



ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY UPDATE ISSUE NO 96 – 25th May 2024



INTRODUCTION

- If you have a friend or neighbour who would like to receive this, please forward their details.
- I also invite you to send in poems, quizzes and jokes!
- For all correspondence, please use office@stmbssands.org

Date	Day	Time	Service / Notes	Livestream / Location
26/05/24	Sun	10.30am	Morning Prayer Service	No livestream
02/06/24	Sun	10.30am	Morning Prayer Service	https://youtube.com/live/yolz4ULivQY?feature=share
05/06/24	Wed	10.30am	MU Holy Communion	In Church
09/06/24	Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion Service	https://youtube.com/live/EE8MngkSkSs?feature=share
16/06/24	Sun	10.30am	Morning Prayer Service for Father's Day	https://youtube.com/live/2Eb0UU92B_k?feature=share
23/06/24	Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion Service	https://youtube.com/live/D0UbX9J7hoA?feature=share
30/06/24	Sun	10.30am	Morning Prayer Service	https://youtube.com/live/sZr5Jf2q6bs?feature=share

NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Livestream: Back on from Sunday 2nd June 2024!

Mother's Union: The MU Annual Lunch will be held at the Royal Hotel at 12 noon on 18th June 2024

Heavenly Food: The next heavenly food lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 19th June 2024. A short act of worship followed by a two-course lunch. Cost is £8. For catering purposes please phone Clare on 924 0561 and leave a message or email office@stmbssands.org by 10th June 2024.

The Arts Society: The next meeting of the Arts Society will be held on Wednesday 12th June at 2.00pm in the church hall. The Arts Society is

hosting a talk by Sophie Matthews on 'Music in Art'. Visitors are welcome (cost £7.00).

On June 5th there is a trip to Wakefield to the Hepworth Gallery. Places are available. Please phone 07970 733424 for details.

Church Administrator

As some of you may have heard by now, I will be leaving my post at St Michael's at the end of June, to give full concentration to the final year of study for my Psychology Degree. It is not a decision I have taken lightly, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with you all and will miss you.

Please be assured of my prayers for the PCC, yourselves, and the appointment process for your new Vicar. I am sure the Lord will send you the right person. *With much love and appreciation, Clare.*

NB: There is a Vacancy Advertisement and Job Description for the Church Administrator Position attached to this email and on St Michael's Church Website. Please 'spread the word'.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY from Kate Travers **'Where is God in this A&E waiting room?'**

I am sitting in this extremely busy and noisy waiting room with my Mum. She had a fall whilst out shopping and the doctor suspects that she has broken her nose, so now we are waiting for a CT scan.
I am people watching!

I have made a conscious decision not to sit with my head in my iPhone like most people are doing, when a thought pops into my head, more of a question really! "Where is God in this waiting room?" There are no visual prompts to remind people. To do that would be classed as inappropriate as we live in a multi-faith society.

I look at each individual within my line of vision. I'm looking for clues and wandering if God has crossed anyone's mind. Is anyone praying? Is anyone aware that God is here and ready to listen?

You see, places like this are full of anxious people who are worried and vulnerable.

They need reassurance, comfort, and trust. Trust in healthcare professionals to make the right decisions and take the appropriate action.

Has the thought of the Lord been pushed aside to make way for doctors with 'God Complex' personalities? Please don't get me wrong, being a healthcare professional myself, I am only too aware of the excellent work

doctors do within our NHS. However, I am only too aware of doctors who display superior attitudes and 'play God' when making life and death decisions, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Personally, being a 'Christian', I find the thought of people putting more faith into doctors than God very un-nerving, because God's will and purpose should be done in and through our lives on earth, as it is in heaven. God has a plan for us all (Jeremiah 29:11), therefore our trust should be in him, for it is he who has gifted his people with the skill to serve others (James 1:17). Honour the doctors not above God, but as God's will, for he gave them their work to do (Ecclesiasticus 38:1-15) and the passion to serve others (Philippians 2:4).

Is God's presence in this waiting room? It sure is!

