



JUNE NEWSLETTER

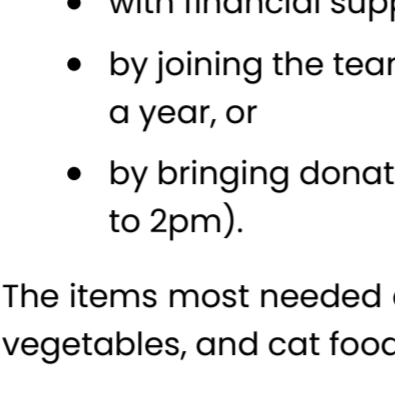
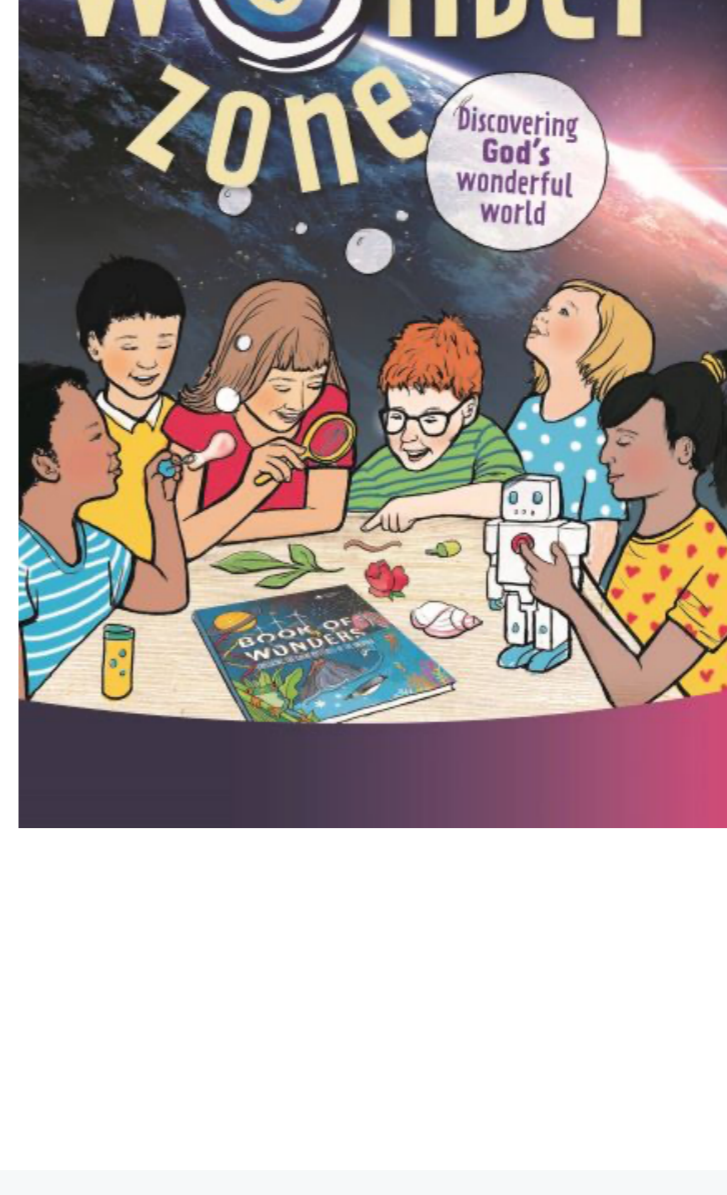
Happy Marches! (and Gala Day). And welcome to your June newsletter from St Michael's Parish Church. The newsletter will be taking a summer break from now until late August, so this issue is crammed extra-full with everything from how to help at Holiday Club, to fundraising by tea-towel, to the most expensive socks in Scotland!

Holidays = Holiday Club

WONDERZONE: A Summer Holiday Club for P1-P7 – and yes, if you're just heading into P1, you're invited too! It'll be jam packed with zany characters, fun games, and science-ish crafts. Robots? Space ships? Volcanoes? All that and more as we explore all the beautiful and intricate ways that God's universe works!

