



St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Sunday 19th August 2018

Welcome to St. Michael's

Your prayers are asked for all those who are sick, bereaved or in need of God's special help, especially:

- Sick:** Stephen Paterson, June Ireland, William Turner-Inman
- Circle of Prayer:** Jean Rees, Sheelah Brown, Alf & Jean Cummings, Steven Burnip, Peggy Collinge, Doreen Wickham, Charlotte Tyler
- Year's Mind:** Tony Parfitt August 21st
Ronald Mead August 23rd
- Marriage:** George Crowdy and Daisy Hills
- Prayer Diary:** Our Library and Staff
Woodlands Road

You are welcome to add the names of people who are ill to the prayer list.

Please be sure you have the person's permission and let us know if they would like a home visit.. Also please ask for the name to be removed from the list when appropriate.

Note: It is intended to review these lists , so we ask that those who wish names to remain would speak to Rev Carol or Churchwardens.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- Friday:** 8.00 am **No Service**
- Sunday 26th:** 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Communion (CW)

Ride & Stride: September 8th, help raise much needed funds for St. Michael's by participating in this event. This is a sponsored bike ride or walk between churches. For more information contact Shery Dixon 861319 or email office@stmichaelsmere.org.uk.

The Church Boiler will soon be replaced and any financial contributions to the cost of £10,000 would be greatly appreciated. Please put donations in the 'torpedo' by the North Porch. Thank you.

David and Paula, the pearly King and Queen who opened our fete, have very kindly given us £450 towards the new boiler. The money comes from the Pearlie's annual charitable donations.

Heritage Open Weekend: St. Michael's is hosting a Heritage Weekend on 15/16 September. In order that the church looks spick and span we are planning two cleaning sessions: Tuesday 11th Sept. afternoon, and Wednesday 12th morning. Please sign up to help on the forms by the North Door. Thank you.

Parish Giving Scheme: We now have offertory tokens for those members of the congregation participating in the parish Giving Scheme. The token can be collected as you arrive and put into the collection basket during the service. Thank you.

Maiden Bradley Flower Festival: September 22nd & 23rd 10am to 4.30pm at Bradley House, home of Duke and Duchess of Somerset. Refreshments, plant stall. Entry £4, children 12 and under free. Proceeds for All Saints Church.

Duty Churchwarden: Elizabeth Howden

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Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: *Proverbs 9.1-6*

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, ⁵'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5.15-20*

Brothers and sisters, ¹⁵be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 6.51-58*

Jesus said to the Jews: ⁵¹'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' ⁵³So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Next Week's Readings:

Joshua 24. 1–2a, 14–18: Ephesians 6. 10– 20: John 6. 56–69