



# THE TRUMPET

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MARCH 26, 2023

## Grace Abides

Holy Week, Easter, and beyond

ST. MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### HOLY WEEK

April 6  
**Maundy  
Thursday\***  
6:00 pm

April 7  
**Good Friday\***  
Noon &  
7:00 pm

April 7  
**Stations  
of the Cross**  
7:30 am  
1:15 pm

April 8  
**Holy Saturday**  
9:00 am



### PALM SUNDAY

**April 2**

7:45 am  
9:00 am\*  
11:00 am\*

Taco Sunday  
10:00 am



\*online  
&  
in person

### EASTER SUNDAY

**April 9**

#### Worship

7:45 am  
9:00 am\*  
11:00 am\*

#### Egg Hunts

10:00 am  
Noon



### REGISTER NOW!

Family Camp  
@Camp Allen

May 5-7

[bit.ly/2023FamilyCamp](https://bit.ly/2023FamilyCamp)

Vacation  
Bible Camp

July 31-August 3

[bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration](https://bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration)



## March 26

### “The Humanity of Metanoia”

The Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd is the Principal of Wycliffe Hall, the Gospel-focused Anglican theological college within the University of Oxford, whose graduates include JI Packer, Nicky Gumbel, and NT Wright.

Dr. Lloyd was formerly chaplain at The Queen’s College, Oxford, and Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology at Christ’s College, Cambridge. Dr. Lloyd has taught theology and doctrine at the University of Oxford, Cambridge University, and St. Paul’s Theological Centre, London. He has published the popular introduction, *Café Theology*, and has a particular interest in the doctrine of evil, the problem of pain—and an inexplicable love of cricket. He is part of a regular podcast called *Godpod*.

**REPENTANCE AS GRACE**

SPEAKER SERIES

**SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT**  
ST. MICHAEL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Eucharist  
5:30 pm Speaker

5:00-7:00pm  
Storymakers programming  
for children & youth

Parish Hall  
6:15 pm Dinner

*“It’s not the long walk home that will change this heart, but the welcome I receive with every start.”*  
--Mumford & Sons

February 26	Pittman McGehee	“Repentance and Self-Compassion”
March 5	Brian Brewer	“The Reformation of Repentance”
March 12	Jeehei Park	“Grace upon Grace: The Apostle Paul’s Story of Metanoia”
March 19	Kathy Culmer	“Turnaround Grace: Stories of Turning Around to Move Forward”
March 26	Michael Lloyd	“The Humanity of Metanoia”

**ST. MICHAEL’S PRESENTS OUR 2023 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES:**  
**REPENTANCE AS GRACE**

Too often, we associate repentance with feelings of guilt, or perhaps with a need to try harder to be more like Jesus. But *metanoia*, the original Greek word, quite literally means a shift of the mind. Join us as we experience the grace of shifting our minds to see the depth of God’s love and to experience with more clarity how we can be a conduit through whom that love flows out into the world. Our final speaker will share his thoughts following a brief Eucharist service. Dinner and refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterward.

From 5:00-7:00 pm, children & youth can enjoy Storymakers, a creative Lenten activity, in the Education Wing, with the Family Ministry team. Dinner provided.

Watch the livestream here: [st-michaels.org/worship-online](https://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

ICYMI: Watch our first four speakers here: [st-michaels.org/2023-lenten-speaker-series](https://st-michaels.org/2023-lenten-speaker-series)



**Lenten Speaker Series Dinners** All are invited to the parish hall for dinner at 6:15 pm, after our speakers finish their talks. There is no charge and thanks to volunteers from the parish. On March 26, Trish & Michael Thompson are serving their homemade baked ziti again this year—it will be fabulous!

## NOTES

**Special Announcement Coming Sunday, April 2!** Not only is April 2 Palm Sunday, but we also have exciting news about St. Michael's that Fr. John will share at both services. (Don't worry, no one's leaving!) We're looking forward with delight to the day and hope you will join us. Plus, it's Taco Sunday and there will be extra special goodies!

**Time for Easter Lily Dedications** Easter lily dedications are a lovely way to remember and celebrate those who are always in your heart. If you'd like to have your dedication printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins, there will a sign up form in the narthex from March 19-26, *or you can send your dedication by email to Christine at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5.*

**The Church Cracked Open Book Study** Please join Fr. Josh for a six-week book study of Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers' *The Church Cracked Open* during the Sundays of Eastertide. The group will meet from 10:00–10:50 am in the church office, starting April 16 and concluding on May 21. Written during the pandemic and after the murder of George Floyd, the book explores how the Episcopal Church can love Jesus, live in solidarity with the oppressed, and seek the flourishing of all God's children. Paperback copies of the book are available upon request. Email Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) for more information.

**Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Begins April 11** Join parishioner Trish Thompson for a 7-week Tuesday night Bible study beginning on April 11. This video study, *The Miracles of Jesus* by Jennie Allen, was filmed on location in Israel. The group will meet consecutive Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's office. Questions? Contact Trish at 281-851-7463 or [home.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com).

**Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary** We need pre-K to 2nd grade in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books. *Drop off will be in the church entrance (narthex) on April 16 and April 23; please do not drop books off until then.* Enrich a child's life—give the gift of reading! Questions? Email Alison Fly ([alisoncfly@icloud.com](mailto:alisoncfly@icloud.com)) or Tammy Gross ([tammygross@me.com](mailto:tammygross@me.com)).

