





Welcome to our church - everyone is welcome here! January 2025



Message from the Curate

A very Happy New Year to you all! During the holiday I had the privilege of seeing the David Hockney immersive art exhibition at Aviva studios. This really was his art all around you with a wonderful commentary of Hockney explaining his ideas in a very humble way. Many of his pieces celebrate the wonder of Creation in such detail and vibrancy – it really filed me with joy! He is very keen on 'looking' and said that most of us don't really look at the world around us, it just passes us by. This reminded me of something Sister Wendy Beckett said about prayer: 'prayer is really just us taking time to look at

God and God looking at us' thus Hockney's joyous art and celebration of the world from so many different angles, is really another form of prayer in which we can all join. Amen. Rev Caroline

Upcoming Events

Sunday January 12th 10.15am - Eucharist - Epiphany 2

Sunday January 19th 10.15am – Eucharist-Baptism of Christ

Sunday January 26th 10.15am - Eucharist - Epiphany 3

Sunday February 2nd 10.15am - Orchard Service Candlemas

Regular Events: (term time but not Jan or August)

Monday: Family Church 3.40pm in church – all welcome

First Wednesday of month: Walking group 9.15 am at the Croft Poetry Group at 7pm and 8pm

Pub church in the Church inn – a Christian presence in the pub – all welcome.

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

Happy New Year to you all! St. Michael's Restoration and Development Trust would like to remind members that subscriptions are now due. If you are not a member of the Trust, then please consider subscribing as ALL funds are used to maintain the fabric and building of our beautiful church. Please see forms at the back of church and gift aid if possible

Please place cash or a cheque in an envelope

(with your name and RDT on front and any cheques made payable to - St. Michael's Restoration & Development Trust) and hand to Judith Moore (treasurer) or myself.

Thank you very much for your continued support - this is your church and it's up to us to maintain it for future generations!

Jean Rostron



Our Mission Community Unity Service

You are warmly invited to join us at **All Saints Church**, **Stretford on Sunday 19th January**, **6pm** with Guest Preacher - **Bishop Mark Davies** Gathering as a mission community to worship Christ together, and to express our common faith in songs of praise. If you would like a lift, see Rev Caroline

Next steps in Faith = would you like to move on in your faith journey?

Confirmation is a visible way of moving on in your journey of faith and confirms the promises made on your behalf at your baptism – if you are interested in exploring next steps and faith (you are not committing yourself!) a small group of us will be meeting for three or four evening sessions. Please speak to Rev Caroline about dates and times.