



1st August 2023

Ref: Service times from September

Dear Congregation of St Michael's,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on the changes to our service times and the different services that will be taking place. These changes will take place from the 1st September and we will review how it is going at Easter 2024.

The first major change will see the current 10am service move to 10.30am. From feedback after the APCM it appears this is welcomed by most people enabling them to fit other things in prior to the service. It also allows me to lead earlier services in neighbouring churches within the Local Mission Partnership. The services at 10.30am will also change slightly. Services of Holy Communion will take place on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays. The service on the 3rd Sunday will be Morning Worship. On the 5th Sunday we will be worshipping with Freedom Church, alternating between gathering here at St Michael's and the Village Hall where they gather.

The change of time also enables us to launch Big Breakfast Church, a new cafe style service aimed at people of all ages. We also hope this service will be something we can invite baptism families to attend as well as other families we are connecting with. Big Breakfast Church will be launched on the 24th September and take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8.30am-9.30am. It will include breakfast, a short 30 minute service, activities and colouring.

Our evening services will also be changing. The times will continue to be 6pm during British Summer Time (Apr-Oct) and 3.30pm during Greenwich Mean Time (Oct-Mar). Evening Prayer will continue to take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with the introduction of three other services on the other Sundays. On the 1st Sunday of the month we are launching Come and Sing, an alternative to songs of praise, with an opportunity to learn and sing new songs that can broaden our repertoire. The 3rd Sunday will be a said communion service and on the 5th Sundays of the month we will have a service of healing and wholeness with Holy Communion.

On the back of this letter I have included a chart with the services to help you see the monthly overview in a clearer way. You may wish to put it on the fridge door to remind you of what is happening. Obviously this will be the main plan for our services but there will be times of the year (particularly in November and December) when the types of services may change. Please do check the monthly news sheet to ensure you know when services are taking place.

If you have any questions in regards to the new services please do get in touch,

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simon".

Reverend Simon Dean
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