



## **St Michael and St Mary**

### **Information for the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

#### **Baptism of Christ**

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:***

Mark 1: 4-11 (p. 628 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles)

If you have children with you who need to take a break, the tower room contains toys and books.

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

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Sons of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, Thee we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ;  
Thee we praise with endless worship For thy fruits and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, Thee we worship and extol.

Music: Herbert Howells

Words: Timothy Rees

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

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

## Week beginning Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	School Service (St Michael's)
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	8.00 p.m.	St Mary's Committee (Vicarage)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice - adults (St Michael's)

### Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

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

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10  
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31  
Mark 1: 14-20

## 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*

Tom Hewitt  
Jack Knight

# Notices

**Christmas Charities: THANK YOU** for your generosity over the Christmas period. At the retiring collections, the following sums were raised for the charities we supported this year:

- **Children of Peace - £275.68**
- **Keech Cottage Children's Hospice - £407.60**
- **Open Door and Centre 33 - £913.81 split 50/50**

**Please note:** all of the sums quoted include Gift Aid.

The parish has been awarded a Faculty by the diocese to install an **addition to the World War One memorial board**, listing five names identified by Ann Dean which were omitted from the original plaque. We hope to unveil this in the autumn of 2018 as we reach the conclusion of the WWI centenaries. Geoff Warwick is very kindly donating the wood and his time to carve and mount it but there will be a cost for sign writing in gold leaf. £200 has been generously pledged by the bellringers but a further £350 is sought. If you would like to make a donation towards this, please put cash or a cheque payable to 'St Michael's PCC' in an envelope marked **WWI plaque** through the door of the Parish Office.

**Traidcraft:** Val will be ordering Traidcraft goods this month on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, then your next opportunity to order will be after Easter. There are lots of sale offers on goods this month - see [traidcraft.co.uk](http://traidcraft.co.uk) or ask Val for details - [Chiesa@btinternet.com](mailto:Chiesa@btinternet.com) or 07917 184021.

**Like many churches**, St Michael's and St Mary's keep the season of Lent as a time of reflection and penitence. This year, Bishop Alan's book, **Saints and Pilgrims in the Diocese of St Albans** will be used by the Lent Groups. We have been able to acquire copies of this high quality book at a heavily discounted rate of £10 per copy. They will be available to purchase after the 9.30 a.m. service on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February or from Bronwen Parr on [bronwenparr@hotmail.com](mailto:bronwenparr@hotmail.com) or (01727) 864645. Some may want to use these books for private study while others may want to come and discuss the excerpts in one of our two Lent Groups - a daytime group in the vicarage after the Wednesday 10 a.m. service, or an evening group in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays 8–9.30 p.m.

On **23<sup>rd</sup> January at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre**, John Hayton will be giving an illustrated presentation on his recent experience walking over 400 miles on pilgrimage across Spain from Pamplona to Santiago de Compostella. He will amplify the material in his recent Parish Magazine articles with images and music!

**4<sup>th</sup> February - Candlemas:** We are delighted to welcome the return of the choir of St Stephen's, Rochester Row to lead the music at **St Mary's** at the **6.00 p.m. Communion Service**. Everyone is welcome to attend.