



**St Michael and St Mary**  
**Information for the week beginning**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)  
6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

**Contacts**

Key information is available on [www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk/home.asp](http://www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk/home.asp) or via the Parish Office: 01727 835037 (9.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

## Resources for today's 9.30am service

### **Today's reading is:**

**Acts 17:22-31** (p. 115 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

**1 Peter 3:13-22** (p. 217 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

**John 14: 15-21** (p. 101 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Today's readers are Steve Roberts and Graham Willey

Children's groups are running in the Parish Centre and school. If you have children with you in church who need to take a break, the tower room contains toys and books.

*Between the first and second readings we sing the Responsorial Psalm 66*

### **Response:**



**Choir:** Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name;  
Proclaim his glorious praise, say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds".  
**Response (all)**

He has changed the sea into dry land, through the river they passed on foot;  
Therefore let us rejoice in him, he rules by his might for ever.

### **Response (all)**

Hear now all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me;  
Blessed be God who refused me neither my prayer or his kindness.

### **Response (all)**

### **During communion the choir will sing:**

If ye love me keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

**John 14:15-17 Music: Thomas Tallis 1505-85**

Toilets are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard.

Please stay for refreshments in the Parish Centre after the service.

## Week beginning Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	9.45 a.m.	Tiny Tots (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	School Service (St Michael's)
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
	8.00 p.m.	Bell-ringing practice (St Michael's)
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	<b>8.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion-Ascension Day (St Michael's)</b>
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)

### Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday after Ascension

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (St Michael's)
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

... and for reflection, next Sunday's readings will be

Acts 1:6-14

[1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11]

John 17: 1-11

## Please remember in your prayers

### *those who are ill*

Margaret Baynton  
Michael de Csillery  
Tricia de Csillery  
Jacqui Follett  
Rupert Cross  
Jo Frost  
Desmond Gaskell  
Debbie Greenwood  
Gordon Reeves

### Barbara Woodward

### *those who mourn the death of*

Brian Buckley  
Daphne Champness  
Dave Hunt  
Eileen Major

# Notices

**Important celebrations**, global and local, are coming up at the end of the month

**Ascension Day on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May** is a major feast of the Church year, celebrating Jesus' return to heaven in triumph and the culmination of the Easter season. There will be a Parish Communion service at 8.00 p.m. in St Michael's, probably followed by a visit to The Six Bells...

The centre-piece of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary at St Mary's Childwick (AL3 6JJ) is the **Late Spring Bank Holiday Flower Festival**.

- The Flower Festival will be open to visitors 10am–5pm **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**; Free entry, refreshments available.
- A **Festival Evensong** will be celebrated at 6pm on 28<sup>th</sup> May. **Jonathan Smith**, Archdeacon of St Albans, who gave us such a brilliant set of sermons in Holy Week, will be returning as guest preacher for this service.
- *Please Note*, the **Brocket Consort Concert** on 27<sup>th</sup> May is now sold out.
- Additionally, please note that the road between Shafford and Childwick will be **closed** on the Sunday of the late spring bank holiday (**29<sup>th</sup> May**) to assert private ownership of the road; access from Harpenden Road is unaffected.
- **Can you bake** a cake, scones etc. for the refreshments that will be served at St Mary's during their Flower Festival? If you can help, please get in touch with **Carolyn Barnes on 01727 833535** to let her know. Thank you .

**General Election 8<sup>th</sup> June: Hustings** will be held at St Albans Abbey on Tuesday **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm**. - the doors will be open from 7.00 p.m. Candidates competing to be the Member of Parliament for St Albans will come together to answer your questions at what promises to be a lively hustings. Questions can be submitted, by email, in advance to the Herts Advertiser; the deadline for question submissions being **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Traidcraft ordering:** Val will be ordering Traidcraft goods on **22<sup>nd</sup> May**, according to demand. Details of goods available can be found on [traidcraft.co.uk](http://traidcraft.co.uk) including details of any reductions, or Val has copies of catalogues if needed. Goods will be brought to you the following Sunday at Church or be delivered by arrangement. These will be the last opportunities to order before August, as Val is away in June and July. For further details or to order, please contact **Val Chiesa** on [chiesa@btinternet.com](mailto:chiesa@btinternet.com) or **07917 184021**.

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