

CHRIST CHURCH
BARNSTON



ST MICHAEL'S
PENSBY



THE NICENE CREED

EXPLORING THE FAITH ONCE FOR
ALL ENTRUSTED TO THE SAINTS

AUTUMN / WINTER 2025

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

THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed has been lauded as one of the most important statements of Christian belief in the history of the Church. Recited by believers since the Second Ecumenical Council of 381, it is cherished for its precision and beauty. We explore the doctrines of scripture summarised in the creed to further our understanding of 'the faith once for all delivered to the saints,' to become more confident in articulating what we believe, and to grow in our devotion to the one God who is the Father of the Son in the joy of the Holy Spirit, the God who acts for us and for our salvation, the God who is good news.

SEPTEMBER

- 07 Great God of great things Jeremiah 32:17-23
- 14 The God who is Matthew 3:13-17
- 21 * The Almighty Father Matthew 7:7-12
- 28 The Eternal Son Colossians 1:15-20

OCTOBER

- 05 Parish Weekend Away 10:30am Christ Church
- 12 The Ransom Colossians 1:19-23
- 19 * The Risen 1 Corinthians 15:1-26
- 26 The Reigning Ephesians 1:19-23

NOVEMBER

- 02 The Holy Spirit John 16:12-15
- 09 Remembrance Sunday t.b.c.
- 16 * The Church Ephesians 2:11-22
- 23 The life to come Romans 8:18-25
- 30 Advent 1 Being watchful Matthew 24:36-51

DECEMBER

- 07 Advent 2 Being prepared Matthew 25:1-13
- 14 Advent 3 Being faithful Matthew 25:14-30
- 21 * Advent 4 Being family Matthew 25:31-46
- 28 New Year's Orientation Psalm 84:1-12

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.

Delighting in the Trinity

In the history of the Church, the doctrine of the Trinity, that God is three persons sharing one nature, has given rise to controversies, councils and creeds. Today, we may find it difficult to grasp or awkward to explain. Accompanying our consideration of the Nicene Creed, this series will provide an opportunity to explore the nature of God, to discover how the Trinity makes sense of our world, and to reflect on the comfort, hope and purpose the Triune God brings to our lives. 11th, 18th, 25th September; 9th, 16th, 23rd October.

Parenting, it's not what you think

Parenting is a joy, a privilege and undoubtedly a challenge. In this series, important not just for parents and grandparents but the whole church as we play our part, we discover the big picture, how to shape character, navigate the teens, and learn to rest in God. 13th, 20th, 27th November, 11th December.

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 the content of the Nicene Creed. Throughout the Advent season we count down to Christmas by engaging with the characters of the nativity.

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 looking at the bible's answers to frequently asked questions about Christianity, as well as 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, 23rd Sept, 28th Oct, 25th Nov.

PARISH EVENTS

HARVEST SUPPER

Celebrating and giving thanks for God's good provision, Friday 26th September, 6:30 for 7:00pm, St Michael's.

PARISH WEEKEND

An opportunity to unwind in the Staffordshire countryside, sharing time as a church family, fostering fellowship and faith together. October 3rd-5th, Yarnfield Park.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A quiet time to reflect and remember those close at heart but no longer at hand, followed by refreshments, 2nd November 3:00pm at Christ Church.

ADVENT CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Launching the season with an evening of good food and great fun, for all ages, invite a friend. 28th Nov. 6:30pm, St Michael's.

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: 20th Sept., 15th Nov. Women's: 1st Nov.

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.

CHRISTMAS 2025

December dates for your diary:

14th Pop-up Nativity, 3:00pm

18th Carols around the tree, 6:00pm

21st Carols by Candlelight, 4:00pm & 6:30pm

24th Christingle Service, 4:30pm

24th Midnight Communion, 11:30pm

25th Christmas Day Celebration, 10:30am

A full Christmas programme and invitations to events will be available later in the term.

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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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