### VBC Registration Now Open!

Join St. Michael's July 31-August 3 for the most exciting week in Family Ministry. Games, stories, crafts, games, music, friends, and much more fun are in store. Children from pre-K through 5th grade are welcome!

Hours: 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Register here: [bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration](https://bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration)

Cost: \$25, which includes a T-shirt and snacks.

The Family Ministry team needs volunteers to help shepherd children, etc. Sign up for one day or all.

Please email [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) for scholarship info or to volunteer.



### Family Camp—May 5-7, 2023

A beloved tradition has returned to St. Michael's—Family Camp at Camp Allen! All are welcome, no matter the size of your family!

The weekend of May 5 will be filled with fun, time in nature, and lots of family time. There will be campfires, swimming, trail rides, hiking, and more. While not exactly glamping, climate-controlled bunkhouses offer comfortable twin beds.

Our meals will be served family style and it will be a great chance to get to know other members of our parish family. Saturday will include options for spiritual formation, rest, and adventure.

Cost: Individual-\$75; Family-\$180

Register here: [bit.ly/2023FamilyCamp](https://bit.ly/2023FamilyCamp)

Questions? Contact Family Minister Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org)

## PLUG INTO OUTREACH

**2023 Outreach Partners** The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations in 2023 and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them:

- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- iACT-Interfaith Action of Central Texas** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity Center** (*homelessness*)
- Casa Marianella** (*displaced immigrants*)
- St. Francis Ministries** (*foster care*)
- El Buen Samaritano** (*family services*)
- One Good Turn** (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Commission intentionally focused on connecting with a variety of theological and social service organizations. Additionally, the church will continue to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC Community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive.

If you have a passion for any of these organizations and projects or want more information about them, we would love to hear from you. We sincerely want to increase parish participation in spreading our love and grace throughout the community.

Please reach out to Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you'd like to serve.

### **El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities & Monthly Food**

**Pantry Team** El Buen Samaritano, one of SMEC's outreach partners, depends on volunteers year-round to maximize limited resources.

Volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ Adult Education
- ◆ Youth Education
- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Community Garden

All volunteer opportunities require a semester-long commitment with a minimum of volunteering one day a week. All in-person volunteer opportunities require COVID-19 vaccination. To sign up or learn more about each opportunity, visit [elbuen.org/volunteers](http://elbuen.org/volunteers).

**Monthly Food Pantry Team** The SMEC Outreach Commission would like to form a small team to go to the Food Pantry on a monthly basis. If interested, contact Harriett Choffel at [hchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:hchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

**Garden Volunteers Needed** Recently, garden volunteers harvested and delivered 21 bags of veggies to Hope Food Pantry: spinach, kale, collards, onions, radishes, cilantro. This ministry provides fresh veggies to folks who might not otherwise get them. We need 2 more volunteers to help with watering and harvesting for the next few months— one day a week will be perfect! Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com) for more information.



## FAMILY LIFE

**Sunday School | During 9am & 11am Services** Sunday school begins Lenten spiritual practices for children. Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team welcome children and their parents at the front of the church and guide them to the Family Life Center in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. Questions? Contact Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Our Sunday School Classes are Growing! Sunday School Helpers Needed** Do you love working with children? Our Sunday school classes are growing, and the Family Ministry team needs adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister, at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**The A(colyte)-Team** St. Michael's A-Team—our amazing acolyte team—is so appreciated! They add light to our Sunday worship by leading the procession as torchbearers and crucifers. A big thanks to all of the parents of our acolytes as well. If you're nine-years-old and above, and interested in joining the team, contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

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## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom** The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. The group is starting a new book this week: *Do I Stay A Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. McLaren, a pastor, explores the ways to say both yes and no by shifting the question from whether we stay Christian to the question of how we stay human. A fascinating discussion ensues in this recently-released and favorably-reviewed book. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Blee at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink](https://bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink), Passcode: 541706.

**Spring Bible Study on the Book of Exodus with Fr. John | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon** Take a journey through the Book of Exodus with Fr. John. This in-depth Bible study meets via Zoom on Sundays and Tuesdays now through the end of May. ZOOM INFO: [bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink](https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink) Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

**St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. **Here is the title for March 29—*Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth***, by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson, and Jason Stanford. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto:tom@northcoastbrewing.com) for more information.

**Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am** You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: [bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer](https://bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer). **Passcode:** prayer.

**Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: [bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer](https://bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer); passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

**Evening Prayer | Wednesdays @4:30 pm** All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

**Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm** Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is April 12 at County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road.* Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com) for more information.

**Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm** This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, [mary.r.healy@gmail.com](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## MINISTRIES

**Stephen Ministry** Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

Learn more at [www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)).

**Daughters of the King** The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 but went on hiatus during COVID. They are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at [jcsrrech@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrrech@gmail.com).

**Altar Guild** The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).

**Photography Ministry** Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

All the children on the front playground were happy to see Fr. Josh, who celebrates day school chapel with them. They ran over to give him lots of high fives!



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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

*Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.*

For Mike Hermes, who is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer, and for his wife, Carla, as she cares for him.

For Tori Imhoff, who is recovering from ACL repair surgery.

For Andrew, who will be undergoing cardiac surgery.

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's, Navasota; St. Peter's, Brenham; St. Philip's, Hearne; St. Thomas', College Station

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of South America

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar remains bare during the season of Lent.*  
Consider sponsoring altar flowers after Easter or dedicate lilies on Easter Sunday. Your dedication can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, [www.st-michaels.org](http://www.st-michaels.org), or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

#### GIVE TO SMEC



#### THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet?  
Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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