

St Michael's Church.

As vicar of Grimsargh, I am delighted to have been made very welcome in school since I arrived at the end of 2017, helping to maintain the historic links between St Michael's church and school.

The parish church is here to serve the whole community (it's not just for the regular congregation) and it is always such a pleasure to welcome the children from St Michael's school into church for special services, where parents and other family members are often encouraged to join them.

Please don't feel you are welcome only when it is a school service! We want you to feel at home in St Michael's Church whenever you come along. The main Sunday service is at 10.00am, alternating between morning worship (1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month) and Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays). On the 3rd Sunday the service is designated a 'family service' where things are normally a little less formal and often there will be a baptism, but everyone, young and old, is welcome to attend any of the services.

There is a Sunday School (our 'Jigsaw Club') for school-age children, which meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays, when there is Communion in church.

For anyone looking for a quieter time of worship, there is always a service of Holy Communion following the traditional Prayer Book on Sunday at 8.30am.

Many people in the congregation at St Michael's have long-standing connections with the school and several families with children in school today already attend on a regular basis. The congregation is a lively mix of people who have lived in the village for generations and others who are relative newcomers to Grimsargh. There is normally a wide range at every service, from babies and toddlers to people in their 90s.

I am pleased to welcome a lot of families to St Michael's for baptism, and we are increasingly popular for traditional village weddings. But we are not here just for the special occasions – the church is open for worship every Sunday! There is also a coffee morning on Fridays, from 10.00 until 11.30. Other plans are in the pipeline, so watch out for further opportunities to come along to your parish church.

Please do come along to St Michael's. If you want further information, there is a website at **www.grimsarghstmichael.btck.co.uk**

If you would like to speak to me, I can be contacted on 07566 274186 or via email at **vicar.grimsargh@gmail.com**

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Every blessing,
Rev Neil Salt.*