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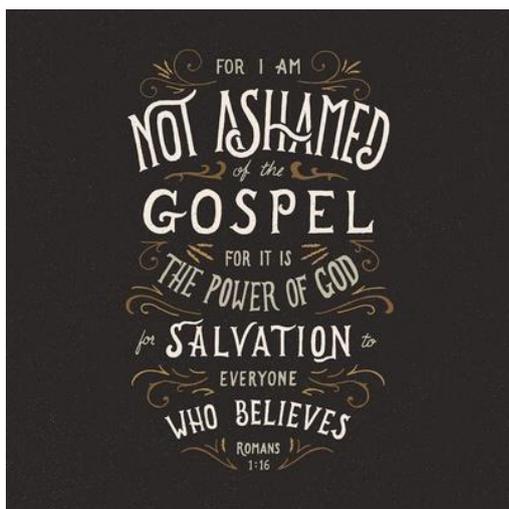
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(Staff days off: Pete – Friday; Rob – Monday)

GET IN TOUCH

Please do call or email the church office with any questions, notices, prayer needs etc. (office@stmichaelschester.com/☎315129).

Check out the website regularly for the Prayer Wall and lots of other info.



CHURCH LIFE

Vicar's Letter

Please find attached a letter from Pete to everyone in the church family.

Church from this Sunday

A reminder that regular 10am services are starting up again **from this coming Sunday 5 September** and we will no longer be asking people to pre-book. There will also be an 8am Holy Communion this Sunday (and the first Sunday of every month) and two evening services on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Please refer to the Autumn Programme Card that was circulated in July for further details.



The main morning service will also continue to be live-streamed for the foreseeable future. Below is the link for this Sunday, when Chris Jones will be speaking about 'Good News from God' from Romans 1:1-17, to kick off the September sermon series 'Romans: The Foundations of Faith'.

5th September https://youtu.be/_3mf3PK1GkE

Young People's Programme

Just to confirm there won't be any separate

groups for young people this Sunday - they will resume on 19 September after the All Age Service on the 12th. This week, the children will have an activity to do during the service if they choose to.

Materials for Mossy Church

Sas needs around 20 empty two litre plastic bottles with lids for Mossy Church. Please contact her if you have any – thank you! (☎07414 492244)

Printed News Sheets

The plan is to no longer have printed notice/service sheets handed out at Sunday services; instead we will continue to email round a news sheet on a Friday evening as has happened for the last 18 months or so. There will be a small number of sheets printed off for those church members who don't have email access. So please, only pick one of these up if you fall into that category. Thanks.

Stream Groups in September

Stream Groups are back from the week commencing 13 September! We've got a great range of groups including studies on Joseph and Jonah, courses on knitting, bird watching, and international development, and evenings of worship. Sign up via the church website or contact the leaders directly. Follow the link for full information or contact the church office, if you don't have internet access.

<https://stmichaelschester.com/streams/>

Garden Help Needed



Offers of help to tidy the front & back gardens at 5 Devon Road (the former youth worker's house) to get it ready for a new rental, would be appreciated please! Further info and offers of help to Mary & Peter Webster (☎343981). Thank you!

Updated Church Directories

- are now available to church members from the church/hall. A 50p donation to cover the cost of printing would be appreciated.



Our Daily Bread – for Sept-Nov

The latest edition of these daily Bible reading notes have arrived. They will be available for people to take on Sunday. Please help yourself or contact the office if you aren't attending on Sunday.

Donations to Foodbank

Kindly leave any contributions of non-perishable foodstuffs on the Vicarage doorstep by 10am on a Thursday morning. Thank you very much for your ongoing generosity.



Pastoral Concerns

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Estelle Byrne (Pastoral Team Co-ordinator) on ☎341774 or email: estellepb.eb@gmail.com.

PERSONAL

Wedding Invitation



Andrew Evans & Fiona Wynn would like to invite any members of the church family who would like to come along to their wedding ceremony on Saturday 18 September at 11am!

New Address

Ben, Caz, Ella & Jacob Toan – have recently moved house! Their new address and landline number is: 20 Birch Grove, Whitby, Ellesmere Port CH66 2PX ☎0151 364 3214.



Sparkle Walk Sponsorship



Naomi Powell writes: "I am doing the Sparkle Walk (a night time 5 km walk through the city on Friday 17

September) again this year to raise vital funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so by using the just giving link below or by signing the sponsor form at the back of church or email me (napowell@live.co.uk) and I can add your details to the sheet. Many thanks for your support - it is much appreciated."

[Naomi Powell is fundraising for Hospice of the Good Shepherd \(justgiving.com\)](http://www.justgiving.com)

OTHER

Christian Aid Evening at St Mary's Handbridge - Wed 15 September 7.30–9pm



All are welcome along to 'an evening of words & music' organised by the Chester Christian

Aid Committee, on the broad theme of 'God'! Former Cathedral Canon and published author, Trevor Dennis, will read six of his stories/poems on the theme, interspersed with six pieces for cello and piano played by Chester musicians, Lionel Clarke and Brian Heald.

There will be no admission charge but donations are warmly invited for Christian Aid. To reserve a place, please contact Trevor asap (☎638441 or trevordennis11@gmail.com). If you would like to go with others, Sarah Batchelor and Jackie Hockley are also going.

Bible Study Fellowship



This ecumenical Bible study class for women and pre-schoolers in their care will resume meeting in person this September to study Matthew's gospel, meeting on Wednesday mornings in term time at All Saints, Hoole. The first session is on 15 Sept 9.55am-11.30am. To find out more info, visit www.bsfiinternational.org.



+ + + Prayer Matters + + +

The Pastoral Team would like to highlight the fact that there are others in our church family who have individual prayer needs, but who prefer not to be listed here. Please remember them too. The Lord knows who they are.

- **Adela Matamalas and Plunkett Loughran** as they get married at St Michael's next Saturday!
- **The Vaughan family** – as Alison (daughter of Rod & Val Smith) is isolating in Hanoi, so that she can join husband Richard to begin their new roles there. Their daughter and son, Harriet and Thomas, are remaining here in the UK, which will be a first for Thomas.

- **Any who are unwell, recovering or awaiting/receiving treatment**, especially:
Lorraine Cawley, as she awaits a donor kidney;
Chloe & Sandra Huxley

Christine Blackmore, recovering well from recent successful cataract surgery.

Sarah McDermott (a former member of St Michael's) who has recently given birth by C-Section to a little boy Benjamin - with her fiancé Chris - a baby brother for Rebecca.

Olive Jones, (Nev's sister in law) still awaiting major surgery for cancer in Manchester, which had to be postponed (for health reasons) but will hopefully take place next week.