



# This Week



# Newsletter

## Morning Prayer 8:45am Monday – Friday, apart from bank holidays

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30am	MU prepare flowers for Lady Chapel
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	am	Preparation of the Christmas Crib and flowers
	3:30pm	The Blessing of the Christmas Crib
	10:30pm	Choir sings carols by candlelight
	11pm	Midnight Service of Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>	8am	Holy Communion, Nave
	10am	Parish Communion with Choir
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		Bank holiday – church closed
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am	Prayers for our community
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Communion
		<b>No service at 6pm</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Tiny Tots
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	6:20pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am	Prayers for our community
	10am	Interviews for Banns and Weddings (by appointment only)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8am	Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
	10am	Parish Praise
	11:15am	Sung Eucharist, with the Choir

For the latest news and information, please visit our website:  
[www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk)

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel

10am • Parish Communion

*Tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards, WCC CH*

3pm • Choir rehearsal

6pm • Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### First Sunday of Christmas

8am • Holy Communion, Lady Chapel

10am • Parish Communion

***Please turn to back page for details of other services/events***

**Prayer Ministry.** There is an opportunity for personal prayer; for giving thanks, for healing or for other matters at the end of the 10am service. Please go to the Lady Chapel where two members of the church will be available to pray with you. Remember that if you are ill **in hospital or at home** and you would like a member of the ministry team to visit you please contact the Parish Office.

**Large Print Versions** of this newsletter, the Sunday readings, the service and the hymn book are available from the Welcome Desk.

**We welcome all visitors to our services today.** Please make yourself known to the clergy and those at the Welcome Desk. Leaflets are available in the Publicity Area providing information about many aspects of church life.

Charity Registration Number 1130646

**Please turn off and do not use your mobile phones and other electronic devices during our services. Thank you very much.**



# Notices

Today:

## BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CLERGY AND CONGREGATION OF ST MICHAEL'S

Junior Church Groups are not meeting now until 12<sup>th</sup> January but we've prepared some fun activity sheets for children to work on, should they wish, during the services.

The sheets, plus a box of glues, pencils, scissors and plain paper are available at the back of the church. (Please return the stationery items to the box afterwards!) The

Footprints sheets usually relate to the Gospel reading each Sunday so we have tucked the Sunday reading sheet in too; do encourage your child to follow the Gospel as it is read! There is still a staffed crèche behind the screen doors each week.

**Congregation Giant Christmas Card** – Do take time to look at all the greetings in the card shared amongst our congregation this Christmas. It is not too late to add your good wishes and either put your donation to The Children's Society in the box, or if you are able to Gift-Aid, use one of the envelopes provided. Thank you for all your support for charity's important work during 2019. The card is on display in the Publicity Area.

**New Year's Day service** – Please note that the 10am Holy Communion *will* take place on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Mums of St Michael's Prayer & Fellowship Group** – Being a mum can be tough. Trade your anxiety for hope, joy and peace, in a friendly, prayerful environment. We're back in the new year: every other Friday in term-time in the WCC, starting on **10<sup>th</sup> January**. Coffee at 9am; 9:15 start.

**Parish Brunch, Sunday 12th January, 11:15am** - A new time for the Parish Breakfast, but the same lovely menu of bacon butties and pastries. Now straight after the 10am service, at about 11:15am in the Windhill Churches Centre. Please sign the sheet (which will be in place in due course) in the Publicity Area, if you're coming but don't worry if you forget as everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to share in fellowship.

**Anointing and laying on of hands** – At the 10am Parish Communion on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** and at the 10am Holy Communion on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** we will offer anointing and laying on of hands for healing.

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**Company on Sunday Lunch** – Please note that there will be no Company on Sunday lunch in January; the next lunch is on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

**Foodbank appeal** – Please see the notice in the Publicity Area for items requested this winter. Please either bring your food to the Food Bank at the Methodist Church one morning when we are open or pop it into one of our boxes in the local supermarkets. And please don't forget to continue your support with basic food supplies in early January. Thank you!

**Families Minister Advert LIVE** – The post of Families Minister, to work with children, young people and their families at St Michael's is now being advertised. All information, including Mission Statement, Personal Profile and Job Spec, is on our website: [saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx](http://saintmichaelweb.org.uk/Groups/329840/Vacancies.aspx) Please feel free to share this information with any individuals and organisations that you think may be appropriate and please pray for possible candidates and for those who are seeking to make this appointment.

**#FollowTheStar 2019** – Have you signed up for the Church of England's *12 Days of Christmas Wonder* reflections? [www.churchofengland.org/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar).

**A reminder about parking** – Please can we remind our congregation to be mindful of our neighbours, especially those with buggies, and avoid blocking the footpaths with cars (especially by the Monastery Gardens wall at the west end of the church). Thank you.

**Choir** – Has your child has been inspired by the singing this Christmas? Would they like to join our Choir? We would welcome singers in Year 4 or above. For more information on the Choir see the website or contact the Parish Office.

**Change of email** – Please note that the Vicar's email address has changed to [stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbsvicar@gmail.com)

**Gift Aid is vital to the funding of St Michael's Church.**  
**If you are a taxpayer, please place your offering in a completed Gift Aid envelope and place it in the Collection. Many thanks.**

**Take a look at our website/twitter/facebook today and give us a  ; it's an important part of our Outreach!**

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