

# to celebrate Christmas



Sunday 3rd December at 3.45pm TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE IN CHURCH

Sunday 17th December at 6pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT





CHRISTMAS EVE 4pm CRIB SERVICE

and MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at 11.15pm



CHRISTMAS DAY at 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE with

**Carols and Communion** 







ST MICHAEL'S TIMES The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels











### Dear all

What is the message of Christmas in 2023 in our war torn weary world? . Have you watched the Chosen? Just stop for a moment now and play this : <u>https://youtu.be/cm\_nsxptHdl?si=jug1daO9r2udazrV</u>

Some shepherds (they were often disreputable characters) had the amazing privilege of being the first to hear the Good News of the coming of God himself into our world and then to visit and worship their hearts' desire, the



In the midst of squalor and poverty the clip really brings out the joy and awesomeness of the birth of God himself as a human baby. The Saviour of the world has been born to rescue the world He has made. It is as

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May I invite you this Christmas to go deeper into the wonder and mystery of the most famous story of all time.

Do try watching The Chosen. This Biblical Film series is really good at bringing the Bible accounts to life and helping you imagine what it would have been like to have witnessed the world-shattering events included in the 4 Gospels.

A group of 20 or so have been watching some of the best clips from the Chosen fortnightly in the Lodge. As you will see from Shelley's article later, they are a brilliant way of understanding more deeply Jesus's words and deeds and showing us how they are just as relevant now as they were 2000 years ago. Why not try a session in December or January – see dates list for details.

And for this Christmas, remember that the Child born in a stable 2000 years ago is in fact the King of Kings. He is also Jesus, the Saviour and He is Immanuel which means 'God with us'; whatever we are going through at the present time, He is there for us offering us His peace which passes all understanding and His presence to comfort and guide.

Rev Ann November 2023



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# **PARISH DATES December 2023**



Tuesday 5th December
Wednesday 6th December
Sunday 10th December

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Sunday 3rd December

Tuesday 12th December Wednesday 13th December Sunday 17th December

Tuesday 19th December Wednesday 20th December Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY Tuesday 26th December Sunday 31st December

9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 3.45pm TOY & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in Church 10.15am Holy Communion 7.30pm Ladies' Group Christmas Coffee Evening 9.30am-11.30am ST MICHAEL'S LITTLE ANGELS 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School 7.30pm The Chosen Christmas Special with Social in the Lodge 10.15am Holy Communion 9.30am-11.30am ST MICHAEL'S LITTLE ANGELS 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School 6pm Carols by Candlelight in Church 10.15am Holy Communion 9.30am-11.30am ST MICHAEL'S LITTLE ANGELS 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 4.00pm Crib Service in Church 23.15pm Midnight Communion 10.30am Family Service with Carols and Communion NO SERVICE TODAY 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion

# **CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

St Michael & All Angels Church is open every day. Opening times are: Monday-Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm. Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm

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# **PARISH DATES January 2024**

Tuesday 2nd January	10.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 7th January	9.00am Holy Communion
	10.30am Morning Worsh
Tuesday 9th January	10.15am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10th January	9.30am-11.30am ST MICH
Sunday 14th January	9.00am Holy Communion
	10.30am Parish Commun
	5.00pm Pizza & Praise in
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm in the Lodge -Nex
Tuesday 16th January	10.15am Holy Communio
Wednesday 17th January	9.30am-11.30am ST MICH
Thursday 18th January	2.00pm Ladies Group AG
Sunday 21st January	9.00am Holy Communion
	10.30am Parish Commun
	3.45pm Family Church in
Tuesday 23rd January	10.15am Holy Communio
Wednesday 24th January	9.30am-11.30am ST MICH
Sunday 28th January	9.00am Holy Communion
	10.30am Morning Worsh
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm in the Lodge -Nex
30th January	10.15am Holy Communio
Wednesday 31st January	9.30am-11.30am ST MICH



We have created a space in church (in front of the pews) for anyone to come and sit and pray or just have a guiet time. There are materials to read and we hope it will provide a place to leave prayer requests. Prayer is a time when we have our conversations with God, but equally times of silence and quiet so that we can listen to what he has to say to us. God wants us to come to him in prayer and gives us the Holy Spirit to

help us. Prayer is our breath.

If you would like us to get in touch please leave us a phone number, or you can contact us - details below.

