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2025**

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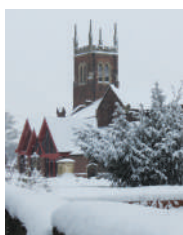
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***St. Michael's Church is maintaining a Christian presence
in our community, serving the community, sharing the faith
and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship."***

Services at St. Michael & All Angels Parish Church

St. Michaels has a planned church calendar of services with additional special services when appropriate. All of our services aim to be flexible to cater for the wide needs of the church and the community.

At present church services take place every Sunday at 10.00am Holy Communion. Weekly services include Wednesday Holy Communion at 10.00am and Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.00am. All are welcome. (Please check the website for dates).



We hope you are enjoying our magazine – if you have anything you would like to include please email:

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and we will do our best to include as many as we can.

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FUNERALS, BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

are taking place in church as usual.

BAPTISMS take place once a month at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoons. Bookings include a date for baptism preparation which is offered once a month.

WEDDINGS are being booked which automatically include dates for marriage preparation and wedding rehearsals.

For those interested in baptism and wedding bookings please see below for contact details or phone the Church Office to speak with the parish administrator - Jill Cumpston. Bookings for 2026 / 2027 are being taken.

A New Year Reflection

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faith and begin
this wondrous
New Year
by believing.*



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Rev. Alison From The Vicar's Desk

Waiting for the light...



***“It is always darkest before the dawn.
If you are tired, rest, but please don’t quit.”***

As I write this article at the end of October the clocks have just changed. This time of year can feel full of busyness, jobs to do, but it can also feel darker with more possibility for isolation as we spend more time inside, without the usual incidental opportunities to see each other. By the time you read this article it will be the Advent season when we are waiting for the light of Christ to come into the world, a welcome light as the love of God comes close, through the birth of Jesus, the stable and the light of truth and revelation that will be fully revealed at the end of time that Christians also look to, but perhaps speak less about. We are not simply waiting for Christ the Baby but waiting for Christ the King, not only the stable but the throne.

As we think about the end times it has sent Christians at different times to ponder signs of the times or consider the darkness. If you have ever experienced darkness, or a power cut, focusing on the light is necessary, helpful and hopeful. If we have a power cut during the dark hours it is difficult, and as the dawn approaches it overwhelms with

the light we come to depend on. In the same way I would suggest that focusing on the light is more helpful, holy and wholesome than focusing on the darkness.

To focus on the light is to focus on that which is good in the world, in others and in ourselves and ultimately in God who is the source of all goodness. We go through darkness in our lives, times when we cannot see the light and need to depend and trust on the coming of the dawn. We can become tired and weary from all that life throws at us in so many ways, through circumstance, health, relationships and even a sense that God is distant from us. And yet, let us not quit, but rest. Rest in the quiet and the darkness knowing that the light is coming and that the dawn is on its way. Knowing too that the darkness also offers us peace and quiet and the possibility of new things, just as plants need darkness to grow.

Advent offers us a chance to wait on the love of God and continue our journey to him and to his light. When we see a light in the darkness the darkness cannot overwhelm

it, our eyes are drawn to it, the darkness is transformed by it. We can rest in the darkness knowing that the dawn is coming.

***‘In the tender compassion
of our God***

***The dawn from on high shall
break upon us***

***To shine on those who dwell
in darkness and the shadow
of death,***

***And to guide our feet into
the way of peace.’***

(Luke 1:78-9)

So during Advent let us wait faithfully, patiently and steadfastly in the darkness for the light...

***‘The true light that gives
light to everyone was
coming into the world’***

(John 1:5, 9)

***Every Blessing
for Advent...***

Rev. Alison



Confirmation Candidates

*'God has called you by name
and made you his own.'*

In the Church of England, the Bishop says these words to everyone being confirmed. God is calling you and making you his own. Confirmation is a moving sacramental experience for both the Bishop and those being confirmed.

Confirmation is a special way of receiving God's grace: the presence of God's gift of the Holy Spirit is confirmed in you through prayer and the laying on of the Bishop's hands for the life of Christian faithfulness, service and witness.

It is a step of personal faith: you confirm that you take on for yourself that which was taken on for you at your baptism as a child, confirming your faith and your membership of the body of Christ. It is admission to Holy Communion as you confirm your full membership of the community of faith as it is expressed in the Eucharist.

Lastly, it is a rite of passage: an act symbolising the movement from childhood to adulthood in which the church community confirms your intention to assume the privileges and

responsibilities of being an adult member of the community.

