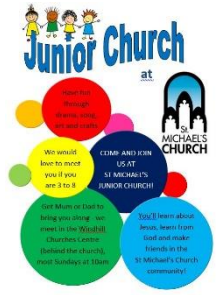




Quick Quiz (Answers) on St Michael's Church



You might need to use the Virtual Tour and other pages on our Church website, or visit the churchyard as part of your daily exercise to help you with this.

1. This is a question about what Christians believe. Can you tell me what three names God is known by?

Father, Son, Holy Spirit

2. Look at the stained-glass window above the Main Altar. What is the scene (picture) at the bottom of the large middle section?

Mary and Joseph with Jesus, escaping to Egypt: 'Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod.' Matthew 2. 13-15



3. Is the Main Altar at the North, South, East or West of the Church?

The East. The first Christians faced East when praying so you will often find that old churches face that way.

4. What is the oldest item in the church?

The font. It is 800 years old. Think about how many people will have been baptised in it in the past! The font is made from Purbeck marble and is lined with lead to hold the water. It dates from 1150 and was lost for many years. It was discovered, buried in the churchyard in 1868 and placed in its present position.



5. A few questions about the war memorial, which might be interesting when we commemorate VE Day 75.

a) Which war does the memorial commemorate?

The First World War, 1914-19

b) What is written under the words RIP?

'Let those who come after see to it that their names are not forgotten'



c) What is the scene at the top of the monument on one of the sides?

The crucifixion of Jesus

6. In the new Garden of Remembrance, what is the first sentence on the memorial feature?*

'I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord'. This comes from John 11, verse 25. You might like to read the rest of John, Chapter 11.



7. Look at the altar in the Lady Chapel (the little Chapel to the left, North, of the Main Altar). What is written on the altar cloth?*

'My soul doth magnify the Lord'. This comes from Luke 1, verse 46. Jesus' mother Mary said those words to her cousin Elizabeth. That sentence and the ones she said afterwards were turned into a 'Canticle' (a sort of song) called the 'Magnificat' or 'Song of Mary'. You might like to read more about the lovely story of Elizabeth and Mary in the rest of Luke, Chapter 1.



8. Look at the church from the south (with the tower and spire on the left). If you stand to the right of the South Porch and look up, what is sticking out at the top of one of the walls?

A Sundial, dated 1798. Apparently it was positioned there so that the Vicar could see it from the Vicarage.



9. Can you tell me four facts about the bells?

This information can be found on the bells page of our [website](#). There are lots of fun facts plus videos to watch from inside the ringing chamber. Some facts include –

The church has a peal of ten bells

The largest bell weighs 850kg and had a mouth diameter of 1.3m

The oldest bell dates back to 1713

The bells are rung as a call to worship on Sundays and for special occasions such as weddings.

Three of the bells need to be replaced and all of them need to be hung in new, safer, steel frame. This will cost a lot of money – nearly £300,000!

And finally ...

10. What is the scene at the top of the large middle section of the stained-glass window above the Main Altar?

And a tricky extra question ... Why might this question be included in this quiz?

This is a picture of Jesus leaving the disciples and ascending (going up) to heaven, which happened on the 40th day of Easter.

The reason I included this question is that we were coming up to Ascension Day and today is Ascension Day!



*And a bonus if you can tell me the reference for these quotes!