



St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Sunday 17th June 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, Mary Whitty	
Circle of Prayer:	Jean Rees, Sheelah Brown, Alf & Jean Cummings, Steven Burnip, Peggy Collinge, Doreen Wickham, Charlotte Tyler, Richard Morgan	
Year's Mind:	Arthur Williams	June 20th
	John Eggleton	June 20th
	Evie Palmer	June 21st
	Hazel Woodcock	June 21st
	Leslie Long	June 22nd
Prayer Diary:	Chalice Asistants Springfield Road Church Finances	

You are very 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday:	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) with Meditation
Friday:	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 24th:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Parish Communion

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859 e-mail: vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk	
Lay Minister:	Mrs Jane Hurd	01747 860218
	Mrs Christine Marsh	01747 861212
Churchwarden:	Mrs Lynette Elliott	01747 861646
Parish Administration:	Sherry Dixon	01747 861319
Parish Office e-mail:	office@stmichaelsmere.org.uk	
Website:	www.stmichaelsmere.org.uk	

18 June 2018 7:30 pm at St Michael's Raising money to support the ancient church of St Michael's, Mere— Thoughts & Ideas

Home Insurance Special Offer: to celebrate 130 years in business, Ecclesiastical Insurers are giving £130 to our church for taking out a new policy with them. Ring on 0800 785 0130 and quote Trust 130.

Easy Fundraising: we've registered with this website and we need your help! Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help St. Michael's Church raise funds by simply doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, Booking.com, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! Please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelschurchmere/>

Weekend 15/16 September: St. Michael's is participating in the heritage Open Weekend Event. This exciting occasion will showcase the many stages of the Church's history with, among other things, historical artefacts on show and guided tours of the nave, churchyard and tower.

Shreen Harmony Concert: Saturday 23rd June 7.30 at St. Michael's. Retiring Collection for Friends of St. Michael's.

Songs of Praise at Stourhead: Sunday 24th June 3pm (Churches Together). Meet by the Bristol Cross. Bring a chair or rug and, if you like, a picnic to enjoy after the service.

Singing for Fun Workshop 14 July 2018, 10:00 am, Grove Building. Sing African songs, spirituals, gospel, show songs & more. £12.00. To book your place please call 01747 861980.

Julian Meeting: (Quiet Prayer Group). Wednesday 20th June 7.30 in Church (Matthew Chapel).

Friday 6th July 2.30 onwards STRAWBERRY TEA in aid of Suchana at Rivermead, Pettridge Lane (Jean & Colin Kantharia's house). Everyone welcome (no tickets but donations very welcome)
Thankyou to everyone who helped make the Church Fete a success. The effort put in by the organisers and stallholders was outstanding.

TRINITY 3

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through 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: *Ezekiel 17.22-24*

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17*

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel Reading: *Mark 4.26-34*

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 40. 1-11: Galatians 3. 23-29: Luke 1. 57-66, 80