, buttery – and no cutlery required. Cook it on the barbecue, if you fancy.

Ingredients

- 4 Essential Sweetcorn cobs
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ¾ tsp fine sea salt
- 60g unsalted butter
- 2 red chillies, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 lime, juice
- ½ x 25g pack mint, leaves chopped
- 60g feta, crumbled

Method

1. Put a griddle pan over a high heat until smoking hot. Brush the corn with the oil, then char for about 15 minutes, turning every so often. Transfer to a serving plate, sprinkle with ½ tsp salt and some freshly ground black pepper; set aside and keep warm.
2. Put the butter in a small pan and set over a medium heat. Once starting to foam, add the chillies and cook for 1 minute. Remove from the heat, then stir through the lime juice, mint leaves and the remaining ¼ tsp salt. Brush generously over the corn cobs, scatter over the feta and serve.

Cook's tip

LEFTOVER Feta

Put the feta on a baking tray with tomatoes, shredded mint and a drizzle of oil. Cover and bake until soft. Drizzle with a little honey and lemon juice, then serve with flatbreads to scoop it up.

Jokes of the Month

A Sunday school teacher watched her class of five-year-olds draw pictures.

She walked over to one little girl working very intently.

"What are you drawing?" the teacher asked.

"I'm drawing a picture of God," the girl replied.

The teacher smiled and said, "But nobody knows what God looks like."

Without looking up, the girl said, "They will in a minute."



A pastor bought a parrot to keep him company.

He quickly discovered the bird only knew two phrases:

"Let's pray" and "Let's read the Bible."

The pastor was thrilled.

Hearing about this, a deacon confessed his parrot only said:

"Let's kiss" and "Let's hug."

They decided to put the birds in the same cage.

They hoped the holy parrot would convert the romantic one.

When combined, the deacon's bird squawked, "Let's kiss!"

The pastor's bird shouted, "Thank you, Lord, my prayers are answered!"



A minister was caught speeding down a country road.

A police officer pulled him over immediately.

The officer smelled alcohol on the minister's breath.

He also noticed an empty wine bottle on the floor.

"Have you been drinking, sir?" the officer asked.

"Just water, officer," the minister replied nervously.

The cop frowned, pointing at the empty bottle.

"Then why does that smell like red wine?"

The minister looked down, gasped, and shouted:

"Good heavens! He's done it again!"

Prayers

Heavenly Father, I step into this month of August 2026 with a heart full of praise and anticipation. You have been faithful in the months behind me, and I trust You completely with the thirty-one days ahead.

Lord, let this month be a season of spiritual breakthrough, physical health, and divine alignment. Clear away any lingering anxieties from the past and anchor my mind in Your perfect peace. Establish the work of my hands, give me wisdom in my finances, and grant me favour in my relationships.

Guard my heart, my home, and my coming and going. Let Your Holy Spirit lead me into paths of joy and purpose every single day. In Your precious name, I pray. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, as I walk through this month of August 2026, I pray for a deep spirit of unity in my community, my church, my workplace, and my home. Break down the walls of division, misunderstanding, and isolation that so easily separate us.

Lord, plant within us a desire to carry one another's burdens and celebrate each other's joys. Give me a heart of empathy, patience, and active kindness. Help me to listen more than I judge, and to offer grace just as freely as You have given it to me.

Knit our lives together in mutual respect and shared purpose. Let our neighbourhoods be places of safety, our friendships be circles of trust, and our collective efforts bring positive change. May Your love be the bond that holds us tight all through this month. In Your holy name, I pray. **Amen**

Collection Point



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**



Heavenly Food

	21 st October
19 th August	18 th November
16 th September	9 th December

Heavenly Food, is being held a little later than usual on the 19th August 2026. With friendly faces, musical interlude with Samuel Oliver-Sherry and pleasant conversation. The cost is £8.00 per person. Please contact the office to book on 0151 924 0561 office@stmbands.org or sign up at the

back of church.

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

Email office@stmbsands.org

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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.

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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

2/8 - Jenny & Lorna

9/8 - Brenda & Sylvia

16/8 - Pam & Nora

23/8 - Lynne & Marika

30/8 - 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,
