

Important Dates for 2011/12

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| 5 th April | Passover meal |
| 18 th April | Church Vision night (Cheese & Wine) |
| 7 th May | The Noise bank holiday project |
| 15-17 th June | Church Weekend at home |
| 29 th July-4 th Aug | New Wine Holiday |

Hosting – Would you be willing to host future St Michael's interns? A generous donation to cover living costs is available. Email joel@stmichaels.ch for more info

Youth retreat.

For 11-18s between the 12th - 14th Feb at Legge house near Swindon for £45. Our theme will be "Living life to the full." A great opportunity to chill out, spend time with God and deepen friendships. For more info see a member of the youth team or email:

youthwork@st-michaels-church.org.uk.

Ladies walking day – The Forest of Dean Sculpture Trail – 4.5 miles

- Sat 25th Feb – meeting OSR 9.30 am – return around 3.00
- Drive to Beechenhurst Lodge
- Need sensible shoes, rain gear and packed lunch – coffee shop at Beechenhurst
- Suggest £6.00 to driver for bridge, petrol and parking costs
- Need more information or let us know you are coming along give Rachel Dennis a call on : 07902556386 or 0117 9759479

Church Prayer meeting on Wednesday 15th February in the Coffee Shop. It would be great to see as many of our Church family attend.

Do you listen/download the weekly sermons?

Due to the popularity of our sermon podcasts we have had to move to a larger server. You can still listen/download each weeks sermon from the website - but if you are currently subscribed you will need to subscribe again. We upload all three sermons every week, so even if you miss the service you can listen to the teaching. - You can listen to / download / subscribe to the sermons at <http://www.stmichaels.ch/sermons/>

Operations Manager for St Michael's Church – Full time - Salary package £30k pa +

We are advertising for an Operations Manager who is a *natural co-ordinating communicator - with ability to implement decisions and instigate change*. The essence of the Operations Manager's role can be summarised as:

- (i) Co-ordination (ii) Communication (iii) Compliance and (iv) Change

Attributes of the successful applicant will include: (i) being whole-hearted for God (ii) is pro-active in facilitating and co-ordinating the improvement of policies and procedures (iii) is a natural organiser and communicator at all levels (iv) is confident in managing projects and meetings and progressing actions in between meetings (v) is confident working with a range of organisational aspects covering Finance, HR and Compliance (vi) is self-aware and demonstrates excellent interpersonal skills.
Closing Date for applications: 13th February 2012

Contact the office for full application pack

MISSION ACTION GROUP PRAYER POINTS

MOLDOVA, Larisa and Ruslan - thank God for his faithfulness in answering prayer.



Two very disruptive children came to church, were loved and helped and slowly calmed down. Their father then took them away, but after much prayer they have now been allowed back and are settling in well.

New mission display – A new display of photos and information about all the St Michael's mission partners has been put on the board in the church porch and on the column in church near the entrance. Take a look!

Coming soon: Saturday evening March 24th 2012 Old School Rooms - Concert by The Frampton Cotterell Male Voice Choir and Kirsty Haslam (girlfriend of David Hine). *Details to follow shortly.*

At our services there is often an opportunity to receive prayer for you or a friend whether for healing or any other need.

St. Michael's Church Office ~ Open weekdays 9am 12.30pm
Telephone: 0117 969 2486 Fax: 0117 959 9264



For hearing aid users select "T" setting on your device

Disability adviser is Louise Cooper Call 0117 947 0998

Morning Worship at 10.30am (More contemporary) ~ the first part takes place in 2 venues - Church (more adult focused) and Old School Rooms (more Family Worship focused)

Recording of Sunday sermons –hear our Sunday morning and evening sermons on the church website
www.st-michaels-church.org.uk

Sunday 5th February 2012

9.00am Morning Worship Readings: 2 Tim 1:3-7
1 Thess 5:20

Series: **Hearing God's voice**

Theme: **Eagerly**

Speaker: Julie

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5.00pm Evensong Readings: Jer 26:1-16
Acts 3:1-10

6.30pm Holy Communion Reading: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Series: **Peter's first letter**

Theme: **The quiet revolution**

Speaker: Simon

THIS WEEK

Monday 6th February

9.00am **Morning Prayer** in OSR library
10.00am **Men at home** meeting in T4

Tuesday 7th February

7.00pm **Alpha 4** –Meeting in OSR

Wednesday 8th February

9.00am **Morning Prayer** in Church
9.30am **Mid-week Discipleship course** T4/5
7.30pm **Communications Sub Meeting** – Coffee Shop

Thursday 9th February

2.00-4.00pm – **Link Club** T2
7.00pm **Wedding Preparation Course** – Coffee Shop

Friday 10th February

9.00am **Morning Prayer** in Church
10.00am **Morning Alpha 4** OSR

Saturday 11th February

8.30am **Monthly Breakfast** in OSR. Deborah Tompkins speaking about ecology. £2 fee waived on first visit.
7.30pm **Chilli Children Ladies Supper** – Coffee Shop

Saturdays in the Coffee Shop

10am – 12pm Come and enjoy a bacon sandwich with a mug of tea or a delicious hot chocolate with a toasted teacake!



