



# ROCK & Refuge

BEHOLDING OUR GOD

**AUTUMN / WINTER 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*

## ROCK & REFUGE

In a world of uncertainty and confusion there is great comfort in knowing God as he actually is. Whilst we finite creatures cannot comprehend the our infinite Creator completely, we can know him truly, he has made himself known in his works, his word and ultimately, by his Son. In this series, as we explore some of his attributes, his nature and character, we will discover that the God who is entirely other, sovereign and glorious, is good news. To our wonder, worship and assurance, we behold the God who is mighty to save and merciful to care, our Redeemer, Rock and Refuge, who binds himself to his people in steadfast love.

### SEPTEMBER

- 06 The Revelation of God ..... Hebrews 1:1-3
- 13 Mission Sunday ..... Acts 13:19-29
- 20 \* The Independence of God ..... Acts 17:22-31
- 27 The Unity of God ..... Exodus 3:1-15

### OCTOBER

- 04 The Unchanging God ..... James 1:17-18
- 11 The Unmastered God ..... Isaiah 40:27-28
- 18 \* The Presence of God ..... Psalm 139:7-18
- 25 The Power of God ..... Psalm 139:1-4

### NOVEMBER

- 01 The Goodness of God ..... Psalm 107:1-9
- 08 *Remembrance Sunday* ..... *t.b.c.*
- 15 \* The Righteousness of God ..... Romans 3:21-26
- 22 The Glory of God ..... Psalm 29:1-11
- 29 Advent 1 Song of Mary ..... Luke 1:46-55

### DECEMBER

- 06 Advent 2 Song of Zechariah ..... Luke 1:67-79
- 13 Advent 3 Song of Angels ..... Luke 2:8-20
- 20 \* Advent 4 Song of Simeon ..... Luke 2:25-38
- 27 Verse of the Year ii ..... Romans 1:14-17

# 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, 7:30-8:30pm, refreshments served from 7:15pm; 3rd Sept., 1st Oct., 12th Nov., 3rd Dec.

# 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.

## DISTINCT

As the Apostle Paul reminds Titus, his 'son in the faith,' the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared for all people in the earthly ministry of Jesus. That same Jesus will return to usher in his great, good and glorious reign. Between these appearances, followers of Jesus are called to live distinct lives after his example and leading. This is compelling and attractive discipleship. In our Hub series this term we will think through some everyday challenges in order to encourage and equip us to live distinctly as God's people in this present age.

## SEPTEMBER

- 10 Mere Christianity, godliness ..... Titus 2:11-14
- 17 Pride and Prejudice, humility ..... Luke 18:9-14
- 24 Grapes of Wrath, anger ..... Matt. 5:21-26

## OCTOBER

- 08 Sense and Sensibility, self control ..... Gal. 5:13-25
- 15 War and Peace, speaking ..... James 3:1-12
- 24 Vanity Fair, ambition ..... Romans 12:1-21

# 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.

# PASTORAL CARE

We have pastoral teams for support or a listening ear at both Christ Church and St Michael's. See overleaf to get in touch or pick up a leaflet from the back of church. Prayer requests can be directed to our pastoral team via WhatsApp: St Michael's 07947 701 778, Christ Church 07984 890 596.

# 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 nature and character of God before an Advent series on 'the Carols of Christmas,' the songs of the nativity as recorded in Luke's gospel.

## 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 further engaging with our sermon series on the attributes of God as well as joining in with Sunday @ Seven.

Focus is held in the hall at Christ Church. Contact Joe Hadfield 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. 3:30-5:30pm at St Michael's. Tuesdays: 22nd Sept, 20th Oct, 24th Nov.

## PARISH EVENTS

### **CHURCH FAMILY DAY & HARVEST SUPPER**

A day for all the church family - Saturday 10th October at St Michael's. A morning of teaching and vision will be followed by lunch. In the afternoon we enjoy free time to explore Wirral's attractions together, all before we round the day off with a Harvest Supper.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A quiet time to reflect and remember those close at heart but no longer at hand, followed by refreshments, 1st 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. 27th 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: 19th Sept., 21st Nov. Women's: 3rd Oct.

### 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 2026

December dates for your diary:

17th Carols around the tree, 6:00pm  
20th 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](http://www.barnston.info)

## CONTACT US

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