



St Michael and St Mary
Information for the week beginning
19th November 2017
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)

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.

6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Contacts

Key information is available on www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk 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 readings are:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (p.798 in the Old Testament section of the Pew Bibles)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p.190 in the New Testament section of the Pew Bibles)

Matthew 25:14-30 (p.26 in the New Testament section of the Pew Bibles)

Prayers are led today by Colin Roberts and the readers are Anita Lindeman and Olivia Naylor

Between the first and second readings we sing the **Responsorial Psalm 70**

Response:



O Lord make haste to help me.

Choir: O God, make speed to save me: O Lord make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion;

Let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil. **Response**

Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

Let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!' **Response**

As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my help and deliverer; O Lord, do not delay. **Response**

The tune for the Offertory hymn - "Take my life":



Paul Leddington Wright

During communion the choir sings:

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which sees, yours are the feet with which he walks, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Words from Teresa of Ávila Music: David Ogden

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

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

Week beginning Sunday 19th November 2017

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	8.00 p.m.	Burning Questions (Parish Centre) - see back page for details
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)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	6.30 p.m.	Choir practice—trebles (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice—adults (St Michael's)

Next Sunday: 26th November - Christ the King

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)

For reflection, next Sunday's readings will be

Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Please remember in your prayers

those who are ill

Margaret Baynton
Tricia de Csillery
Jacqui Follett
Jo Frost
Desmond Gaskell
Debbie Greenwood
Barbara Woodward

those who mourn the death of

Cheryl Hawsworth
Gordon Reeves
Hazel Walcott

Notices

The **final meeting** in the series of '**Burning Questions**' will take place on **Monday, 20th November at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre**, when Bishop Stephen Venner will lead the discussion on Religion and World Conflict.

Sarah Patrick, coordinator of **Tiny Tots** (term time Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am), would love to hear from anyone who could help with their craft table - showing the little ones how to do it and some clearing up afterwards. If you might be able to help, even on an ad hoc basis, Sarah would love to hear from you for a no obligations chat! Please call 07930 913468 or e-mail patrickandheritage@googlemail.com

Many thanks to Roy Brooks for making a **new stool** to help our younger readers reach the lectern. It is beautiful as well as functional – a real work of craftsmanship.

We are delighted to announce that three **Choral Scholars** have been appointed, and will be joining with the choir to lead our worship. Please welcome Louisa, Emma and Tomas as you meet them over the next few weeks. Further candidates have recently come forward, and we look forward to the possibility of their being appointed. If you would like any further information concerning the St Michaels Choral Scholarships e.g. becoming a sponsor, or wish to recommend a potential candidate, please speak to Colin Hamling, Director of Music.

Georgie and Danielle would like to thank everyone who bought cupcakes last week - the sum of **£50** was raised for the Church Redecoration Fund. Watch out for information on further tasters of what will be available at the event in early September next year.

Ginny would like to thank everyone who bought her homemade Japonica and Crab Apple Jelly, the sale of which raised **£105 for Water Harvest (formerly known as Wells for India)**. There is a letter of thanks from the charity on the pin board in the Tower Room.

St Michael's and St Mary's strives for the highest standards of safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer, Alison Ferreira, is available to answer queries relating to this important backdrop to our worship and pastoral care. Her contacts are on our safeguarding policy which is displayed on noticeboards in both churches and three halls, plus the parish website.

St Leonard's Church, Flamstead. Sadly, this ancient local church has major roof problems thanks to the Death Watch Beetle and has to raise around £1m. over the next couple of years for urgent repair work. As part of their fund raising efforts a Winter Flower Festival on the theme of C S Lewis's Nania story, "The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe" is being staged in the church on November 24th, 25th & 26th with a Gala Preview at 7pm on the 23rd. St Michael's is supporting the festival with Wendy and Bob May creating two large arrangements on a Winter theme and also attending the Preview. They have two spare car seats if anyone else would be interested in the Preview (£15). A poster advertising the Festival is in the porch and available at the back of St Michael's.