Next Sunday 12th February

9.00am Holy Communion Readings: Acts 16:6-10
John 16:12-15
10.30am Holy Communion Reading: Acts 16:6-10
6.30pm Evening Worship Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-14

One Way Student Group

One Way student group meets each Sunday in the Coffee Shop after the evening service. Our focus this term is "Holy Spirit & Big Issues."
Contact martin@st-michaels-church.org.uk or natacha@st-michaels-church.org.uk for more info

Pastoral Prayer during term time.

contact Susie Bishop. Tel 0117 9798371 - or leave a message
e-mail susie@stmichaels-church.org.uk



St Michael's Church Heart of the Community update

Communications committee

We have been working hard finalising the overall communications strategy for the HOTC project, and are now starting to commission some materials (logo, leaflets, website) for the HOTC launch in the spring. There is **lots** to do, but we are few and would love 1 or 2 more core committee members who have some experience of communications to get involved in a range of different areas. Interested? Speak to Martin, martin@st-michaels-church.org.uk for more details

Congregational Q and A meeting. Monday 27th February, 7.30pm, Coffee Shop

200 members of St Michael's came to the progress and update meetings in November 2011. We asked people to submit any outstanding questions about the HOTC project. The answers are a work in progress, but much of the information has been collated in a project brief, which will be available in mid-February. Put Monday 27th February in your diaries as an opportunity to discuss these questions further with the Steering Committee. More details soon.



This is an appeal for help! The Coffee shop needs more men & women to volunteer both on weekdays and Saturdays. Leaflets have been delivered all over Stoke Gifford to let people know your Coffee Shop is here and now they are coming in! Please, if you can spare any time, speak to me Ann Cooke, on 07866 230647, or coffeeshop@st-michaels-church.org.uk **HELP WANTED** Thank you.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 2nd 10am at Frenchay Parish Church on the Common., 'Let Justice Prevail', written by **the women of Malaysia**. Men, women and children welcome to attend. Service followed by light refreshments. If you would like to join the choir, please arrive in time to rehearse at 9am. Revd. Judith Lee 01454 772381."

Network : - Word & Spirit – A Creative Writing Group. facilitated by Nigel Gibbons on Monday evenings from: 20 Feb-26 March 2012. For more info see Church noticeboard or email: info@network.org.uk or call Network on 0117 950 7271

"Church Membership List" 5th February – 19th March 2012

The Church membership list (electoral Roll) is revised each year –if you are new to church *or* currently in the directory and have changed anything that appears in it, please complete one of the '**pink**' electoral roll forms and put in the tray at the back of church or pass to the office as soon as possible. The benefits? it helps others to contact you, helps in being part of the church and allows you to vote at the annual general meeting.

Who can apply?

Anyone over the age of 16, is baptized and either lives in the parish or has attended for more than six months.

Changes – If you are an existing member and have changed, your address, telephone number or name in the past year please complete a form marking it '*amendment*'

New Members - If you wish to be placed on the electoral roll we invite you to fill out an application form and return it to us.

Please place the completed form in the box in church, marked Electoral Roll Revision, in the box on the wall in the OSR or hand into the office. All forms need to be in by 19th March.

Please add your E-mail to the application form or send it direct to the office on: office@st-michaels-church.org.uk. This will not be passed to others.

Thank you, Jenny.



Alpha

BIG ALPHA WEEKEND - We are having our Alpha weekend on Fri 17th and Sat 18th February in the OSR for both the Friday morning and Tuesday evening Alpha courses. If you are not on the course and are able to help cater, wash up, help with crèche or are just happy to help with anything else that might need doing, please could you get in touch with Vicky on alpha@st-michaels-church.org.uk or via the church office on 0117 969 2486. Thank you!



22nd February 2012 7-30pm in Church

Simon and Martin will be leading us through this service, which marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a reflective service, some teaching and an opportunity to be marked with "ash" (in the sign of a cross) as a mark of repentance.

Lent: there is no Lent course this year. Alpha is it!