

November 15th – Sunday 28th, 2021

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“All we are asking you to do is to keep your promises.” Has COP26 achieved this? If so, we give our heartfelt thanks, If not, we pray for forgiveness from our children, grandchildren and future generations.

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Music has always been important in the life of St Michael’s and we give thanks for all the organists, choir members and musicians who have served us over the years. With imminent changes to the future of worship as part of the 2030 plan, we pray for all who will lead our music ministry in the coming years.

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We continue to hear of many countries suffering the effects of drought and potential humanitarian crises affecting millions of people throughout the world. Yet another effect of climate change for us to continue in prayer.

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Many of our members and friends have personal concerns which they carry quietly and without complaint. We pray for them all that they may have the support and friendship they need.

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Many countries throughout the world suffer because of the lack of integrity of their politicians and it is easy for us to despair about any prospect of change. We pray for faith to remember that our God cares for us and has given us gifts to show a better example.

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Tomorrow is CrossReach Sunday when we give thanks for the work of our Social Care Council in all they do to provide for so many in need throughout Scotland.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Christ our King, you came to share our joys, our sorrows and our frailty. In your resurrection and ascension we see your majesty completed and are silenced in wonder. May we find in your service true freedom, and in your will, our hopes fulfilled.

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At this time of year we receive many desperate pleas from charities to help their work. While we cannot support them all, we give thanks for their work and pray that what we can give will help.

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We have a long-standing concern about missing generations in the Church of which we are more aware as our older leaders retire. As our future plans develop, we pray for people with appropriate gifts to offer their service in Christ’s name.

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As Christmas approaches we remember all who have suffered during the pandemic and who are still struggling to rebuild their lives. We pray for awareness and in a spirit of kindness, consider how we may help.

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At this time of year an international campaign takes place to raise awareness of 16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) against women, a problem which increased greatly during the pandemic. We pray for its success.

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St Michael's has several teams which assist Bethany Christian Trust serve meals to homeless people during the winter. Please pray for them and for the well-being of those they serve.

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Today our community will share the joy and light of the Advent Fair once again after the pandemic. We give thanks for how we worked together to care for each other and pray that mutual help and support will always be a symbol of our community, remembering that "St. Michael is kind to strangers".

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Today, the first Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of HOPE – Hope that the promises made by COP26 will be kept, Hope for the poor of the world, Hope for the countries in danger of the flooding and fires of climate change, Hope for a more peaceful undivided world, Hope that we may all have learnt to listen and work together in peace.