St Michael's will be holding the **Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 7th December 2025 at 5pm** when Bishop Tim, the Bishop of Wolverhampton will confirm candidates from our own church plus candidates from other churches around the deanery and diocese. Please pray for the candidates and try to support them by your attendance at this special service.

Those confirmed from our own congregation of St Michael's will be:

Corinne Ashmore, Lilli Beeson, Harry Bowater, Barbara Ellis, David Ellis, Richard Green, Rhea Green, Chloe Griffiths, Alison Maley, Elizabeth Maley, Vicki Maye, Claire Roberts and Holly Thomas.

'We wish them well as they take the next steps on their Christian journey as God calls each of us to participate in the ministry of the Church and give us the gifts we need for this.'

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Our Top 10 Ideas For An Eco Friendly Christmas



1) Decorations, DIY and repurposed items:

Make decorations from natural materials like pine cones, twigs or dried oranges. Reuse old baubles and tinsel by turning them into a new wreath or garland.

2) Eco-friendly alternatives: Avoid tinsel and buy plastic-free crackers, or make your own from toilet roll tubes.

3) Sustainable lighting: Turn off lights when you're out and consider using solar-powered lights for outdoor decorations to reduce light pollution.

4) Eco-friendly Gifts and wrapping:

Use fabric, reusable gift bags, or brown paper with string. Old newspapers and magazines can also be used for a unique look.

5) Handmade cards: Make your own cards from recycled paper or seed paper to reduce waste.

6) Reduce food waste: Plan meals realistically to avoid overbuying, especially fresh food. Use leftovers or share them with neighbours.

7) Sustainable food choices: Buy local, sustainably produced food to reduce your carbon footprint.

8) Compost scraps: Start a compost bin for fruit and vegetable scraps, teabags, and coffee grounds.

9) Store leftovers: Use reusable containers, beeswax wraps, or foil to store leftovers instead of plastic wrap.

10) Rent a tree: Some companies offer potted Christmas trees that can be rented and replanted each year. Or buy a local, live tree if you prefer a real tree.

Book Legacy from Doreen Bethell



'Your work is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path'.



With huge gratitude to Doreen's family, the church has acquired a collection of books. Doreen was an avid reader who built up her own library.

These have now been given to our church for the congregation to use. This wide range of books includes topics on prayer, intercessions, Bible reading and other church matters. All of them now form a small library of books on the shelves in the church entrance. All books have been catalogued for use. If you wish to borrow please sign the record provided so we can follow up who is using them.

Please enjoy this facility as we acknowledge the kindness and generosity of Doreen and her family.

Charitable Giving

Thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Harvest Festival.

Donations have been sent to:

Macmillan Care

£914.74

Water Aid

£160.00



Christmas Recipes

If you prefer a less rich pudding at Christmas and are looking for a good alternative try the recipe below.

It is a lot quicker to prepare and there is no soaking of fruit or resting before steaming.

As the name suggests, 'St Stephen's Pudding' is eaten on the 'Feast of Stephen', (Boxing Day), so maybe make 2, one for Christmas Day and one for Boxing Day.

It can be made a couple of days before and placed in the fridge until it is needed. This recipe serves 4 and needs to be steamed for 2 hours.

St Stephen's Pudding

Ingredients:

- * 4 oz (110g) white breadcrumbs
- * 3 tbs milk
- * 2 oz (50g) self raising flour, sifted
- * 2 oz (50g) light brown soft sugar
- * 3 oz (75g) shredded suet
- * A pinch of salt
- * 4oz (110g) seedless raisins
- * 2 medium cooking apples, peeled and grated
- * Grated zest of 1 lemon
- * 1 large egg

You will also need a 2 pint (1.2 litre) pudding basin, well-buttered, some baking parchment, kitchen foil, and some string.

Method:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine all the dry ingredients; add raisins, grated apples and lemon zest.
2. Stir thoroughly to combine everything well. Beat the egg into the milk and stir into the mixture. Pack the mixture into the pudding basin, cover the basin tightly with a sheet of baking parchment, then with a sheet of foil make a pleat in the centre and secure with string.
3. Boil a kettle and pour the boiling water into a saucepan, about half full, place it on a medium heat and, when it comes back to the boil, fit a steamer over the top. Steam the pudding for 2 hours, checking the water level in the saucepan now and then.
4. Serve with custard, or at to make it a little more special at Christmas with rum sauce.



