

Fundraising

We are currently seeking donations of prizes for Tea & Toasts, so if you have any bottles of spirits or wine that you have spare could you please donate them as we are looking for raffle prizes. Also we are desperately in need prizes for the Tombola if you can help please see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton.

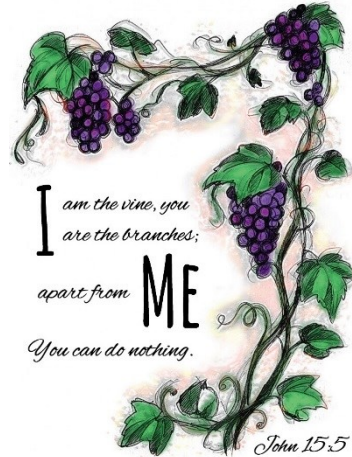
Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs Toilet Rolls, tinned spaghetti, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, fruit juice, household cleaning products, shampoo, coffee, deodorant and shower gel.

Please put donations of food or money into the cupboard at the back of church.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Could you still put your stamps in the box at the back of church. This will help the work of TWAM (Tools with a mission) which empowers people with the tools that create livelihoods and transform lives in Africa. THANK YOU



Please do keep in touch with us here at St Michaels, we would like to hear from you again.

Any enquiries relating in booking a Baptism, Wedding or funeral can be made through our Admin Officer, Robbie on preferably **email stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com or the church mobile 07722470940**

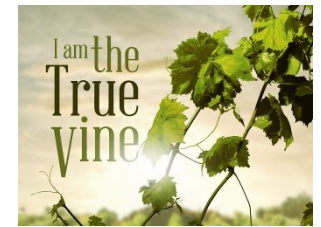
For safeguarding matters email safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com

Our Vicar, Revd George Roach can be contacted on **01928 832734** or **vicar.smaaruncorn@gmail.com**
The Vicars rest day is Friday

We are continuing to grow our social media presence, please do search for us on Facebook and X! or on our website **www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk**



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 28th April 2024
5th Sunday of EASTER



Welcome to St Michael and All Angels this morning!

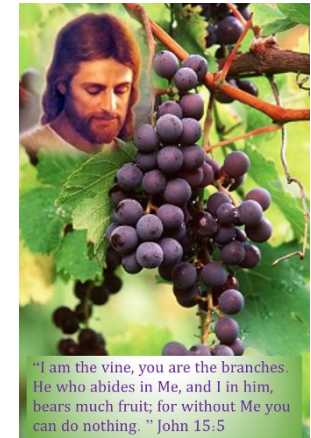
If you are new here, please make sure you say HELLO to the church staff and volunteers who will do all they can to assist you.

This service sheet is available in large print and blue paper for those with visual impairment or learning differences

Services Today

10.30am Holy Communion
Leading: Revd George Roach
Preaching: Revd Helen Browne
Mission Praise
37 As the deer pants for the water
Acts 8: 26-40
590 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
John 15: 1-8
51 Be thou my vision
*I am the Vine
You are the vine we
are the branches*

770 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life



Regular Activities at St Michaels

Monday 29th April
12.00noon The funeral of Marjorie Hughes

Tuesday 30th April
10.00am-12.00noon Crafters
11.30am The funeral of Graham Guest

Wednesday 1st May
10.00am Holy Communion

12.00noon The funeral of Olive Gittens

Saturday 4th May
10.00am-12.00noon
Tea & Toast

Sunday 5th May
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Café Church
12.30pm Baptism

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 8: 26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the

slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁷ ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

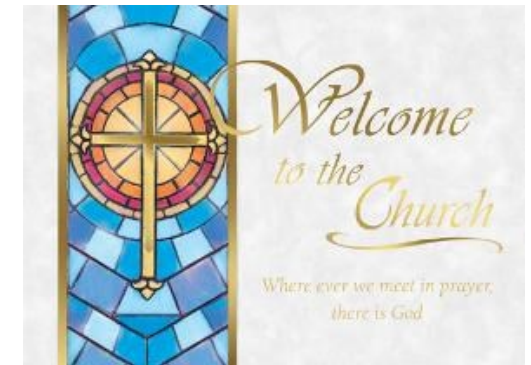
John 15: 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it

abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Journey on !

Monday morning **Zoom** prayer group for all members of St Michael and All Angels.

9am Start
(Approximately 30 minutes)

Beginning on Monday 13th May

Please pass your email to Revd George to be added to the email link

