

Dates for your Diary

Harvest

St Michael's PCC wish to thank everybody who came along and gave produce for sale at our Harvest evening, Farmers, Tesco and our Parishioners, from the sale of vegetables we raised £600 for the

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

Harvest Flowers

The money raised for flowers was £55.00
Many thanks to all who contributed.

Flowers

During Advent there will be a bucket at the back of Church for donations for the Christmas Flowers

Carol Service

16th December at 4pm

LIVERPOOL MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday 10th November Concert raised £922.90 after the paying out expenses the money we have raised.

The firstPrize went to Patricia Graham.

Many thanks to all who came and supported St Michael's, and those who also gave donations to St Michael's Church fund raising.

Bible Society retiring collection raised £95.

I have been asked to mentioned if you would like to send just one Christmas Card to Church and give a small donation to the Church fund instead of sending a card to each of your church friends, we are happy with what you decide.



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Angel

Sunday 2nd

Jeremiah ch33 v14-16

Thess ch3 v9-end

Luke ch21 v25-36

Wednesday 5th

Phillippians ch1 v3-11

Luke ch3 v1-6

Sunday 23rd

Micah ch5 v2-5

Hebrews ch10 v5-10

Luke ch1 v39-45

Wednesday 26th

NO SERVICE

Sunday 9th

Malachi ch3 v1-4

Phillippians ch1v3-11

Luke ch3 v1-6

Wednesday 12th

Phillippians ch4 v4-7

Luke ch3 v7-18

Monday 24th

Acts ch13 v16-26

Luke ch1 v67-79

Sunday 30th

1Samuel ch2 v18-20 & 26

Colossoians ch3 v12-17

Luke ch2 v41-end

Sunday 16th

Zephaniah ch3 v14-end

Phillippians ch4 v4-7

Like ch3 v7-18

Wednesday 19th

Hebrews ch10 v5-10

Luke ch1 v39-45

Tuesday 25th

Isaiah ch52 v7-10

Hebrews ch1 v1-4

John ch1 v1-14

There the next coffee morning will be held on the 12th December, at 10.15am, why not come along and enjoy a chat with a cup of Tea/coffee and meet your friends and neighbours or even come to the service at 9.45am as well all are welcome.

MAGAZINE DECEMBER 2018: #FollowTheStar #InviteOneFriend #DoTenThings

Archbishop Justin Welby & John Sentamu write: “For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases. For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it’s all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time-nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those “perfect” ones we see in the media. But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus. #FollowTheStar doesn’t ask you to be perfect. It says; come just as you are to take the life-changing journey Christmas journey.”

It’s journey best made accompanied. After all, one of the wise men must have suggested it. “Shall we go and see? Paul Bayes, the Bishop of Liverpool has challenged us all to #InviteOneFriend and Christmas is great opportunity. You know what to say; “I’m going, it’s going to be good, do you want to come too?” Might this be the moment that #FollowingTheStar your friend becomes a follower of Jesus.

Each of the gospels, in their own way make the point; that the incarnation is God’s demonstration of his absolute commitment to humanity; this is God;s “all in” moment, he is not God who stays at a distance, an absent landlord, he is “God is with us”. As someone has said, “God is what He does, and what He does is what He is”. Even in our darkest moments we are not alone, because He is “God is with us”.

One final thought for New Year: “Why were the wise men wise? The answer, I believe is this; as you read their story in Matthew 2, they persistently made life affirming choices rather than expedient ones. Such choices are rarely easy. May that too be our resolution for the coming year; to consistently make life affirming choices and #DoTenThings. Bishop Paul again; “Do ten things. There will be no penalty if you do eleven! But since holiness in the Church is always service, as

disciples in the Diocese of Liverpool our commitment to draw close to the Lord Jesus must issue in action; so do ten things, as you are sent to serve.”

And so may the Lord Jesus, who is indeed Emmanuel, God with us, bless you and keep you, and make his face shine on you, now and always. Amen

Mark

You can sign up for daily reflections on #FollowTheStar here;

<https://www.churchofergland.org/followthestar>

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Cleaning Rota December/January

3rd Helen Cormick & Edwina Alcock
10th Hazel Thompson & Helen Hillsley
17th Janet Lee & Joyce Horton
24th Janet Barnes & Pat Burn

January

Sidespersons Rota

18th – 2nd December Mr & Mrs P Collins
9th – 30th December Mrs E Alcock and Mrs J Horton
6th – 20th January Mrs M Reed Mr R Cannon
27th January – 10th February Mr & Mrs A Jackson

