For your prayers this week

Your prayers are asked for all those who are sick, bereaved or especially in need of God's help: ***Patricia Stephenson, Julian Gibbs, Pat Isom, Jean Knapp, Jane Donahue, Sue Jeans***
Please make sure you have permission to add anyone to the above list.

Your prayers are also asked for all those who have recently died, and whose anniversary of death falls at this time, and these people's family and friends.

Year's Mind (29th October -5th November) **Elizabeth Montgomery, David Ransley**

Please email administrator@stmichaelsmere.org.uk with name and date of any one you would like remembered for Year's Mind or fill in the form on the table at the back of the church.

Contact information
Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Molano - 07396 979448.
Please note Rev'd Michael's rest day is usually Monday.
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Facebook: St Michael's Church, Mere

Useful Information
If you are new to our church, please do complete a yellow 'Welcome Card' found at the end of the pew and hand it to a Welcomer after the service**.**
Children are very welcome at our services; there is a Children's Corner at the back of the church if they become restless and in family services a mini Sunday School.
Toilets, including baby changing facilities, are situated behind the doors at the back of the church**.**

Collection / Donations We are only funded by your kind donations and anything you can give to help us pay our bills is very gratefully received, thank you.
You may notice that some people do not put anything in the collection plate. This may be because they donate regularly directly from their bank account. If you would like to do this, please speak to one of the welcomers or complete one of the Parish Giving Scheme leaflets by the card reader. Alternatively, there are white envelopes at the pew ends for your gifts or you can donate via the card reader by the entrance.

CHURCH OF St Michael THE ARCHANGEL IN MERE

All Saints Day
1st November 2026

Welcome to St Michael's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time.

Notices and Dates

All Souls Service of personal remembrance- 4pm TODAY
If you have lost someone close to you and would like the opportunity to remember them in church, please do write their name on the sheet by door and come along to our special service at 4pm today when their names will be read out and we will remember them together.

Bible Study Group – This runs on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, led by Rev'd Michael 2.30- 4.30pm in the Friends' Corner, here in church. Everyone welcome, whether you come regularly or would simply like to join us for one session. Next meeting is 11th November.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Please take a leaflet on the table by the North Door about how to join in with this year's shoebox appeal. Please bring boxes to church for on 22nd November when we will bless them in the service. **Please do not leave boxes in church before this date!**

Christmas Fayre-– Saturday 12th December in the Grove Building. If you are able to help please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Services for next week –8th November - Remembrance Sunday
8am BCP Communion
10.30 Remembrance Sunday – meet in the square at 10.30 followed by service in church.

Please email any notices for next week's Pew Sheet or for additions and removals to the Prayer List and Year's Mind to the administrator by Wednesday: administrator@stmichaelsmere.org.uk

Collect
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Revelation 7.9–end
I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34.1–10
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him. Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing. Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

1 John 3.1–3
See what love the Father has given us,that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1–12
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'