Rum Sauce

Ingredients:

- * 4-5 tbs dark rum
- * 3 oz (75g) butter
- * 2½ oz (60g) plain flour
- * 1 pint (570ml) milk
- * 2 oz (50g) caster sugar
- * 1 tbs double cream

Method:

1. Place 2½ oz of the butter in a saucepan with the flour pour in the milk, using a balloon whisk, whisk vigorously over a medium heat.
2. As soon as it comes to simmering point and has thickened, turn the heat right down to its lowest setting and stir in the sugar and let the sauce cook for 10 minutes. After that add the rum the remaining butter and cream and stir well.
3. Pour into a jug, and cover the surface with clingfilm and keep warm until required. Whisk before serving.

WHAT'S ON AT ST MICHAELS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, DECEMBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

REGULAR SERVICES

WEEKLY SERVICES

Holy Communion
Sunday 10:00am

Holy Communion
Wednesday 10:00am

Please check our
Facebook page or the
website for up-to-date
information on
our services.



REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

FIRST MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
Mothers Union
Meetings
Church Centre
2:00pm

THIRD THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH
LadiesDotCom
Meetings
Church Centre
7:30pm

MONDAYS
AND TUESDAYS
WEEKLY
Bellringing Practice
Bell Tower 7:30pm

WEDNESDAYS
WEEKLY
St Michaels Singers
Practice
Church Centre
7:00pm



SEASONAL SERVICES AND FESTIVALS

1 NOVEMBER 2025

Advent Sunday
Holy Communion
and lighting of the
Advent Candle
Sunday 30th
10:00am

Christingle Service
In support of the
Children's Society
Sunday 30th
4:00pm

1 DECEMBER 2025

Walsall Deanery
Confirmation Service
Bishop Tim of
Wolverhampton
Sunday 7th
5:00pm

Annual Toy Service
Holy Communion
with Toy Service
(supporting the local
Toy Appeal see below)
Sunday 14th
10:00am

Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols
Sunday 21st
6.00pm

1 DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24th
Children's Crib Service
4:00pm
Midnight Mass **11:15pm**

Christmas Day
Thursday 25th
Family Christmas
Eucharist **10:00am**

1 JANUARY 2026

Holy Communion
for Epiphany
Sunday 4th 10:00am

Holy Communion for
Baptism of Christ
Sunday 11th 10:00am

Week of Prayer
For Christian Unity
18th - 25th January

Prayer for
Christian Unity
Holy Communion
at St Michael's. Joint
Service with Pelsall
Methodist Church
Sunday 18th 10:00am

Holy Communion for
Conversion of Paul
Sunday 25th 10:00am

1 FEBRUARY 2026

Candlemas Service
Holy Communion
(Cluster Service)
Sunday 1st 6:00pm

Pancake Party
For Church Families
Tuesday 17th
10:00am - 12noon

Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion
with Imposition
of Ashes
Wednesday 1st
10.00am
and 7:00pm

Lent
Reflection and study,
more details to follow
closer to the time
18th February -
2nd April 2026

1 MARCH 2026

National
Reflection Day
Holy Communion
Sunday 8th 10:00am

Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion
Sunday 15th 10:00am

FORTHCOMING EVENT: ON SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Salvation Army and Pelsall Ladies
Choir Christmas Concert

St Michael's Church 7:00pm

Tickets: £5.00 from Rev Alison,
Sue Briggs or Parish Office.

For up-to-date information go to
our 'Facebook' page or visit the
events section of the website:
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Booking & information for tickets / spaces
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COME AND SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL TOY SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 10.00AM

St. Michael's is supporting
our local Christmas Toy
Appeal for 2025, working
together with local
charities and agencies.

If you are able please bring a
new toy in a Christmas bag,
have it blessed and place it
under the Christmas tree.

Here's how you can take part:

- 1 Buy one or more brand new
toys for ages 0-13.
- 2 Place the toy(s) in a brand new
gift bag (no need to wrap).
- 3 Bring the toy(s) along to
the Toy Service on
Sunday 14th December.



Any questions? speak to Rev.
Alison or the Parish Wardens, or
please contact the Parish Office on
01922 685666 or email:
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*"We pray that God may bless each
child and family this Christmas, and
may each one knows that they are
loved and cared for by a loving God."*



CHRISTIAN SAINTS, SAINT STEPHEN

⊕ Know Your Church ⊕



What do you associate with the 26th December? Traditionally it is known as Boxing Day.