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**St Michael's little Angels** continues to meet term time in the Lodge. We love welcoming our smallest members of our communities, our regulars and new ones with mums, carers, grandparents and dad's all welcome. Lots of chat, games, songs and our regular Bible story with some impressive actions



too we also have some very good bell ringers!. We are looking forward to inviting others on A Wednesday morning at 9.30 and perhaps joining up for our toy service, Christingle and our crib service.

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St Michael and All Angels Church, Hoole Crib Service Saturday 24th December In Church

Christmas Eve 



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OCTOBER 2023 UPDATE AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CHURCHYARD HAS REVEALED THAT THE FOLLOWING HEADSTONES ARE IN NEED OF URGENT ATTENTION **IRENE GIBSON** JOHN WILSON MARGARET CHADWICK GRACE HUNT (LAID DOWN FOR SAFETY) WILLIAM HOPKINS HENRY SNAYLAM ALFRED DAY MARTIN JONES HERBERT GREEN THERE ARE ALSO TWO HEADSTONES IN ROW 4 LYING FACE DOWN IF ONE OF THE ABOVE HEADSTONES BELONG TO YOU COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR CHURCHWARDENS: BARBARA WOOD 07745 208617 JANE ELPHICK 01772 603360 Thank you to everyone who has been in touch but we are still searching......

# **DONATIONS TO CHURCH – LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024**

If you donate to church on a fairly regular basis I should have been in touch with you sometime in October either by phone, email or letter asking you to confirm the data held on our records.

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- with all that is going on?
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**Barbara Wood** Churchwarden

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#### **HOOLE PARISH CHURCH – ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS** Mission Statement: To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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# Ladies' Group

Following a large majority vote by members to change our meeting days from the third Tuesday at 7.30pm to the third Thursday at 2.00pm, we will be commencing this change at our AGM & Social Evening which will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2.00pm. The new programme will be available and will members please bring a small, wrapped gift. We are hoping this new arrangement will prove to be popular and attract new members; we look forward to seeing you all.

We had a good attendance for our September meeting when Bez Cooper came along to talk about her life as a Tiller Girl. What a vibrant character! She told us all about starting in the group in the 1960s and how, backstage, the girls met all the famous showbiz people who were also taking part in the show. Bez persuaded some volunteers to do a simple dance routine at the end of her talk, with appropriate costumes!



At our October meeting we enjoyed Mick Frankland's talk, "My Life as a Fire Officer". Part of Mick's talk was advice was to keep your door key somewhere you could find it easily in the dark and smoke. We were pleased to host the Men's Group at this meeting.

By the time this is published we will have held our Coffee Morning on 4<sup>th</sup> November and I hope I will be able to report a successful event. We will have held our November meeting too when Tracey Taylor will have come to speak about her dancing school.

We're looking forward to our Christmas Coffee Evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at The Venue, Hoole Village Hall, an Open Evening, when the Mawdesley Ukes3A Ukulele group will be entertaining us once again. The last time they came, two years ago, we had a most enjoyable evening and a full house. Do invite friends and relatives to this event. Tickets are £7.00 and you can pay at the door. The proceeds will be donated to Alder Hey Children's Hospital and Brain Tumour Research.



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Anyone who may be interested in coming along to our meetings would be made very welcome. We are a friendly group and welcome new members. Do give me a call on 01772 613816 or our secretary, Rose Brown, on 07967 696533. Erika



# Children and Families at St Michael's Church



#### Sunday School

**ICKET** During this term, Sunday School have been off on their travels around the world and meeting inspirational Christians from France, Cameroon, Ecuador, North Macedonia, Lebanon and Japan. We have learnt about how people live out their faith in these different parts of the world. The children have found this in-

spirational and have enjoyed meeting these new people and cultures.

Remember that Sunday School happens every Sunday (unless there's Family Church) during the 10:30 service for children age 0-11. Everyone welcome.







Family Church – Hogwarts Church and **Design & Make Church** 

Families have been busy over the past couple of months going to Hogwarts and thinking about God's love shown to us through the cross, while also making magical potions, trying jelly beans and creating new flavours and being put into Houses by the Sorting Hat as everyone arrived. We had lots of fun.

The following month, we were designing and making bridges, towers, badges, pictures and thinking about God's creation and using our imagination for good and using our skills to help other people. We met Bezalel and Oholiab in the Bible and learnt how God used them to help make the tabernacle beautiful (see Exodus 35 if you've never heard of them!)









I enjoy bible for beginners so much, it's lovely to meet with fellow Christians and learn together, in a friendly atmosphere.

