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## 3RD MAY 2026, 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Philippians 1:1-11 (p.1178)

- 8:30am Christ Church Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:30am Christ Church Service of the Word
- 10:30am St Michael's Service of the Word
- 5:30pm St Michael's Evening Prayer
- 10:30am St Michael's *Midweek Communion (Weds. 6th May)*

## Welcome to Christ Church & St Michael's

A warm welcome to our services today, we're glad to see you. 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. If you are visiting for the first time please note audio/visual assistance, crèche facilities and toilets can be accessed at all of our services, refreshments are served afterwards, if you can stay we'd be delighted to meet you. There's a lot going on, both on Sundays and throughout the week, some of our activities are listed overleaf, you can find out more by picking up one of our term cards or visiting our website: [www.barnston.info](http://www.barnston.info)



Acts 16 reminds us Philippi was a Roman colony, the residents may have dwelt in this leading city of the district, but their citizenship was in Rome; when in Philippi, do as the Romans do. Paul plays on this idea in his letter to the church, from the outset he reminds them they were 'at Philippi' but 'in Christ,' when in Christ, do as... The Apostle Paul wants the church he planted to grasp the privilege and priorities of their new status, to realise their unity, joy, hope together in Christ, standing firm and shining as stars even and especially in the midst of testing opposition. He encourages lived out discipleship, heavenly citizenship, as they press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God had called them 'in' Christ Jesus. We consider this letter together this term, that we too may be so equipped and rejoice in who we are 'in Christ.'

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



## Welcome and Thanks

A warm welcome to Joe, Beth and the girls as they begin life as members of our church family, and a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Joe's licensing such a joyous and memorable occasion, the effort was much appreciated, thank you.

## Little Tugs

Our toddler group is closed on Bank Holiday Monday, resuming Monday 11th May, 9:30-11:30am at St Michael's, craft, play, story time, refreshments. Programme cards can be picked up from the back of church.

## Church Family Prayer Meeting

Join us as we pray together for the events of the coming term and for the mission of the wider church. All welcome, no pressure to pray aloud. 7th May, 7:30-8:30pm at St Michael's, refreshments served from 7:15pm.

## Discipleship Explored

Accompanying our sermon series this term we'll have the opportunity to further explore the message of Philippians in small groups using the Discipleship Explored resource, featuring documentary-style films and real-life stories from around the world, designed to help followers of Jesus discover the joy, unity, righteousness and love which are theirs in Christ. From Monday 11th 1:30pm at Christ Church hall and Thursday 14th May 7:30pm at St Michael's. All welcome.

## Fellowship Lunch

Join us for a great lunch and fellowship, with a particular welcome for those impacted by bereavement. Tuesday 12th May 12:30pm, in Christ Church hall.

## Mothers' Union

M.U. will take place Wednesday 13th May 2:15pm at St Michael's.

## Carers' Get Together

Respite for all care-providers in the form of good food, support and fellowship, Thursday

14th May 11:45am. Contact Carol Jordan for further information.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 16th May, 8:30am at St Michael's with guest speaker David Back - pioneering professor of pharmacology, Liverpool Uni. Invite a friend or neighbour, please let Bob Jarvis know if you plan to attend, thank you.

## Messy Church

Take places Tues. 19th May, 3:30-5:30pm at St Michael's. Come as a family, bring a friend; includes cheeky monkey, bible time, craft, games and your tea.

## Pentecost

We gather together with our friends from Emmanuel Pensby for a joint celebration on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, 10:30am at St Michael's, followed by a brunch.

## Healing Service

Rev. David Trollope will be leading a healing service on Sunday 31st May, 5:30pm at St. Michael's, an opportunity to receive prayer and to reflect together on our life and hope, all welcome, followed by refreshments.

## Pastoral Care

Please note: leaflets detailing our pastoral care team, their ministry and how to access support are available in church.

## Mission Partnership

We pray for Dave Casson at the Church at the Barn. Visit our website for their latest news or speak to mission rep. Ce Oliver.

## Remembering

As a church we remember the families and friends mourning Barbara Samples, Richard Austin, James Vickers, George Gardner, Jeff Chapman, Nora Ashton (Nora's funeral will be held at 12:00noon, 18th May, Landican).

## What's On

View our latest term card on our website or pick up a copy at the back of church.