



# The Weekly Bulletin

26<sup>th</sup> October,  
2024

St Michael's Church, Blundellsands  
[www.stmichaelblundellsands.org](http://www.stmichaelblundellsands.org)

"He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

Daniel 2: 21



Date	Day	Time	Service
27/10/24	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Livestream Links			
(A) <a href="https://youtube.com/live/4JBhACByi3k?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/4JBhACByi3k?feature=share</a>			
(B) <a href="https://youtube.com/live/OnmlGQ-nUiA?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/OnmlGQ-nUiA?feature=share</a>			



## Ukraine Welcome Centre

The Ukraine Welcome Centre are eager to receive donations of coats, warm clothing and blankets.

Please leave any donations next to the Food Bank box in Church and Lucy will take them. Thank you.

## Poetry (with the possibility of cake)

Jeffa Kay and five fellow poets are hosting an afternoon of poetry on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. All proceeds will go towards the Raise the Roof Appeal. Tickets are £5 and are available from the office or from Jeffa. A sign-up sheet is also at the back of church. If you would be able to make cakes or serve tea for the event, please sign up at the back of church also. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

After the event, you will be able to purchase books of poetry from the poets.

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Dowhills Road  
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- Maria Isakova Bennett
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- Elspeth McLean
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**Tickets are £5. Donations welcomed for tea and cake. Contact the poets or [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org) to book.**





## *St Michael's Church, Blundellsands* *Join us for our special services!*

### **HARVEST SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM**

Accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, gifts of non-perishable food will be collected and donated to the Salvation Army, Walton Branch.



### **REMEMBERING AND THANKING SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 10.30AM**

Contact the Parish Office to have a deceased loved one prayed for by name.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM**

A service of reflection and gratitude, with a two-minute silence at 11am.



### **TOY SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM**

Accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, gifts of new toys will be collected and donated to the Salvation Army, Walton Branch.



### **CAROL SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 4.00PM**

Come along to sing carols, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie



### **CHRISTINGLE**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 4.00PM**

A service in aid of the Children's Society, receive a Christingle and prepare for Christmas. Followed by tea and Christmas cake.



### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER 10.30AM**

Join with us to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Preacher and celebrant Pete Spiers, Archdeacon of Knowsley and Sefton.



Photograph courtesy Christine Robinson

## *St Michael's Raise the Roof Campaign*

### **Dear Neighbour**

Our Church of St Michael's is a vital gathering place for prayer, support and friendship. It's where we celebrate life's milestones - baptism, marriage and bereavement. It offers comfort and joy, but now it urgently needs your help to continue meeting our needs.

Time has taken its toll on the building and urgent roof repairs are now underway. Our next big challenge is the vital restoration work of the church interior. Severe damage to the plasterwork and electrics has occurred due to water ingress over the years.

In the face of this challenge, we are now seeking the help of our entire community to complete the required renovation work to ensure the preservation of St Michael's for future generations. We are sure local businesses and the wider community would wish us to succeed in saving our precious building. For years St Michael's has been a lifeline, providing a place of welcome and prayer and now we turn to you for assistance.

### **How you can help?**

- ♦ **Spread the word** by sharing this message with friends and family.
- ♦ **Support our fundraising events.** Please visit our website to see What Is On.
- ♦ **Donate to our JUST GIVING page** by scanning the QR code.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

**St Michael's Church PCC**



**SCAN ME!**

**EMAIL: [office@stmbsands.org](mailto:office@stmbsands.org)**

**CALL: 0151 924 0561**

**Dowhills Road, Blundellsands**

**[www.stmichaelblundellsands.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelblundellsands.org.uk)**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Sunday's Reading



### Revelation 2: 2 - 7

#### Letter to Ephesus

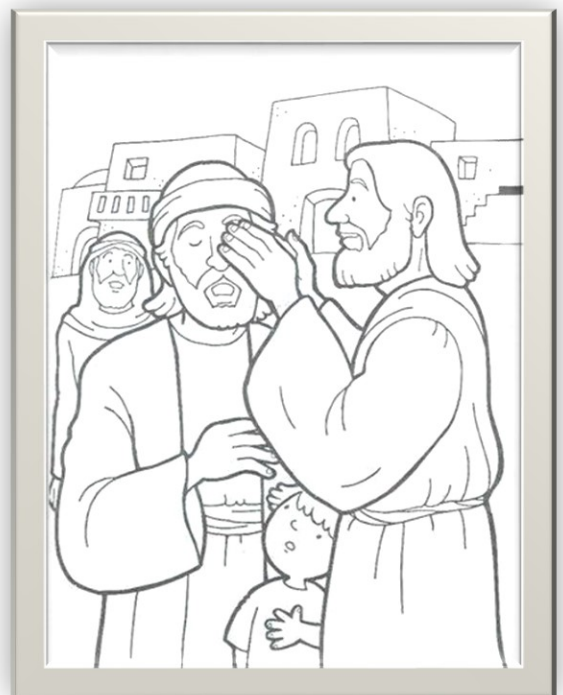
<sup>2</sup>I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup>You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup>Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup>But you have this in your favour: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

## Children's Challenge!

Share Mark 10:46 - 52, the given gospel reading for Sunday, which tells the story of blind Bartimaeus. Print out this page of the bulletin for your children or grandchildren. Once they complete the colouring page it can be brought into the office (see working hours) to receive a chocolate coin!



