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10TH MAY 2026, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Philippians 1:12-26 (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 Holy Communion (CW)
- 10:30am St Michael's *Midweek Communion (Weds. 13th 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



Paul wrote to the Philippians from prison, in chains for Christ, yet remarkably, his letter is full of joy, confidence and hope. Rather than being focussed on his circumstances, Paul rejoiced that what had happened to him had in fact 'served to advance the gospel' (1:12). Even in suffering, God is at work. As we continue our series in Philippians, we'll see that when Jesus is at the very centre of our lives, he reshapes our priorities, our perspective and even how we face hardship. Paul's great desire was not first for comfort, but that Christ would be honoured and made known. This week we explore what it means to live with that same joyful confidence. In a world often driven by fear, success and self-preservation, Paul points us to something greater: a life centred on Christ and the advance of the gospel. Join us as we discover the encouragement and eternal perspective found in Jesus.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



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

Little Tugs

Our toddler group continues through term time, Mondays 9:30-11:30am St Michael's, for craft, play, story time and refreshments.

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.

Minutes and Budget

Copies of the unapproved Minutes of the PCC meeting (17th March) and the March and April budget are available at the back of each church or from the parish office.

PCC

The newly elected PCC (Parochial Church Council) meets for the first time 19th May, 7:30pm at St Michael's.

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. Please sign up at the back of church if you plan to attend.

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.

Funeral Notices

The funerals of Nora Ashton and Barbara Samples will be held at 12:00noon Monday 18th May, Landican (centre), and Tuesday 2nd June 1:00pm at St Michael's respectively.

Mission Partnership

This week we pray for Joshua and Miriam Mbithi, serving Neema Children's Home and School. Visit our website for their latest news or speak to mission rep. Jane McCallum.

Remembering

We remember family and friends mourning Nora Ashton, Jeff Chapman, James Vickers, Barbara Samples, George Gardner.