From 10am-12 noon on 8th-12th August, your kids will have a blast. And, if you've got a secondary-age child, why not ask them if they'd like to come on board as helper? It's a great opportunity to get some volunteer experience. Adult helpers will also be needed in a variety of roles – please contact Steve at steve@stmichaels-parish.org.uk to express interest.

To register, please fill out the form and return it either to the Church Office in Cross House or email it to HolidayClub@stmichaels-parish.org.uk



Support our Local Foodbank

In these challenging times, requests for Foodbank help have increased but donations are down. There are several ways you can help –

- by remembering the Foodbank's work in your prayers
- with financial support on a one-off or a regular basis
- by joining the team of volunteers to staff a supermarket food collection once or twice a year, or
- by bringing donations to Cross House after the morning service on Sunday 31 July (up to 2pm).

The items most needed at this time are tinned custard, UHT milk, biscuits, tinned tomatoes or vegetables, and cat food.

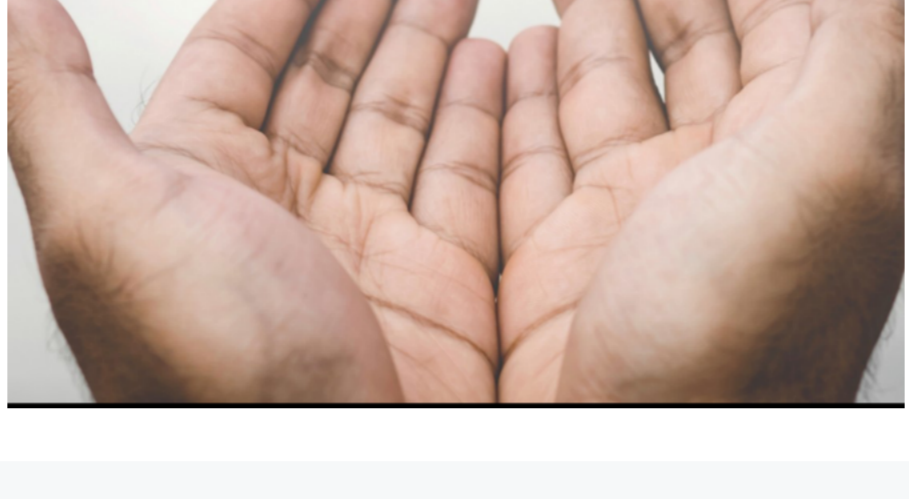
If you can't come on 31st July or want more information, please contact Alison Murray on agmurray52@gmail.com or [07759 127048](tel:07759127048)



Prayer at St Michael's

Tuesday at 12pm in Kirkgate Room
Wednesday at 12.30pm Online
Thursday at 2pm in St Michael's
Friday at 12pm in Kirkgate Room

Contact ifraser@churchofscotland.org.uk for more information



Toddlers Summer Fun

Recent highlights for our Toddlers Group have included a session at Little Bugs Nursery, Abercorn, where the children loved playing outside, and cakes, balloons and colouring-in to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The last session for this term will be on 24th June and first session back at the Kirk Hall will be on Friday 19th August. However...



We're delighted that Toddlers will have a summer base at the Longcroft Hall, where they'll meet on Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 9.30-11.30. If the weather is kind, outside play in the garden will be included. Book places for the adults [here](https://www.stmichaels-parish.org.uk) if you have any questions, please contact Fiona McCracken on [07549 014575](tel:07549014575) or fiona@stmichaels-parish.org.uk



