

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

New to St. Michael's?

Are you visiting St. Michael's today? Already a parishioner but looking to get more involved? Please email the Rev. John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org or send a text to 512-619- 8722.

You may also fill out a green newcomer card and place it in the offering plate being passed during "the Peace." We are eager to get to know you and will follow up soon.

Newcomer and Prayer Request Cards

We offer two distinct cards for various needs. Magenta-colored prayer request cards are hanging from the pews, along with green newcomer cards. Both cards can be filled in and turned over to the offering plate, a member of clergy, or any Minister of the Day.

Find SMEC on Social Media

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/st.michaels.austin/>



Rev. Brin Bon, hard at work. Be sure to give her a fond farewell on this last day of service with St. Michael's. Credit: Will Harrison

Upcoming Events to Note

Brin's last Sunday at St. Michael's is today. She will preach and celebrate at the **7:45, 9:00 and 11:00am services.** We will have a reception for Brin after both the 9:00 and 11:00 service in the parish hall. We are happy to say that Brin's family will continue to worship at St. Michael's until the new South Austin community has begun worshipping together.

It's St. Michael's turn to share worship and a meal with our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Trinity Center in downtown Austin **today** from **2-4:30pm.** If you would like to help by welcoming neighbors, setting up for worship, or being part of the kitchen crew, please consider volunteering. **Contact Caroline Kibler** (caroline.kibler@gmail.com) to sign up. Please note that volunteers must be at least 11 years old. Future dates for 2018 are October 21 and December 23.

Today's Scripture Readings (Track 2)

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space.
For more information contact Rev. Brin
or Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side
chapel. For more information contact
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Announcements and Events

The St. Michael's book group will meet again on Wednesday, **August 29, at 2:30pm in the Gathering Room**. We will discuss *And the Ladies of the Club*, by Helen Hooven Santmyer. For more information, please contact **Jackie King** (jsking2010@yahoo.com).

"The Gospel of Matthew and the Kingdom of Heaven." Tuesday Bible Study with Rev. John Newton **starts September 4th**. We will meet in **Room 8 from 12-1pm**. Bring a Bible. We will study one chapter per week. Email **Rev. Newton** (jnewton@st-michaels.org) with questions.

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas 117th Annual Retreat for Women is coming up **October 12-14 at Camp Allen** and now is the time to save the date! Hosted by Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Waco, St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston and The Diocese of Texas ECW Board. For more information, contact **Pat Starkie** (convo.austin@gmail.com).

Mobile Loaves & Fishes needs your assistance! We have exhausted our supply of candy and are extremely low or out of many travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shampoo, lotion, lip balm, floss, mouthwash, combs). We the summer heating approaching, non-chocolate candies (Tootsie rolls, Tootsie Pops, licorice, Twizzlers, Gummi candies, etc) will hold up better. For information: **Priscilla Wicker** (pwicker@austincc.edu).

Sunday Opportunities for All Ages

Sunday Seekers Book Study meets in the Church Office at **10am**.

The current book is *Reckless Love*, the new book from our own

Rector, Rev. John Newton. Contact Phyllis Blee

(phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Children's and Student Ministries

From the desk of Student Minister, Luis Rivas: We had a lot of fun the last few weeks of summer and I am blessed to have gotten to know some of our students! Stay tuned for announcements of more exciting things to come this Fall. I wish all our students the best of luck as they start school, and I keep them and their parents in my prayers for a great school year! **If you haven't already, email me your contact information at Lrivas@st-michaels.org to be included in the email and text messaging list for the Student Ministry.**

Outreach

#Pray4Refugees – a week of prayer and action: Beginning Sunday, August 26th, Episcopal Migration Ministries will join faith communities across the country to pray for refugees as the Administration plans to continue drastic cuts to refugee resettlement. We invite you to join us in this act of solidarity and welcome for our refugee brothers and sisters. Pray, then act. **Visit [@theppn](https://twitter.com/theppn) on Twitter and advocacy.episcopalchurch.org** to take action and demand that your elected officials support a robust refugee resettlement program.

Pastoral Care And More

Pastoral Care Team

If you find yourself in need of prayer during times of illness, hospitalization, loss, personal crises or anticipating hospitalization, please contact Rev. Newton.

Altar Flowers

Flower money can be donated to mark special occasions, passed loved ones, birthdays, and more. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to donate flowers.

A *minute* FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

Why Volunteer? – As we gear up for a full year of programming - now with Sunday School between the 9 AM and 11 AM services! - **there's a question I want you to ponder: am I called to be a Sunday School teacher?**

There are two key ways you can serve the youth of our church in this formation hour: **you can volunteer as a "safeguard,"** someone who is the second adult in the room for safety and extra pair of hands. This role requires less preparation in terms of materials, but is vital for a safe and effective class! The other way **you can volunteer is as a teacher** - a weekly commitment (with some flexibility) to walk alongside our children and students as they wonder about God and lean into discipleship.

Why do this? In the words of Heather Kenney, writer for the blog Ministry Architects, "investing in people is addicting. And rewarding. And incomparable." **Standing in the holy gap where God meets us, and where God meets children, and where we all together meet God is holy and unlike anything else.** I heard this over and over last week in our meeting with the Sunday school teachers. So thank you to all who came and shared their dreams for the year!

So I ask you: is God asking you to be a conduit, an amplifier, a space-maker for this holy gap? Are you called to teach? Are you called to safeguard? If you have more questions, come check out the Ministry Fair on 9/2 between the services. We'll have information and a conversation. **Questions? Contact Family Minister Lizzie (lizzie@St-Michaels.org)!**

Adult Education Schedule

Join us for a foundations class beginning in the fall, as we explore the basics of the Christian faith: Who we are, what went wrong, what God is doing about it, and how the Spirit draws us to be part of and experience the solution.

Foundations: Exploring the Basics of the Christian Faith (Sept. 9 -- October 28) - The first class kicks off on Sept. 9, with "The Big Why: Exploring creation and the meaning of existence," and continues through Oct. 28, with a break on Sept. 30 for the celebration of St. Michael's Day. Schedule below.

- 9/9 The Big Why: Exploring creation and the meaning of existence
- 9/16 What's wrong with the world: exploring the problem of sin
- 9/23 Not guilty: exploring the cross and the sacrificial love of Jesus
- 9/30 Break: celebrate St. Michael's Day!

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