

*Come and join us at St Michael's
to celebrate Christmas*



**Sunday 4th December at 3.45pm
TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
IN CHURCH**

**Sunday 11th December at 6pm
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**



**CHRISTMAS EVE
4pm CRIB SERVICE**

**and MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
at 11.15pm**



**CHRISTMAS DAY at 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE with
Carols and Communion**

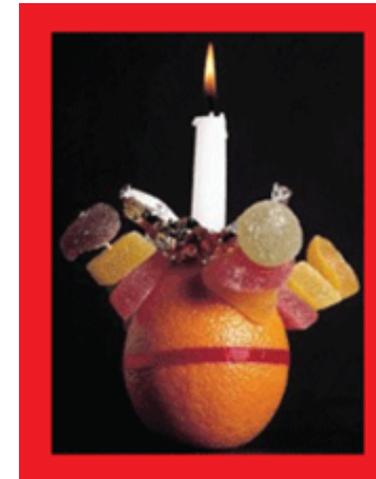


FAMILY CHURCH DATES 2023

PARTY CHURCH : 22 Jan 3:45pm St Michael's School-
Pancake Church—19 February 3:45 in the Village Hall

St Michael and All Angels Church, Hoole

Toy and Christingle Service



Sunday 4th December 3.45pm

**A very warm welcome to our Toy and
Christingle Service**



Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

WELCOME

CAROL (*Gifts of toys brought up during hymn*)

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
 Opened my eyes, let me see
 Beauty that made this heart adore You
 Hope of my life spent with You

And here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
 Oh, so highly exalted
 Glorious in heaven above
 Humbly You came to the earth You created
 All for love's sake became poor

And here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross



Please join us for our
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11^h December at 6.00pm **Carols by Candlelight**

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm **Crib Service**
 Why not dress as a shepherd or angel?

Christmas Eve at 11.15pm **Midnight Communion**

Christmas Day at 10.30am **Family Service with
 Carols and Communion**
 Bring your favourite Christmas present

ALL WELCOME

Sunday School takes place each week unless Family Church is on in the afternoon. Family Church takes place once a month. It is a short (c45 mins) service for parents & children, with craft activities, games, Next Family Church: PARTY CHURCH 22nd January in St Michael's school



as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen

EXPLANATION OF CHRISTINGLE

HYMN – LORD THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

During this Hymn the Christingles will be distributed to all children.

1. Lord the light of Your love is shining.
 in the midst of the darkness, shining:
 Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
 set us free by the truth You now bring
 shine on me, shine on me

*Shine Jesus, shine, fill this land with the
 Father's glory;
 blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with
 grace and mercy;
 send forth Your word,
 Lord and let there be light!*

2. Lord I come to your awesome presence
 from the shadows into Your radiance;
 by Your blood I may enter your
 brightness, search me, try me,
 consume all my darkness-
 shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
 so our faces display your likeness,
 ever changing from glory to glory;
 mirrored here,
 May our lives tell your story-
 shine on me, shine on me.

BLESSING – Remain standing with lighted Christingles.

Candles should be put out at the end of the blessing.



us –

THANKSGIVING:

Leader: Let us say 'Thank you' to God our heavenly Father for all that
 Christmas means to us: for loving us so much that Jesus came to
 share our life with us.

All: Thank you Father.

Leader: For Christmas lights and laughter, carols and cards, presents and
 parties.

All: Thank you Father.

Leader: For all that is meant by "home", especially family love, comfort and
 safety

All: Thank you Father.

Leader: For the worldwide family of your Church and our freedom to
 share your Light with others.

All: Thank you Father.

DRAMA - COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

During this sketch children will come forward and create a tableau)

HYMN – 1. See him lying on a bed of straw:
 a draughty stable with an open door;
 Mary cradling the babe she bore
 the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord of
 love again:
 just as poor as was the stable then,
 the prince of glory when he came.*



2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
 show where Jesus in the manger lies;
 shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
 to see the saviour of the world!

O now carry me...

3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,
 sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
 Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
 be the saviour of us all.

O now carry me...

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O now carry me...

SONG— Mary, Did you know?
Sung by the Choir of St
Michael's school and St Michael's church



TALK

CAROL—FROM THE SQUALOR

During this hymn there will be a collection for the work of St Michael's Church amongst children and families. Please put your donation in a yellow envelope and fill in the front if you pay tax..

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race.
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again –
I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free –
Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honour,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

PRAYERS

Thank you, Jesus, that you are the light of the world and that you have passed on that light to us through your cross and resurrection.

All: We are the light of Christ for the world.

Thank you, Jesus, that your light is stronger than darkness and you have passed on the power of that light to us by your Holy Spirit.

All: We are the light of Christ for the world.

Thank you, Jesus, that your light is shining through the ministry of your people here and throughout the world bringing hope and happiness to children and families in dark times.

All: We are the light of Christ for the world.

Thank you, Jesus, that as we pass on your light in the care we give to others, your light never dies but continues to give light to the whole world.

All: We are the light of Christ for the world.

In this Christmas season, may your light shine brighter and brighter as we celebrate your light in us and through us for your glory

All: We are the light of Christ for the world. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses

