



St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Sunday 25th June 2017
Welcome to St. Michael's

Churches Together Songs of Praise: TODAY June 25th 3pm
in Stourhead Gardens (by the Bristol Cross).

Suchana's ever-popular Strawberry Tea: all are welcome
from 2.30pm onwards on Friday 30th June in the garden of
Riverside, Pettridge Lane (Jean and Colin's house).

"Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride:
September 9th 10.00am-6.00pm. Would anyone like to do this in
aid of St. Michael's Church in Mere? This is an annual sponsored
event with 50% of money raised going to the participant's chosen
church, and the remainder to the County Historic Churches Trust.
Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. Seek
sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues. Participants
may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility
scooters. Interested? Please contact Sherry Dixon on
01747 861319 or office@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Sacred Masterpieces with the Salisbury Cathedral Girls' Choir
Monday 10th July 7.30pm in St. Michael's, in aid of education
projects at Chaima Christian Institute in South Sudan. Tickets
£10 from the library, including refreshments after the concert.

Knit & Natter: Thursday 29th June 10-11.30am at 2, The Fields.
Everyone welcome. This will be the last meeting until September.

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

Sick:	Stephen Paterson, Charlotte Tyler	
Circle of Prayer:	Jean Rees, Sheelah Brown, Alf & Jean Cummings, Tam Moffatt, Tony & Mac Ballard	
RIP:	John Eggleton Maggie Carnon	
Year's Mind:	David Dick	June 25th
	Don Newbury	June 26th
	David Loram	June 30th
Marriage:	Alan Burfitt and Melissa Berry	
Prayer Diary:	Mothers' Union & Judith Thompson North Street	

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

Friday:	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 2nd:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Family Communion (CW)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859 e-mail: vicar@stmichaelsmere.org.uk	
Lay Minister:	Mrs Christine Marsh	01747 861212
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TRINITY 2

Collect: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20.7-13*

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Second Reading: *Romans 6.1b-11*

¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10.24-39*

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ²⁴'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next Week's Readings:

Habakkuk 2. 1-4: Ephesians 2. 19-22 John 20. 24-29