

Flower List for May 2018

13th

20th Maureen Atherton

27th

Flower List is at the back of Church

Or speak to Marjorie Dickinson on 0151 924 5043 or Hilda Cannon on 87619

The East Flower Collection raised £87.56

Many thanks to all who donated.

From our Registers

Weddings

Baptism

1st April Hannah May Maginnis

Funeral

Dates for your Diary

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

Churches together summert at St. Michael's

SATURDAY 9th JUNE

Poppy's Priesting at the Cathedral 3pm.

SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER

Harvest

Liverpool Male Voice Choir Concert

10 November 2018

Will be held at Holy Trinity Church

In Commemoration of 100 since the end of the First World War

Will advise near the time the price of ticket

Sunday May 13th

David Taylor last service



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Altcar**

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Wednesday 2nd

Acts ch 10 v44-end

John ch15 v9-17

Sunday 6th

Acts ch10 v44-end

1John ch5 v1-6

1John ch 15 v9-17

Wednesday 23rd

Romans ch8 v12-17

John ch3 v12-17

John ch3 v1-17

Wednesday 9th

Acts ch1 v15-17 & v21-end

John ch17 v6-19

Sunday 13th

Acts ch1 v15-17 & v21-end

1John ch5 v9-13

John ch17 v6-19

Sunday 27th

Isaiah ch6 v1-8

Romans ch8 v12-17

John ch3 v1-17

Wednesday 16th

Acts ch2 v1-21

John ch15 v26-27 & ch16 v4-15

Sunday 20th

Ezekiel ch37 v1-14

Acts ch2 v1-21

John ch15 v26-27 & ch16 v4-15

Coffee Morning will be held on the Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 10.15am, why not come along and enjoy a chat with a cup of tea/coffee and meet your friends and neighbours or come to the service at 9.45am as well.

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Time to put a smile on our treasurers faces!

It's time to put a smile on our treasurer, Carol's face. Wouldn't it be good if at St Michael's we finished the year with a healthy surplus. I say this in jest, because be clear: this is not Carol's problem; it is our problem. At our Annual Parish Church Meetings I'll be setting out the finances of both churches with the help of our treasurers; both churches are facing the challenge of seeing a fall in giving which is not sustainable in the long term. The treasurers of both churches in the benefice feel this responsibility on their shoulders – but it's not their responsibility -it's ours to share... if we count ourselves as part of the body of Christ in these places; as both churches rely entirely on the financial support of their members.

Last autumn I challenged the congregations in our united benefice to increase their weekly giving by the cost of a coffee or a pint of beer, say £10 per month and some have done so. Perhaps you resolved to, but you've not got around to increasing your gift through the Parish Giving Scheme, Standing Order, Giving Envelopes or cash the Collection Plate.

Let's be clear too:

- Giving is part of our discipleship; our following of Jesus. He makes this clear in the Sermon on the Mount when he says, 'When you give...'
- Giving is our worship, and worship should be costly; remember Jesus reaction to those who moaned at the expense of his anointing... 'Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world has done will be told in remembrance of her' (Mark 14: 9).
- Giving should be proportionate: the tithe (10%) is the biblical norm and is what some of use as a starting point. Saint Paul writing to the Corinthians encouraged them by saying: 'for if the eagerness is there the gift is acceptable according to what

one has- not according to what one does not have' (2 Corinthians 8: 12).

- Giving is good for us... yes that's right. And that's why God asks us to give, not because He's needy but because it frees up our desire to hold on to stuff... well especially our money actually.

So, if you'd like to know more about how our money works and the different ways of giving then please speak to one of the clergy or Les, it will put a smile on his face; but more importantly on God's: as Saint Paul writes, 'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9: 7).

I'd particularly like to commend the Parish Giving Scheme by Direct Debit which is new to St Michael's. The benefits to St Michael's are significant, the tax refund coming through promptly each month evening out our cashflow. Not least it will save Carol a substantial amount of work as the entries on our bank statements requiring reconciliation will be notably reduced.

Packs will be available from Carol and the wardens.

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Cleaning Rota May

7th Janet Lee & Joyce Horton

15th Hilda & Bob Cannon

21st Janet Barnes & Pat Burns

28th Sue Taylor & Christine Gregory

Volunteers needed

Are you able to help with cleaning the church please?

See Liz or Dave

Sidespersons rota May

16th April – 7th May Mr & Mrs P Collins

14th – 28th Mrs E Alcock and Mrs J Horton