For when man serves others, you can see the Holy Spirit at work amongst us all. God is never far away from those who seek him (Acts 17:27), and the very little act of smiling at the old man with the sick bowl, brings God's light into this current situation. *God bless, Kate*

Reading: Luke 16:1-8

Parable of the unjust steward

Jesus told his disciples, "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'"

The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg. I know what I will do so that when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' So, he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe the master?' 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred,'

The master commended the dishonest manager because he has acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

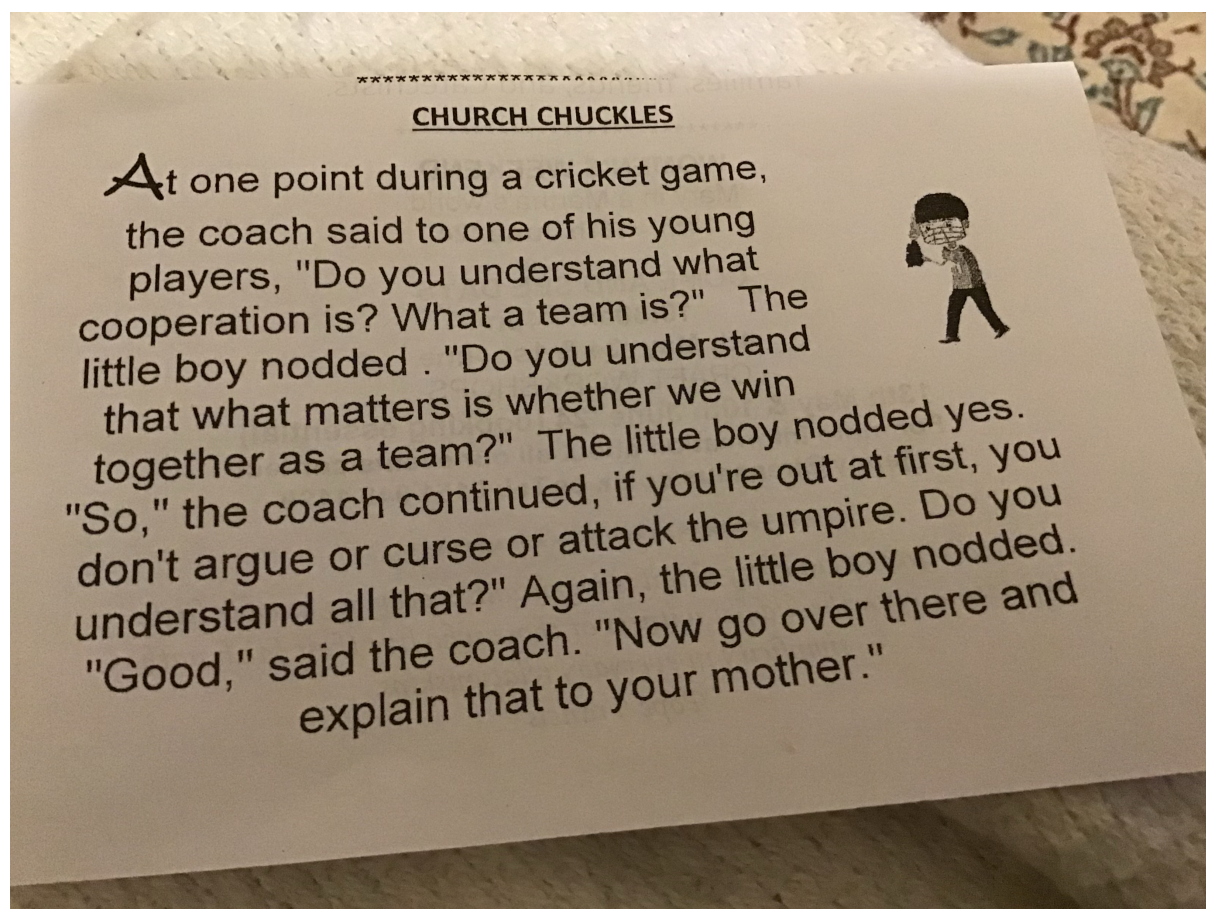
"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if

you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?
"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money,"

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Always Look on The Bright side of Life



Helen Hunter 25th May 2024
Getting back to normal with God's help.

WHO'S WHO at St Michael's

Vicar	Interregnum
Vicar's PA	Clare Kerrigan
Churchwardens	Richard Kemp / Brian Dunning
Treasurer	Jenny Givens

Readers	Helen Hunter / Bill Mainey
Safeguarding Officers	Helen Hunter / Lorna Swainbank
Mothers Union	Bev Boden
Children's Work	Lucy Faulkner
PCC	Lynne Bold / Jenny Ensor / Brenda Hampson / Phil Flynn / Colin Robinson / Jenny Givens / Richard Kemp / Brian Dunning / Helen Hunter / Bill Mainey
PCC Secretary	Jan Owen
PCC Chair	Richard Kemp (deputising)
Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Hunter / Bill Mainey / Lynne Bold