Coloured in by: \_\_\_\_\_

Aged: \_\_\_\_\_



## Let Us Pray: For the start of the half term break

Let's pray for rest as schools and half term holidays start, that those leading youth groups, teachers and all those who work with children can rest. We also pray for protection of children - that children are cared for and enjoy the week. We pray for any activities that may be taking place in our churches and community this week. Amen





**"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)**



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

Milk / Juice (carton)

Cereal (small size)

Soups (can/packet)

Tinned Beans / Spaghetti / Tomatoes

Sauces (Pasta / Tomato) Jars

Tinned Vegetables / Meat / Fish

Tinned Fruit / Rice / Custard

Instant Mash

Pasta / Rice / Noodles

Cup a Soup / Noodles

Puddings / Biscuits / Jam

#### **TOILETRIES (n**

Soap

Shower gel & St

Deodorant

Toothpaste & Tc

#### **EXTRAS**

Chocolate

Pet Food

Nappies

<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.



## **Just Giving**



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.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmbsandsraisetherooft>



**SCAN ME!**

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## Community & Church Events

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**27th October 2024**

**Please see the posters for details on purchasing tickets or to get more information**

**'Come & Sing' Messiah**

Using Sir Eugene Goossens' monumental full symphony-sized orchestration of Handel's Messiah, played by the Crosby Symphony Orchestra

St Faith's Church, L22 4QQ  
Date: Sunday 27th October 2024  
Time: 2:15pm rehearsal  
6:30pm concert start  
Free to participate

For more information and to sign up to sing in the choir, scan the QR code below or email:  
joe.watson@stfaithsgc.org.uk

St Faith's Crosby Music  
www.stfaithsgreatcrosby.org.uk



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**RAISE THE ROOF**  
APPEAL FUND  
St Michael's Blundellsands

**FUNDRAISING DINNER**  
AT  
**THE WEST LANCASHIRE GOLF CLUB**  
CHURCHILL - 'THE MAN YOU DON'T KNOW!'  
*Prepare to be surprised and have a chuckle or two!*

**SPEAKER: ROGER DALE, GUIDE AT CHARTWELL HOUSE**  
Roger Dale, ex Magistrate, ex Civil Servant and for the past 10 years, a volunteer guide at Winston Churchill's family home, Chartwell, Kent, will delve into some lesser known aspects of Churchill's life, his love of painting, family, particularly Clementine, his wife of 57 years and, of course, his wicked wit.

**FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**  
**7 FOR 7:30PM**

**TICKETS: £35pp includes 2 Course Meal with Coffee, Tea & Mints**

**AUCTION & RAFFLE** - All proceeds in aid of our Raise the Roof Appeal Fund

**DRESS CODE: SMART/CASUAL**

**TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Brian Dunning on 07784 248808  
Jan Owen on 07932 763107  
Rachel Lupton on 0151 924 0561  
office@stmbsands.org



**Booking now closed - thank you for your support.**

**Friday 8th November**



10<sup>th</sup> November - 7pm

See details on poster to book directly.



The 2024/2025 Sunday Concert Series

10 November 2024 at 7 pm  
Trio Kagura

Pijus Jonusas - Violin  
Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido - Cello  
Kanakan Mizuno - Piano



*Franz Schubert - Piano Trio No.1 in B flat Major, D. 898*

*Lotta Wennäkoski - Päärme (Hem)*

*Bedřich Smetana - Piano Trio in G minor*

Book online at: <http://chet-events.eventbrite.com/>



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Tickets are available from Jeffa Kay and from the office.

Please pay by cash or cheque where possible.

If you can make cakes for this event, or help to serve, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Thank you





**23<sup>rd</sup> November - 6.30pm for 7pm**

**See poster for details of the event  
and how to book.**



The next Mothers' Union afternoon meeting will be on Tuesday 26th November in the Church Hall at 2.30pm - Jane Mellor will be speaking on the history of the Key Park.



**Sign up using the QR code to receive a short series of emails. These emails cover a number of FfM key topics such as governance, resources and support, safeguarding, buildings, finance and Local Leadership Teams.**

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**Save your stamps for RNIB ( Royal National Institute of Blind people).**



**Be a stamp collector for a good cause.**

Collect stamps for RNIB and make a difference to blind and partially sighted people. If you receive cards and letters through the post, we'll turn them into funds to help people living with sight loss. You might make a good collection over the Christmas period.

We raise £20 for every kilogramme of stamps we receive.

**Please ensure stamps are trimmed with approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge.**

Stamps are sold by weight, so whatever you can send will add up to much-needed funds for our services. We accept all stamps: new or **used**, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums.

**If you can be part of this please pass stamps to - CHRISTINE ROBINSON.  
Thank You.**

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## Exercises for the over 60's

A lot of research is being done at the moment into the positive effects of exercise, particularly for those who are over 60 years of age.

**Exercise can help us to:**

- \* maintain and increase our muscle strength
- \* improve our balance, co-ordination and mobility
- \* improve our confidence
- \* reduce our risk of falling
- \* improve our mood and overall wellbeing

I run weekly classes for the over 60's at St Michael's Church Hall, Blundellsands

**Every Wednesday at 9:30am and 11am**

You can work at your own level, exercising by sitting down, holding onto a chair, or standing.

We will have fun! You will make new friends!

**Cost is £6 per session and includes a cuppa and biscuit**

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Margaret Short on 07950 027395, or [margaret.short@moveitorloseit.co.uk](mailto:margaret.short@moveitorloseit.co.uk)

*I am part of the Move it or Lose it network of qualified instructors.*





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## Save the Date!



Advanced notice to save the date for St Michael's Christmas Party! Join together for a festive two-course lunch with carols, at West Lancashire Golf Club on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

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## Parish Office

For items to be included in the weekly bulletin, please email the Parish Administrator by 5pm on Wednesdays. Thank you.



Office Hours this coming week:

**Tuesday 29th October** - 12.00 - 14.30

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - closed

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - 10.00 - 12.30

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - 8.00 - 10.30

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