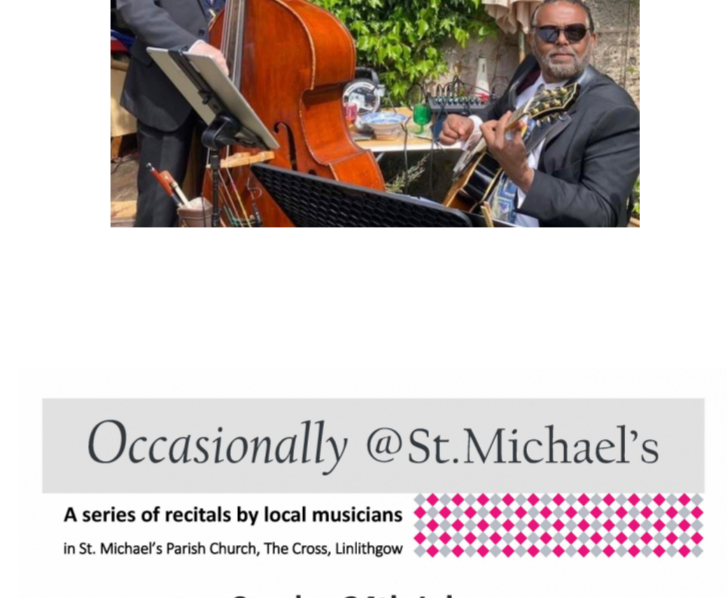
Auction Sock-cess

The Silent Auction fundraiser for Aspire Linlithgow on Friday 10th was a roaring success. With successful bids alone totalling £11.4k, the £10,000 fundraising target has not only been met but surpassed. Some great bargains were bagged – but bidders were also very generous in their support. A special mention goes to the online bidder who successfully offered £1000 for 'Aunt Margaret's hand-knitted kilts socks (3 pairs)'. Definitely the most expensive socks in Scotland! A massive thank you goes to both the surprised donor and the open-handed bidder, and to everyone who contributed and took part.

Musical Afternoons

Occasionally @St.Michael's
A series of recitals by local musicians in St. Michael's Parish Church, The Cross, Linlithgow

Sunday 19th June, 3pm
Eine Kleine Jazz Musik
Cathy Vickers & Hilary Jones – voices
Marisa Ford – guitar / Rob Perry – bass
Bill Jones – trombone, piano & voice
Admission free, donations invited for upkeep of the church organ

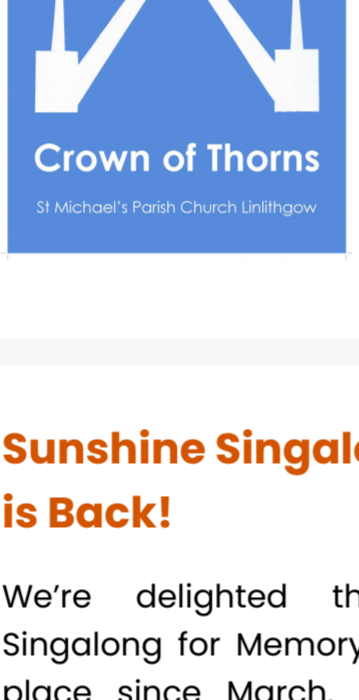


There are 2 concerts in the **Occasionally@St.Michael's** series coming up in the church. On Sunday June 18th at 3pm, Eine Kleine Jazz Musik will perform a selection of delightful classic/light jazz melodies and songs – with audience participation welcome!

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Alison Hastie Organ
Recital from Berlin, Bremen, Leaning Tower
Admission free, donations invited for upkeep of the church organ

Then on Sunday 24th July at 3pm, Cathy Vickers-Morton (soprano) will present her recital which rescheduled from March. Cathy's programme runs from Italian aria, French sacred song and romantic German song to Steven Sandheim; Alan Hastie will also play 2 delightful 'Songs Without Words' by Mendelssohn.



