



STOKE ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Notice Sheet

30th March 2025
Mothering Sunday

Mission Statement

Loving God

Learning God's ways

Living for others

Mothering Sunday

A warm welcome to you all to our services,
especially to visitors or new worshippers.

Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and
overshadows our hearts, come to our
aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

Lord God, whose blessed Son our
Saviour gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings
of this present time with sure
confidence in the glory that shall be
revealed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Weekly Diary

Monday & Tuesday
Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 7.30pm
Bell ringing

Thursday 10am
Mikes Tikes

Friday 7pm
Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

13th April
Sunday Lunch

29th April
Space to Worship

CORINTHIANS 5 | 6-END

From 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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Next Sunday – 6th April The Fifth Sunday of Lent		Next Sunday's Readings
8.00am	Holy Communion	Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8
9.30am	Pray & Play	
11.00am	Holy Communion	

This Week's Gospel

LUKE 15 | 1-3 | 11B-END

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

APCM

This year’s APCM will take place on Sunday 11th May, after the 11am service. A new electoral roll has to be prepared for this. Please complete the application forms at the back of church by 13th April. Many thanks.

Rev Claire is going on Sabbatical

Rev Claire will begin her Sabbatical on Tuesday, from 1st April – 20th July. We will all need to pull together to ensure the wellbeing of our church until she returns. If you are able to give more of your time ie. to stay behind after the services to help tidy up, that would be very helpful. We wish her the very best for a wonderful restful few months.

Interment

The interment for Janet Pocklington will take place on Monday 31st March at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.



Donations for Easter Flowers for Church

Please could we appeal for monetary donations for Easter flowers for church. Thank you.

Please pray for The Sick

Meg Hayles	Shannon
Hayden Jones	Tom Holland
Jerry Taffe	Sue Baxter
Margaret Haughton	Sam
Geraldine Hayes	Matt Spicer
Sarrha	Mick Roberts
Adela Carter	Nathan
Ray Carter	Beverley Ellis
Russell Charly	Ryan Carr
Martine Chiverton	Claire Miller
Jennifer	Linda Pope
Robert Kimber	Joe
Ellys Fowler	Loraine
Vicky	

HYMNS

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Please pray for the Departed

Janet Pocklington	Alan Lewis
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