



GENESIS

OUR PLACE IN HIS STORY

JAN-MAR 2024

CHRIST CHURCH
BARNSTON



ST MICHAEL'S
PENSBY

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH & ST MICHAEL'S

SUNDAY

8:30am* & 10:30am Christ Church, Barnston

10:30am & 5:30pm St Michael's, Pensby

WEDNESDAY

10:30am* St Michael's, Pensby

GENESIS 1-12

As its opening words suggest, the book of Genesis is first of all a book about God. At the same time, it is a book that reveals his grand design for humanity. The early chapters help us make sense of ourselves, our purpose, value and identity as creatures made in the image of our relational Creator. They give us a handle on why the world is as we encounter it, beautiful yet broken, and most importantly, we discover the pattern and promise of redemption and renewal that is accomplished in and through Christ Jesus. Here is our hope, here is our place in his story.

JANUARY

- 07 *Verse of the Year* Colossians 2:6-7
14 In the beginning Genesis 1:1-31
21 * In the image Genesis 1:26-28
28 In the presence Genesis 2:1-3

FEBRUARY

- 04 Blossoming bounds..... Genesis 2:4-25
11 Beautiful bonds Genesis 2:18-25
18 * Breaking bad Genesis 3:1-24
25 Bringing back Genesis 3:1-24

MARCH

- 03 Bristling brotherhood Genesis 4:1-16
10 Building boats Genesis 6:9-22ff
17 * Building Babel Genesis 11:1-9
24 Bringing blessing..... Genesis 12:1-3
28 * *Maundy Thursday (& supper)...* 6:00pm St Michael's
29 *Good Friday all age service* 10:30am St Michael's
Meditation around the cross.... 1:30pm Christ Church
31 * Easter Sunday 1 Cor. 15:3-7

* denotes services of Holy Communion

PRAYER MEETING

The prayer meeting takes place Thursdays at St Michael's, 7:00-7:30pm. This is an important time as we express our dependence on our generous Father together. Don't worry if you're not used to praying aloud, there's no pressure, you can participate in quietness or by adding your 'Amen' to other's prayers, your presence will be an encouragement.

THE HUB

A relaxed and welcoming environment for enjoying fellowship and exploring our faith. The Hub takes place after the prayer meeting, Thursdays 7:45-9:00pm at St Michael's.

321: a fresh look at how Jesus makes sense of everything. Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, this four-week series is designed to help us think about God, the world and ourselves through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations. Whether we're just beginning our journey of discovery or well established in our take on things, 321 will introduce us to Jesus' vision for life and provide us with a clear framework for understanding the Christian hope for the world.

Being human: complementing our sermon series, we will take a further look at the early chapters of Genesis and discuss some of the big life issues they address, how they inform our understanding of the world we know and point us to the bigger story of God's purposes in Jesus.

JANUARY

- 11 321 The greatest story ever told
- 18 321 From heaven with love
- 25 321 Falling down, raising up

FEBRUARY

- 01 321 A champion's proposal
- 08 Being human - the gift of identity
- 15 Being human - the goal of relationships
- 22 *Prayer & Praise - (Half term)*
- 29 Being human - the guard for relationships

MARCH

- 07 Being human - recovering friendship
- 14 Being human - uncovering covenants
- 21 Being human - discovering blessing

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Christ Church with St Michael's is a church of all ages, for all ages. This is expressed as we gather altogether at the beginning of our main services before our young people head to their safe and engaging age appropriate groups.

There are crèche facilities with audio-visual link-ups available at both of the 10:30am services.

Our Sunday morning groups serve children aged 3-14 years.

Our children will be covering the same ground as our sermon series as they explore the early chapters of Genesis together and consider how they point to Jesus. During March they will enjoy a five-week series discovering the 'Wonder of Easter'.

YOUTH

SUNDAY FOCUS

A group for those in school years 7-13. Meeting Sunday evenings 7:00-8:30pm for food, fun, friendship and a focus on the bible. This term we will be discovering the identity of Jesus as we engage with John's gospel.

Focus is held in various venues around the parish. Contact Chris Slater for further info. or for a copy of the programme.

FAMILIES

LITTLE TUGS PLAY GROUP

Play, craft, story time, refreshments, Mondays 9:30-11:30am at St Michael's Church Hall (during term time). Programmes are available from the parish office.

MESSY CHURCH

Come as a family, includes tea, 3:30-5:30pm at St Michael's. Tuesdays: 23rd January, 20th February, 26th March.

PARISH EVENTS

MAGNUM OPUS

Church family deliver evening and matinee performances of music hall favourites, with refreshments, 15th and 16th March.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Mother's Union, 16th March, St Michael's.
Sewing Group, 20th March, Christ Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

A short service of Holy Communion followed by supper, 28th March, 6:00pm, St Michael's.

EASTER TRAIL

Easter egg hunt, craft, story-time, refreshments, for all the family, 30th March, 3:00-4:30pm, Christ Church Barnston.

WELCOME HUB

a welcoming space
at the heart of the community

St Michael's Centre is open Tuesday to Friday mornings for anyone to drop in for a warm welcome and a cuppa: a place to connect with community, to meet friends old and new, a place to work from, or simply a place to be. Free of charge.

refreshments • activities • wifi • quiet zone • disabled access
Tuesday-Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm, St Michael's Centre.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

BREAKFASTS

A hearty breakfast and an engaging speaker, at St Michael's.
Men's: 20th Jan, 16th Mar. Women's: 2nd Mar.

SEWING GROUP

Explore your creative side in good company.
Wednesdays 9.30-12:00noon (term time) Christ Church.

COFFEE & COMPANY

(together with the Knitting Group)
Drop in for a coffee and a catch up, all welcome.
Fridays 10:00-12:00noon, St Michael's.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Good food and companionship, with a particular welcome for those impacted by bereavement.
12:30pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month, Christ Church.

MOTHERS' UNION

Meeting, refreshments and programme of activities / speakers.
2.15pm, 2nd Wednesday of the month, St Michael's.

CARERS' GET TOGETHER

Enjoying food, fellowship and a speaker / entertainment.
11.45-1.45pm, 2nd Thursday of the month, St Michael's.

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ABOUT US

We are an evangelical Anglican parish that has been at the heart of the local community for 150 years. We are a church family of everyday people, of all ages, sharing life as we follow Jesus and discover together the difference he makes in the present and for the future. Our aim is that Christ Church and St Michael's feel like a home from home, a church family where everyone finds a welcome.

There's a lot going on, both on Sundays and throughout the week. Some of our activities are listed on this card, or you can find out more by calling one of the numbers below or visiting our website at www.barnston.info

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