



Welcome to our church - everyone is welcome here!

September 2023

September – have you got your new pencil case sorted? Sorry if that sounds odd to you, but that is what September brings to my mind. So many years linked with the academic world – as a child, parent, teacher and parish priest - September has been a time to take a deep breath and get back into it (and I've always had a hankering after new stationery!). Seriously though, this month does have about it a new year feeling. Many people will be relieved that things return to normal, regular activities can be resumed. However, for others this is a very anxious time. Children starting a new school – even a new class and teacher is hard for some. Students moving away from home to pursue their own path through learning and careers can find this time tough. Perhaps you, or someone close to you, is facing a tricky new step this September.

New is supposed to be exciting but it can be very difficult, and unrealistic expectations by those involved as well as family and friends make this even harder. What has all this got to do with the church newsletter you may be thinking. Our faith should be woven throughout our lives. Whatever we undertake, wherever we are, however we are feeling we are not alone -whether we worry for ourselves or for someone close. Jesus probably didn't get new term blues, but we know he faced enormous challenges in his life, as he followed God's plan for him. He knew he wasn't alone even in his darkest moments. Remember he talked about God caring for everyone. In Matthew's gospel (ch 11 v28) Jesus says "Come to me all who are weary and whose load is heavy...). Of course, it is important that we reach out to any who are struggling, and anyone who is having a tough time should reach out for help. We are a community and are responsible for each other. Whatever happens, St Michael's is here! So, I hope September goes well for you and for those you love and care for, Edith



Upcoming services

Sunday Sept 3rd 9 am Eucharist and Orchard service to celebrate Creationtide Sunday Sept 10th 10.15 am Eucharist

Sunday Sept 17th 10.15am Eucharist Disability awareness Sunday

Sunday Sept 24th 10.15am Eucharist

Sunday Oct 1st 9 am Eucharist 10.15 am Orchard all-age service

Regular Events (in term time):

Monday: **Family Church** 3.40pm in church – all welcome

Wednesday: **Sprouts** 9.15am in church - worship and play for Parents and under-fives

First Wednesday of month – Walking group 9.30 meet at Church, Poetry group – 7pm and Pub church from 8pm in The Church Inn

Thursday **Eucharist** 10.15 am 2nd, 4th Weds of the month at St Michael's, 1st, 3rd and 5th at St John's 10.30am

Third Thursday of month 2pm **Mothers' Union** in the Croft

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Church Open Day 9th September 2023 St. Michael's Restoration & Development Trust are hosting an OPEN DAY to celebrate the history and heritage of our beautiful church building and proudly open our doors to our parish and beyond. Refreshments all day! We'll be open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Burial records and parish registers from 1930s onwards

Where are they now? Past priests and curates

We were there – WW11 stories in south porch and History of Flixton Parish books for sale

Various displays - 2000-year timeline and children's quiz

Climb the spiral staircase to the ringing room



Games Club/Warm Hub - After a successful introduction, the games club will meet from 10.00 - 12.30 on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of every month in Church Croft, commencing on 12th September. Rummikub, Quiddler, dominoes, back gammon and lots more. Share our games or bring your own.

EVERYBODY WELCOME Donations from £1 including drink and biscuits.

ELECTORAL ROLL: If anyone has been worshipping in church for 6 months or more and would like to be on the Electoral Roll speak to Judy Booth or if any of the regular attenders want to check whether they are on it just ask me. Thank you very much. Judy booth.judith@yahoo.co.uk

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON LOOKING AFTER THE CHURCHYARD!



Please contact Rev Huw if you would like to join in this marvellous service to God's Creation and our church!

A date for your Diary: Concert by Chethams music students – all proceeds go to the church – 7 p.m. on October 11th - please put in your diaries!! Entrance via donations on the door. A raffle and interval drinks will be available too.



OCTOBER 8th 2pm - thanksgiving for animals – please join us and bring a well-behaved human or two.

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