There are two theories why it is called Boxing Day, both linked to giving. The first was a medieval tradition of opening church alms boxes to give money and goods to the poor on the day after Christmas. The other is that wealthy employers gave their servants a day off and a **Christmas Box** with gifts and leftovers. Today the bank holiday is associated with Sports, January Sales and spending time with family.

The 26th December is also the Feast day of St Stephen, mentioned in the well-known Carol **Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen**. So who was St Stephen?

Stephen was the first Christian martyr, a Hellenized (a Greek influenced, Greek-speaking) Jew chosen as one of the first deacons in Jerusalem to serve the poor. Accused of blasphemy for his powerful defence of Jesus as the Messiah, he was stoned to death, and is remembered

for his unyielding faith, asking God to forgive his executioners.

St Stephen, His Life and Ministry

Stephen is first mentioned in Acts of the Apostles as one of seven deacons appointed by them to distribute food and charitable aid to poorer members of the community. The reason for the appointment of the deacons was dissatisfaction among Hellenistic Jews who felt that their widows were being ignored in preference to widows of Hebraic (of Hebrew origin) Jews in distribution of alms from the community funds.

‘Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Spirit and is said to have performed miracles among the people.’

He was a powerful Preacher, preaching fluent and persuasive sermons among synagogues of Hellenistic Jews. This aroused opposition from some Hellenistic Jewish groups who challenged Stephen's teachings, but Stephen defeated their argument in debate.

Angry at this humiliation they secretly bribed witnesses to testify that Stephen had preached blasphemy against Moses and God. He was forced to appear before the Sanhedrin (a Jewish legislative assembly of elders) accusing him of preaching against the Temple and the Mosaic Law. Stephen is said to have been unperturbed, his face looking like **that of an angel**.

In a long speech to the Sanhedrin he fiercely denounced the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgement on him. He presented his view of the history of Israel.

He began by recounting the history of the Israelites from Abraham through to Moses and the Exodus, highlighting God's

faithfulness and presence even when they were in Egypt.

He emphasised a recurring theme of rebellion and rejection with Israel's history, including rejecting Moses, worshipping idols, and killing the prophets.

He accused the current generation of the Sanhedrin of repeating this pattern by rejecting and killing Jesus, the **Righteous One** whom the prophets had foretold.

He addressed the charge that he was speaking against the Temple by pointing out that God is not contained in a human-made building, and implying the Temple was being treated as an idol.

He denounced his listeners as **stiff-necked** people who resist the Holy Spirit as their ancestors had done. Stating ***"Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him."***

St Stephen's Martyrdom

Vision of Jesus: During his trial before the Sanhedrin, Stephen saw a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God and shared this with the crowd, a vision considered a great offense.

Execution by Stoning: Outraged, the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Witnessed by Saul: Saul of Tarsus who later became the Apostle Paul, consented to Stephen's death and held the cloaks of those who stoned him.

St Stephen's Legacy

The First Martyr: Stephen is recognised as the '**Promartyr**' of Christianity meaning the first to die for his faith after Christ.

Forgiveness in Death: He demonstrated immense compassion and forgiveness in his final moments, praying

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" and ***"Lord do not charge them with this sin."***

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Find Our Sheep! Our Flock has Flown

We've got some little woolly wanderers from St. Michael's Church Pelsall who have all been lovingly hand-knitted by congregation members at the church.

These little sheep will be hiding in festive shop windows around the village and need rounding up before the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

Children and adults of Pelsall are invited to identify which shop or business they have strayed to each day in December, leading up to Christmas.



"The sheep have wandered from St. Michael's door.

They must be found and brought back once more!

They will be hiding in windows around.

Search the village where they must be found.

Round them up, don't let them leave.

They're needed for our crib service on Christmas Eve!"

Join us every day for our lost sheep advent fun!

For competition entry forms and instructions or any queries please see **Rev. Alison** or phone Parish Office **01922 685666**. All entries to be returned to Parish Office by **22nd December 2025**. Prizes will be awarded at the Crib Service at 4.00pm on **24th December 2025**.

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Pelsall Ladies Choir Supports 150 Local Children In Foster Care



Since September 2024, Pelsall Ladies Choir has been fundraising for Comfort Cases UK, a charity which supports children in care by providing them with backpacks filled with essential and comforting items including pyjamas, blanket, teddy, book and toiletries.