The Chosen series about the life of Jesus that we are watching clips from is excellent, and gives extra context. it will appeal to people at all stages of their faith.

After watching the clip we then look at the relevant bible passage and discuss, it often makes me think a lot deeper than before. I can recommend attending whether you know a lot, a little or nothing.

By Shelley Cuff



# University Challenge

Friday December 1st at 7.00 pm in the Lodge. Limited tickets £5.00 including light refreshments. Tickets from Colin



# About the Bible for Beginners

# Course



# "Putting Christ in Christmas"

## **ENJOYING A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS**

How do members of St Michael's enjoy Christmas? Well, a lot like everybody else, but here are some ways in which our church community try to make sure they "keep Christ in Christmas", in the middle of all the media emphasis on







"Ever since our son was born, we have bought him a religious advent calendar, as a reminder that advent is about looking forward to Jesus coming at Christmas".

" we light a candle for an hour every evening during advent because Jesus is the light of the world".

"I always include advent calendars to the food bank as part of my November donation, for the children to enjoy leading up to

Christmas".

"we send religious Christmas cards to remind people what Christmas is about". "I always put carols and Christmas music on in the house on Christmas morning".



"Crisis at Christmas always advertise how much it costs them to give one person a Christmas meal and support. Every year I count up the number of people we will have sharing our Christmas meal, and donate money for the same number of

people to Crisis".

" a highlight of Christmas for me is getting out my nativity scene figures, and setting them up in my home".



" I look forward to attending the Christmas services which help me focus on the true meaning of Christmas".



#### Pizza & Praise

In October, we launched a brand-new service for young people and anyone else who fancied it! We began in church with some sung worship, including new songs as well as ones we knew well, and we read a Psalm as we thought about prayer and worship. We finished the service by reading Jesus' instructions to help us pray in Matthew 6.

After the service, we went across to the Lodge for pizza and a time of fun and fellowship.

We had a great evening, and are very much looking forward to the next one. We'd love to welcome more people of any age who want to worship God in a new way and enjoy eating pizza!

## Coming Up for families and children.

Sunday 19th November	3:45pm Ligh
Sunday 26 November	10:30am Su
	5:00pm 'Piz
Sunday 3 December	3:45pm Toy
Sunday 10 December	10:30am Su
Sunday 17 December	10:30am Final S
	6pm Carols
Sunday 24 December	4:00pm Crib
Monday 25 December	10:30am Family
Sunday 7 January	10:30am Su
Sunday 14 January	10:30am Su
	5:00pm Pizz
Sunday 21 January	3:45pm Fan
Sunday 28 January	10:30am Su





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3:45pm Light Party Family Church in the Village Hall 10:30am Sunday School in Church 5:00pm 'Pizza & Praise' in Church and the Lodge 3:45pm Toy & Christingle in Church 10:30am Sunday School in Church 60am Final Sunday School of the year in Church 6pm Carols by Candlelight 4:00pm Crib Service in Church 60am Family Service with Carols and Communion 10:30am Sunday School in Church 10:30am Sunday School in Church 5:00pm Pizza & Praise in Church and the Lodge 3:45pm Family Church in the Village Hall 10:30am Sunday School in Church

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# **News from Hoole St Michael's CE Primary School**

Atlantis Class visited church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. In RE, Atlantis Class are looking at Jesus' special stories. They had a pretend wedding in church. They learnt about what happens at a wedding, then looked at the bible story, 'Water into wine'.







# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism – "We welcome into the Lord's Family" No Baptisms

Marriage "Those whom God hath joined together"

5th October DANIEL MARK FULLER and LAUREN BAYBUTT Both of Much Hoole.

The Departed "We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and pray for their families and friends."

3rd October DOROTHY NUTTALL aged 94 years, of Much Hoole.

Interment followed in the Churchyard.



# St Michael's Flower Group Rota

Date	Arrangers	Sponse
2nd December	Christmas	Mrs Bl
10th December	Gillian	
17th & 24th Dec	Julie	Mrs k
31st December	Lisa	
7th January	Claire/ Lisa/ Julie	Mr S
14th January	Gillian	
21st January	Jean/ Sue	
28th January	Betty/Maureen	
4th February	Lisa	



## or/s

lakeley & Mr & Mrs Wood Mrs E Houghton K Ball Door wreath



Notes All at church 10am All at church 10am

Smart Children's Corner

Mr & Mrs Davidson

Mrs Leigh

White

Christmas clear

Mrs E Reed.

**Red Roses**