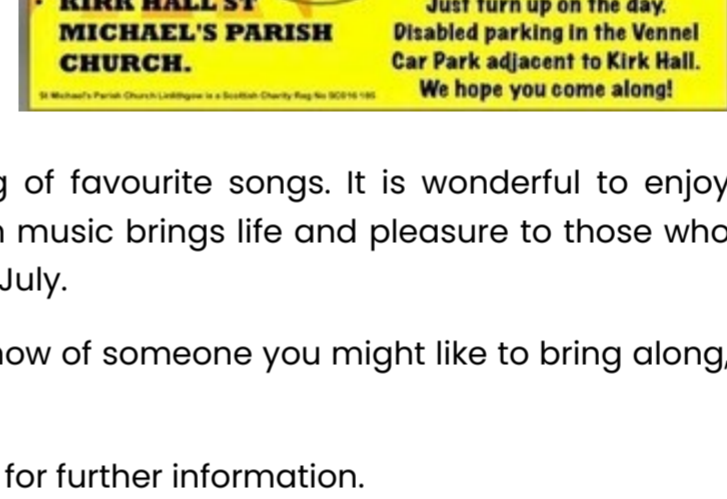
Aspiring Dish Dryers

Even in the age of the dishwashing machine, the humble tea towel still has its place – especially when it's as fine as the exclusive, fine linen tea towel designed by Jean and Chris Long and based on the original engineer's drawings of the Crown of Thorns spire.

The price of each individually wrapped tea towel is £10. All proceeds go to Aspire Linlithgow. Buy yours after the main church service on Sunday 19th June, or by contacting Chris at chris.d.long@blueyonder.co.uk Once they're gone, they're gone, so buy now while stocks last!

Sunshine Singalong for Memory is Back!

We're delighted that four successful Singalong for Memory sessions have taken place since March. Numbers had to be restricted, but we're now able to extend an invitation to anyone with memory loss and their carer who would like to join our group in the Kirk Hall on the second Thursday of every month from 12 noon until 13.30. A light finger lunch is served, followed by the singing of favourite songs. It is wonderful to enjoy fellowship over lunch and see the way in which music brings life and pleasure to those who attend. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14 July.



If you feel you'd benefit from joining, or if you know of someone you might like to bring along, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Please contact Norma Costley on [01506 843255](tel:01506843255) for further information.

stmichaelsparish.org.uk/worship

St. Michael's Parish Church

Recent Sermons

This section contains links to recordings of recent sermons. CDs of the whole service are available at the Church Shop at the North West corner of the Church. Please click on the appropriate link to play the audio.

- Sunday 6th June - No sermon today by 0
- Sunday 29th May 2022 by Rev Dr Liam Fraser (Luke 24:44-53 and Hebrews 4:14-16)
- Sunday 22nd May 2022 by Rev All Pandian (John 14:23-25)

<http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk/worship/sermons>

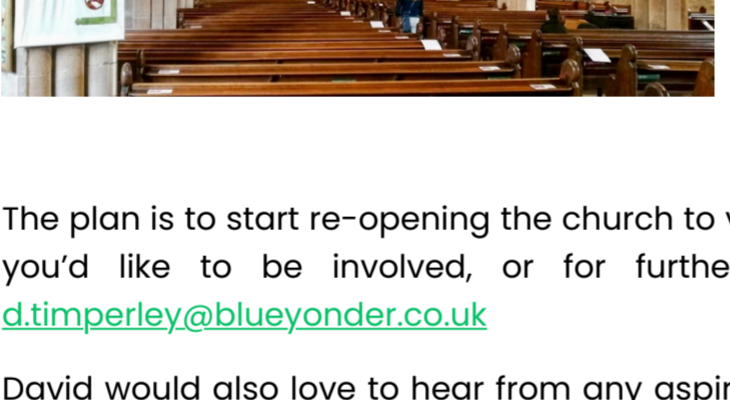
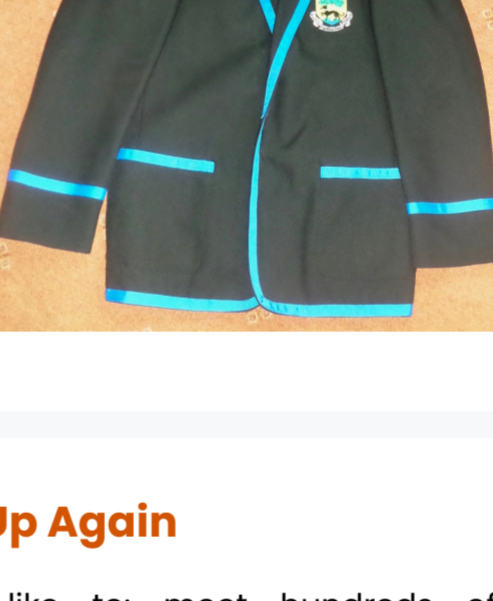
Record-a-Sermon