All too often, children are removed from their original home with little or none of their own possessions – which makes a difficult and heart-wrenching situation even worse and results in them feeling they have been forgotten and do not matter.

The choir's initial target was **50 backpacks**, for which around **£2,000** would need to be raised, but it soon became clear that due to the generosity of the community, including the

congregation at St Michael's, this would be surpassed. Donations, not just of cash, but of items, started flooding in, as word spread locally and people began using the Amazon wish-list which directed people to the items most needed.

In the meantime, the choir promoted the project by arranging podcasts and covering a special song which was used as the backing to the choir's project video.

On 10th July, ladies from the choir were joined by local councillors, staff from Children's Services, the Mayor and local MP Wendy Morton, to pack the **150 backpacks**, which have now been gifted to local children of all ages, from babies to 18-year-olds who are about to leave the care system. The choir gives their heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported this fantastic cause.

'Our chosen charity for 2025/26 is FastAid an Emergency Community First Responder Scheme who volunteer to work with West Midlands Ambulance Service to respond to 999 calls in the local community for life threatening situations. They also offer community training to groups in CPR and Defibrillator use. Teams are completely self-funded raising funds to pay for their uniform, equipment and vehicles relying heavily upon donations from the public. Pelsall Ladies Choir have many concerts booked during the year with any monies raised being donated to this much needed charity.'

Thank you for your continued support.



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A Tribute to Tim Briggs



'Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name'

On 25th September 2025 our beloved friend Tim and member of St. Michael's Church passed away at the age of 69. He had faithfully worshipped and served under the leadership of many incumbents. And yet it fell upon me to have the privilege to take the funeral service of this dear Christian soul and to now write a tribute.

Tim was born on 12th March 1956 in Yorkshire, God's own country. He was a remarkable man, a humble Christian servant, devoted to his family, loyal to his friends, faithful to God, and available to anyone who needed help. In the Christian tradition, Tim wove his own tapestry of Christian life into a unique masterpiece with threads of life.

Firstly, Tim was a family man who knew how to really love his family. He was nothing less than a devoted husband to Sue. He raised Matthew and Hannah who were committed to him as he was to them. He was a good father and hard worker as a pharmacist. His grandchildren Emma, Aaron, Issac and Toby

loved him, loved being with him, and knew he loved them. He modelled what it means to love and care for a family and Tim told his family that he loved them...his life was woven with the thread of love.

Secondly, Tim was a good Samaritan who journeyed with people in joy and sorrow. He was a listening ear to those who faced trials in life. Tim was a trusted friend in a no fuss, common sense way. He had a dry Yorkshire wit and sense of humour whether it was singing with the Sheffield Male Voice Choir, performing his Yorkshire monologues at MU or chairing a PCC. Tim's servanthood in church was immense, using his gifts and talents for the Kingdom of God. Quietly he performed his role showing reliability and steadfastness. He belonged to Open the Book, Singing Group and Gift Aid co-ordinator plus more ...a life woven with threads of discipleship, friendship, and service.

Thirdly, Tim lived to leave a legacy behind him. A Christian gentle spirit, a calm quiet



person whose life reflected Christian values. Brought up in a vicarage with brother Jonathan, sister Elizabeth and parents Audrey and Derek with Dad as Vicar. He was lovingly nurtured into the Christian faith to be a disciple who followed Jesus as best he knew how. He was loyal, faithful, and committed to living out his Christian life, devoted to worship, Bible reading and committing everything to prayer. And he did...he prayed to have strength to fulfil his wish to make the most of every minute count left on earth with his family. When he passed, there was simply not one thing left undone. Conversations and letters written as expressions of love and thanksgivings with family and friends. Tim's last wish was to die peacefully at home with his family.... a life woven with threads of loyalty, faithfulness and prayer with a legacy for others to follow.

Even after his death we can learn from Tim's hope, trust and confidence in God which inspired and strengthened him. He was not frightened, but brave, courageous in the face of death. He was more concerned about his family than what he was about to face. Tim wanted to be clear about the hope for salvation that he had in Jesus Christ, and

that Jesus Christ is the hope that we all have for salvation. He was resigned to what lay before him with peace and grace within him. Tim's hope in Jesus, our hope in Jesus, and Tim's presence with Jesus, makes it so much easier to bear his death. As St. Paul says, "We grieve, but not as those without hope" a life woven with threads of trust, confidence and hope in Jesus Christ and God the Father.

