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4TH OCTOBER 2026, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Psalm 62:1-8 (p.579), Psalm 90:1-2 (p.599); James 1:17-18 (p.1213).

- 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. 7th Oct.)

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 a Term Card or visiting our website: www.barnston.info

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& Refuge

BEHOLDING OUR GOD

James reminds his readers 'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.' Life, breath and everything is given out of the goodness that is God our Creator. But what if he should cease to be good? What if God could change? For assurance James continues, God the giver 'does not change like shifting shadows.' He is not mutable like the lengthening shadow, he is the 'I am,' neither becoming greater nor lesser; in his perfection and primacy, he cannot improve, deteriorate nor be modified by external forces. This offers us an unshakeable foundation, God's promises and love are permanently secure. Divine immutability ensures that God is eternally trustworthy, an anchor for the soul in an ever-shifting world.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Church Family Day

Sign up today for our 'Church day at home' on Saturday 10th October, St Michael's. Arrival from 9:30am for a cuppa, to begin at 10:00am. We'll enjoy two morning sessions with coffee in-between, children's activities provided. Lunch is included, served at 1:00pm, before a free afternoon to enjoy Wirral's attractions together. We round the day off with Harvest Supper, 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Feel free to come for all or part of the day, and to invite a friend along for the supper. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. If you have any board games you'd be happy for people to use in the afternoon, please bring them along.

Equip

Equip is an opportunity to grow in confidence in understanding, applying and sharing the Bible. Connect with others in our region over the remaining five Sunday evenings as Rev. Mark Pickles equips us to know and handle God's word better. You can catch up on the first session's recording, or dive straight in this week. St Stephen's Prenton, 6:00-8:00pm, on Sundays, Oct. 4th, 11th, Nov. 15th, 22nd and 29th. For further info email matt@ssp.church

Little Tugs

Our toddler group continues on Monday 9:30-11:30am at St Michael's, for craft, play, story time, refreshments, etc.

Drop In

Drop in for a cuppa, chat, connect with our local community, bring your work (free wifi), St Michael's, Tuesday mornings between 9:30am and 12:30pm.

Carers' Get Together

Respite for care-providers in the form of good food, support and fellowship, Thurs. 8th Oct. 11:45am at St Michael's. Brenda Lewis will be speaking about the Teams4U Shoebox Appeal, with a short film showing the impact of the shoeboxes. Contact Carol J for info.

Hub: Distinct

We continue our series at our discipleship hub that will help us think through how the gospel shapes our daily lives. This week we discuss 'sense and sensibility,' good news for self control, not rules to obey but a person to know. Thursday 7:30-9:00pm at St Michael's, refreshments served from 7:15pm.

Fellowship Lunch

Join us for a great lunch and fellowship, with a particular welcome for those impacted by bereavement. Tuesday 13th Oct., 12:30pm in Christ Church hall.

Mothers' Union

At their next meeting our Mother's Union will be enjoying a craft afternoon together, Wednesday 14th Oct., 2:15pm, St Michael's.

Wednesday Sewing Group

Will be holding an Autumn Coffee Morning Thursday 15th October between 10:00am -1:00pm. In addition to the sales table, there will be a raffle for a quilt made by the group and an opportunity to purchase the Thursday Boys' Christmas Trees. All are welcome.

CAP Money Course

If you would be interested in learning how to budget better, please let Cecelia know as we plan to run a CAP Money Coaching course in the Autumn.

PCC Minutes

Copies of the unapproved minutes of the September PCC meeting are available at the back of each church or from the parish office.

Mission Partnership

This week we pray for John and Zoe Putman serving at the Rift Valley Academy, Kenya. Visit our website for their latest news, or speak to our mission rep. Lois Millington.

Remembering

We remember family and friends mourning Philip Putman, Pieter Cloete, Eric Campbell Geraldine Sanderson and Pat Pearman.