Honestly, this is going to be much easier than you think – you don't need to preach a sermon, just to help with putting our Sunday sermons into audio podcast format, for those who prefer to access them that way. All you need is a computer with a CD player, and the availability to collect the CD of that Sunday's service from Barons Hill on Monday. Your role will then be to extract the sermon from the CD and upload it to the website. Software and full training are available. For further details please contact Chris Collen at chriscollen01@gmail.com or phone [01506 844245](tel:01506844245) or [07920422828](tel:07920422828).

And if you didn't know that sermon podcasts are available on our website – check out

Blazer Offers

When you start fundraising, people give you things to sell... in this case, 2 Linlithgow Academy prefects' blazers in good condition. One, by Trutex, is labelled as 35" chest; the other (Winterbottom brand) is unlabelled but appears slightly larger. Interested? Contact Tim Brown here [his email] or on [01506 842494](tel:01506842494) and make him an offer he can't refuse.



Opening Up Again

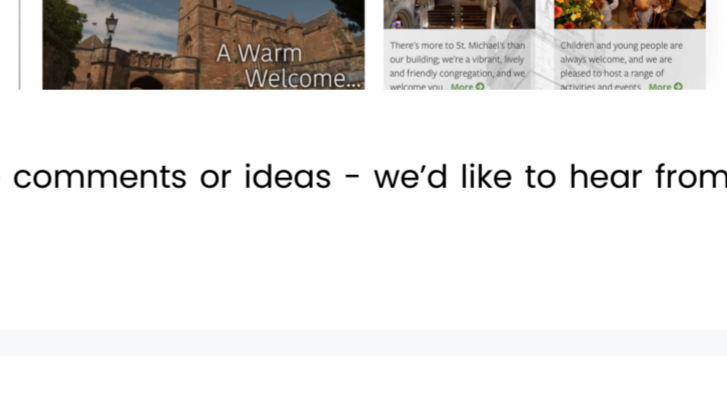
Would you like to meet hundreds of interesting people from all over the world; become friends with more St Michael's people, including some you've never talked to before; find out more about the church you love, and have the chance to introduce it to others? Join our group of Open Church Volunteers!

The plan is to start re-opening the church to visitors for several half-days a week from July. If you'd like to be involved, or for further information, contact David Timperley on d.timperley@blueyonder.co.uk

David would also love to hear from any aspiring shopkeepers willing to consider taking over running the Visitor's Stall from John and Jean Binnie. A seamless handover is the objective

Upgrade Pending

We're looking to refresh the Church website and are putting together a small group of people to look at the current site and see how we can improve its look and functionality.



If you're interested in joining us, please get in touch with Iwan at iwancoyle53@gmail.com or [0771 218 7742](tel:07712187742).

If you're not looking to join the group but have comments or ideas – we'd like to hear from you too!



Meet about the Money

St Michael's stated annual meeting will take place in the church after the 10am service on Sunday 26th June. This is a chance for everyone to hear how we are doing financially and to ask any questions.

On the subject of money, the Stewardship and Finance team at St Michael's is looking for a volunteer – or volunteers! – with financial skills to join their team. It is important in helping to ensure the church looks after everyone's money properly. If you have some spare time and have financial experience, team leader Linda Jamieson would welcome a chat with you. Please contact Linda on LJamieson58@aol.com to find out how you can help.