Finally, Tim's tapestry was a masterpiece of how life's experiences and choices are woven together with God. Life with its unpredictable twists and turns woven with threads of joy, challenges and personal growth. This was a child of God called Tim, serving others, loving family, loving Jesus and living a good life in preparation for death. He navigated through the highs and lows, savouring the moments that made his heart dance and confronting the trials that shaped his resilience to the very end.

So let us thank Tim for simply being unique, precious and cherished. A life interwoven amongst us, for threads that have held us together, for threads that hold us close to him in his passing, for the threads which leave a legacy for us all to follow.

Rev. Alison



'Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.'

From the Registers

September -
November 2025

Funerals in September

Brenda Farden (CC)

Funerals in October

Cecil Coyne (CMC)
Timothy Briggs (CSC)
Malcolm Wigfield (CSC)
Cicely Webster (GS)

Ashes in September

Mercianne Evans

Ashes in October

Kenneth Griffiths

Ashes in November

Beryl Sanders
Keiron Sanders
Brenda Hanson
Heather Taplin

Baptisms in October

Esme Wint
Tomy Huston

Confirmations

Corinne Ashmore
Lilli Beeson
Harry Bowater
Barbara Ellis
David Ellis
Rhea Green
Richard Green
Chloe Griffiths
Alison Maley
Elizabeth Maley
Vicki Maye
Claire Roberts
Holly Thomas

Church and Streetly Crematorium (CSC), Church and Mercia Crematorium (CMC), Graveside (GS)

Announcements from St Michael's Church

)] The Christmas Post Box will be in Church from **Sunday 23rd of November**. The last date to post your cards will be **Sunday 14th December** and cards will be distributed from **21st December**. As always the post is free but any donations would be warmly received.

)] **Congratulations to Mike Emery** the Captain of our Bell Tower. He was **75** on 16th October. Hoping he had a 'ding dong' birthday.

)] A **Happy Birthday** to **Kevin Lloyd** on his **70th Birthday** which was on 7th October. Congratulations to Kevin. Sending our love and good wishes.

)] **Susan Mansfield** was **50** in September. Sending our love and congratulations.

)] **Welcome to the World** to **Leo Joshua**, born to **Chloe and Harry** on 13th August weighing 8lb 3oz. A baby brother for **Harrison**. Congratulations to you all.

)] It is with **deep sadness** that we announce the death of **Tim Briggs** aged 69 who passed away at home on 25th September. He was a dedicated and devoted servant to our church in so many ways. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

'May he rest in peace and rise in glory'.

Booking the St Michael's Church Hall

Please note that new arrangements are now in place for any enquiries about the booking of the hall.

For more information on booking the hall and availability please contact the Parish Office on **01922 685 666** Monday to Thursday 1.00pm to 3.00pm or Friday 10.00am to noon (answerphone outside these hours, we will return your call as soon as possible) or email **stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com**

Children are not just the church of tomorrow.
They are the church of today as well.



Diddy Disciples

at St Michael's



Christmas Post

Post Box Opens – 23rd November

Our postman Jude will be helping deliver post to the elderly and housebound.

Christingle Service

Sunday 30th December, 4pm

Family service for young and old supporting the Children's Society. The three local schools participate in the service.

Christmas Toy Service

Sunday 14th December, 10am

Children and families will bring gifts of new toys to be blessed during the service. These will be passed on as gifts to the local Christmas Toy Appeal.

Children's Crib Service

Wednesday 24th December, 4pm

Gather for the Blessing of the Christmas Crib suitable for children and the whole family.

'Question Corner'

Where is heaven?

The reality is that heaven - the place where God is all around us but we just can't see it. It's just invisible at the moment. That is because it is hidden from our eyes, but not from our hearts. We are limited human beings. We can't even get off this planet without a rocket. BUT he is the unlimited God of heaven and can be anywhere, all at once. He is very big, and very wonderful.

OUR PAST EVENTS...

Wonderful Pets Service

Thank you for all who attended the service to tie in with St. Francis. Lovely to see your pets and you too.

Sparkling and Crackling Bonfire

A wonderful gathering of over 100 adults and children shared a fantastic evening of family fun, fellowship and fireworks. Thank you to the organisers, well done!

SOME ADVANCED NOTICE...

Pancake Party

ONE OF OUR POPULAR EVENTS

Tuesday 17th February, 10am-12noon

Pancake races, activities, fun and games.

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Our numbers are growing at the 10am church service. Pop along to see what we do and to meet others! All welcome or contact the Parish Office on 01922 685666 for more details.



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