



**THE LETTER TO THE
SEVEN CHURCHES**
MAY-AUG 2025

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

10:30 am* St Michael's, Pensby

* denotes services of Holy Communion

+ apart from 4th Sunday which is our Sunday @ Seven meeting

VICTORIOUS REVELATION 1-5

The old hymn reminds us that the Church exists amid toil, tribulation and tumult, how will she endure? Perhaps we find faith flagging, feel perplexed, face pressure, how will we keep on? The Apostle John, exiled for his faith on the Isle of Patmos, received a vision of, and a word from, the triumphant Christ for the Church of the ages. As we engage with this revelation, not only will our hopes rise as we encounter the real Jesus, but we'll discover that he has all we need to overcome, to be victorious.

MAY

- 04 The Loving One Revelation 1:1-8
- 11 The Living One Revelation 1:9-20
- 18* A fading witness, Ephesus..... Revelation 2:1-7
- 25 A faithful witness, Smyrna Revelation 2:8-11

JUNE

- 01 A flawed witness, Pergamum.... Revelation 2:12-17
- 08 Pentecost Celebration Vicarage Lawn
- 15* A fractured witness, Thyatira Revelation 2:18-29
- 22 A failing witness, Sardis Revelation 3:1-6
- 29 A fragile witness, Philadelphia ... Revelation 3:7-13

JULY

- 06 A foolish witness, Laodicea Revelation 3:14-22
- 13 United Service & BBQ..... Vicarage lawn
- 20* The Throne Room..... Revelation 4:1-11
- 27 The Lion and the Lamb Revelation 5:1-14

AUGUST

- 03 Be on your guard..... 1 Cor. 16:13
- 10 Stand firm in faith 1 Cor. 16:13
- 17* Be courageous 1 Cor. 16:13
- 24 Be strengthened 1 Cor. 16:13
- 31 Do everything in love 1 Cor. 16:14

PRAYER MEETING

Our church family prayer meeting takes place on the first Thursday of the month, 7:30-8:30pm at St Michael's, followed by refreshments. 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

At the Hub we get together to discuss different aspects of our faith and how they impact on our everyday. Hub sessions take place on Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm at St Michael's.

Loving Leviticus

Following on from our series in Exodus, we will delve into the seldom read riches of the book of Leviticus. This five-week overview will give us a handle on the content, help us understand the unfolding of God's plan of salvation, point us to Jesus and foster our appreciation of the blessings and benefits he secures. 15th, 22nd May, 12th, 19th, 26th June.

Redeeming Joy

Everyone wants to be happy, but happiness isn't what we need most. We're all chasing joy - a fruit of the Spirit that unlocks an abundant life of gratitude and generosity. Over three sessions we will be directed by the work of biblical counsellor Paul Tripp who will help us to realise and preserve joy, regardless of our circumstances. Jesus doesn't promise pain-free living, but he does promise unshakeable joy! The course will take place on the 10th, 17th and 24th July.

SUNDAY @ SEVEN

Sunday at Seven is an informal opportunity to get to know our church family better. In a 'chat show' style format we will hear the stories of member's lives and faith, the challenges and encouragements they've encountered, and how the gospel shapes their outlook, approach and ambitions.

Sunday at seven takes place at St Michael's on the fourth Sunday of the month, 7:00pm followed by refreshments.

321: GOD, WORLD, YOU

A fresh look at how Jesus makes sense of everything and offers hope for the world. Over four sessions 321 provides a clear framework for understanding the Christian message, if you'd like to engage with the course for yourself, or know someone who might be interested in exploring it with you, please get in touch with Chris Slater or the parish office for further information.

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. This term, our children will be following a similar programme to the adults, considering Jesus and his word to the churches in the book of Revelation. Through the summer weeks we'll be exploring our verse for the year from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

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 learning from Jesus' kingdom parables in Luke's gospel and joining in with Sunday @ Seven.

Focus is held in various venues around the parish. Contact Chris Slater for further information 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

Activities, craft, food and fun. Come as a family, includes tea, 3:30-5:30 pm at St Michael's. Tuesdays: 20th May, 24th June, 22nd July.

HOLIDAY CLUB

A week of activities, fun and games as we explore the Bible's message of life and hope in Jesus together. August 26th-29th, 9:00am-12noon at St Michael's. Contact the office for booking and further information.

PARISH EVENTS

VE DAY

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day, 8th May, with an afternoon tea, 3:00-5:00pm, and a chippy supper, 6:30pm, both at St Michael's. Contact the office for booking.

PENTECOST

A joint service on the vicarage lawn (weather permitting), followed by brunch. Sunday 8th June, 10:30am.

PARISH BBQ

Our church family BBQ follows an 'all together' open-air service on the vicarage lawn, Sunday 13th July, 10:30am.

THE DROP IN

a welcoming space
at the heart of the community

St Michael's Centre is open Tuesday mornings for anyone to drop in for a warm welcome, a cuppa and a snack: a place to connect, 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
9:30am-12:30pm, St Michael's Centre.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

BREAKFASTS

A hearty breakfast and an engaging speaker, at St Michael's.
Men's: 17th May, 19th July. Women's: 10th May, 5th July.

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.

PARISH WEEKEND 2025

A key date for the diary - our church family weekend away will take place at Yarnfield Park, nr. Stone, Staffordshire, from Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th October. This is a great opportunity to share time in a relaxed environment, and to grow together in faith and fellowship. Booking forms are available in each church, or contact the office for further information.

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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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