Uphill Parking

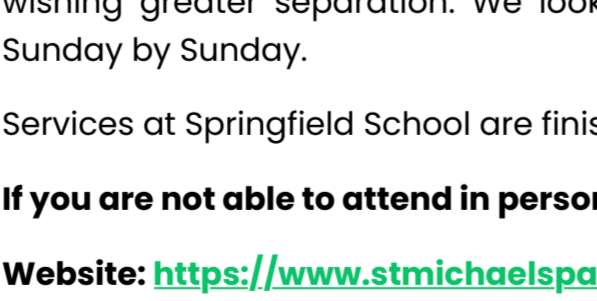
Thank you to everyone who has reserved parking thoughtfully on Sunday mornings. Parking in the Vennel Car Park – free on Sundays – is the best option for most people who need to use the car. While we can access the Palace car park, as there are only a few spaces available for now we'd like to reserve these for drivers who have mobility issues.



If a driver has a passenger with mobility issues, one option is to drop the passenger at the top of the Kirkgate and then park in the Vennel (this way, you also get to test your 3-point turn skills!). There will always be an elder in a hi-vis jacket who will advise about availability in the Palace car park.

Note – due to the Jousting event on 2nd-3rd July, for that weekend only car access up the Kirkgate will be restricted and we will not have access to the Palace car park.

Sunday Services



Our worship services are every Sunday at 10am. As Covid-19 remains highly transmissible, please considering taking a lateral flow test before attending for worship, maintain sensible social distancing and, if you wish, wear a mask at all times while inside the church building. Three pews at the rear have retained 1m guidance for those wishing greater separation. We look forward to reshaping with you, safely and joyfully, Sunday by Sunday.

Services at Springfield School are finished for the summer and will resume again in August.

If you are not able to attend in person, our main church services are live-streamed:

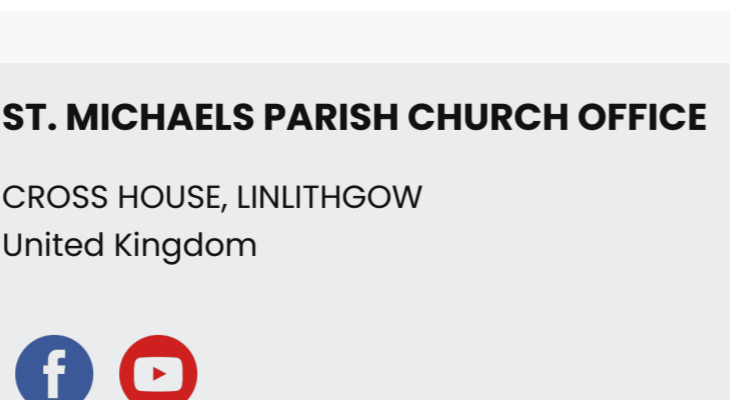
Website: <https://www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsparishlinlithgow/>

They are available shortly after the end of the service for at least a fortnight on the Kirk website under 'Faith'/'Worship Replay' or <http://www.stmichaelsparish.org.uk/replay>

and later on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/StMichaelsLinlithgow>

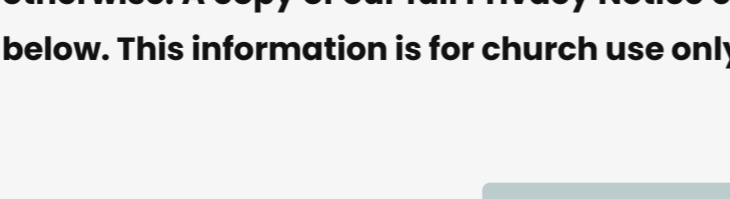
CDs and printed copies of the Sunday service are also available to those without internet. Please check in with neighbours and friends to see if they would like a copy and contact the office: info@stmichaels-parish.org.uk



Congrats on making it all the way through this extended issue! The next scheduled newsletter will be distributed around 26th August. If you have news to share about a person or an event that will be of interest to St Michael's people, please contact Alan Miller on alan.d.miller@icloud.com by 20th August.

Have a great summer!

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