



# PHILIPPIANS

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SHINING LIKE STARS

MAY-AUGUST 2026

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

## PHILIPPIANS SUMMER SONGS

Writing to the church 'in Christ at Philippi,' the Apostle Paul reveals the realities of their identity, unity and hope in Christ, equipping his readers to joyfully stand firm and shine out as disciples of Jesus, even in the midst of testing opposition. As we consider this letter, we will be fortified to faithfully and confidently press on towards the prize 'which is better by far.' Our summer series engaging with the Psalms, the songs of our Saviour, will help us bring truth to bear on our everyday lives.

### MAY

- 03 Complete in Christ ..... Philippians 1:1-11
- 10 Convinced in Christ..... Philippians 1:12-26
- 17 \* Community in Christ..... Philippians 1:27-2:11
- 24 *Pentecost Celebration* ..... 10:30am St Michael's
- 31 Conformed in Christ ..... Philippians 2:12-30

### JUNE

- 07 Confident in Christ ..... Philippians 3:1-9
- 14 Contending in Christ ..... Philippians 3:10-4:1
- 21 \* Composed in Christ..... Philippians 4:2-9
- 28 Content in Christ..... Philippians 4:10-23

### JULY

- 05 Anguish to assurance ..... Psalm 13:1-6
- 12 *United Service & BBQ*..... Vicarage lawn
- 19 \* Folly to fortress ..... Psalm 14:1-7
- 26 Crisis to confidence..... Psalm 15:1-5

### AUGUST

- 02 Refuge to resurrection..... Psalm 16:1-11
- 09 Revelation to redemption..... Psalm 19:1-14
- 16 \* Appeal to assurance ..... Psalm 20:1-9
- 23 Helper to host..... Psalm 23:1-6
- 30 Vale to vindication ..... Psalm 24:1-10

# PRAYER MEETING

Our monthly prayer meeting is an expression of our belief that the God reigns who over all things is a generous Father who delights to hear the prayers of his children. All are welcome as we gather to pray for matters local and global, there's no pressure to pray aloud, your presence will be an encouragement. At St Michael's unless otherwise stated, 7:30-8:30pm, with refreshments from 7:15pm; May 7th, June 2nd, July 16th (Christ Church), August 27th.

# DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

An opportunity to further consider the joy and privilege of life together 'in Christ.' Featuring documentary-style films and real-life stories from around the world, this journey through the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians complements our sermon series, and will help to equip us to live distinctively as a community of disciples of Christ. Mondays 1:30pm at Christ Church or Thursdays 7:30pm at St Michael's.

## MAY

- 11/14 Confident in Christ..... Philippians 1:1-11
- 18/21 Living in Christ..... Philippians 1:12-26
- 25 /28 *Half Term*..... *no meeting*

## JUNE

- 01/04 One in Christ..... Philippians 1:27-2:11
- 08/11 Obedient in Christ ..... Philippians 2:12-30
- 15/18 Righteous in Christ..... Philippians 3:1-9
- 22/25 Transformed in Christ..... Philippians 3:10-4:1
- 29/02 Rejoicing in Christ..... Philippians 4:2-9

## JULY

- 06/09 Content in Christ..... Philippians 4:10-23

# SUNDAY @ SEVEN

Sunday at Seven is an informal opportunity to get to know our church family better. In a 'chat show' style format we 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

Take a fresh look at how Jesus makes sense of everything and offers hope for the world through this four part framework for understanding the Christian message. Contact Chris, Joe 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 our discipleship through Paul's letter to the Philippians before enjoying a summer playlist from the Psalms, teaching us to bring truth to bear on life.

# YOUTH

## **SUNDAY FOCUS**

A group for young people 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 engaging with the letter to the Philippians and joining in with Sunday @ Seven.

Focus is held in the hall at Christ Church. 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 or the back of church.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Bible teaching, activities, craft, fun, featuring the mischievous Cheeky Monkey. Come as a family, includes tea, 3:30-5:30 pm at St Michael's. Tuesdays: 19th May, 23rd June, 21st 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 24th-28th, 9:00am-12noon at St Michael's. Contact the office for booking and further information.

# PARISH EVENTS

## **PENTECOST**

We come together for a joint Pentecost Celebration followed by brunch. Sunday 24th May, 10:30am, St Michael's.

## **HEALING SERVICE**

Reflecting on God our strength and refuge, with opportunity for personal prayer. Sunday 31st May, 5:30pm, St Michael's.

## **PARISH BBQ**

Our church family BBQ follows an 'all together' open-air service on the vicarage lawn, Sunday 12th 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: 16th May, 18th July. Women's: 27th June.

### 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](http://www.barnston.info)

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