



St Michael and St Mary
Information for the week beginning
22nd April 2018
Fourth 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)

We welcome The Rev'd Canon Martin Banister as president and preacher at the services shown above.

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong (St Michael's)

Contacts

Key information is available on 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

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.

Today's readings are:

Acts 4: 5-12 (p. 112 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

I John 3: 16-24 (p. 223 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

John 10:11-18 (p. 96 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Prayers will be led by Susanna May and today's readers are Bronwen Hewer and Jan Goodall

Between the first and second readings we sing the **Responsorial Psalm 118 vv17-24**

Response:



Choir: I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

Response

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Response

I will give thanks to you for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Response

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Response

During communion the choir will sing "Brother James Air" – a setting of Psalm 23

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.

Parish Information

During the vicar's sabbatical, St Michael's will be open as usual for private prayer and visitors on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.00 a.m. until around 5.00 p.m. and, following the usual church services on Wednesdays and Sundays, the church will remain open until around 5.00 p.m.

Week beginning Sunday 22nd April 2018

Tuesday	9.45 a.m.	Tiny Tots (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Funeral of Sidney Bushby (St Michael's)
	7.30 p.m.	Friends of St Michael's AGM (Parish Centre)
Friday	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)

Next Sunday 29th April 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m.	All Age Communion (St Michael's) <i>followed by the Annual Church Meetings</i>
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

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

John 15: 1-8

Please remember in your prayers

those who are ill

Jacqui Follett
Jo Frost
Desmond Gaskell
Debbie Greenwood
Barbara Woodward

those who mourn the death of

Sidney Bushby

Notices

Kenneth is on sabbatical leave until 1st July. During this period he will not be undertaking any parish duties. Although you may see him around the parish and in St Albans during this time, please direct all pastoral enquiries, in the first instance, to the Parish Office on (01727) 835037 or admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com

Next Sunday, we look forward to welcoming **The Rev'd Canon Dr Tim Bull**, Diocesan Director of Ministry as president and preacher at the 8.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. services at St Michael's.

Electoral Roll – The Roll **closed on 1st April** and the new roll is displayed at the back of both churches. **New names cannot be added until after the Annual Church Meetings on 29th April.** Please take a moment to check if your name is shown and if not, fill in an Application Form (at the back of both churches) and send it to the Parish Office. Once the Roll has been re-opened, your details will be added.

29th April: Annual Church Meetings will take place in church at 10.00 a.m. following a short service at 9.30 a.m. Important elections are made at these meetings – **Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod members and stewards.** If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please speak to Graham or Stephanie. **Nomination** forms are available from the back of both churches. **If you are already a steward**, please check that your name is on the list at the back of St Michael's and indicate which training session you wish to join.

Hard copies of the **2017 Annual Report and Accounts** are available at the back of both churches. An electronic copy was included with the monthly email, but if you have not received this and would like a copy of the Report and Accounts, please send Georgie an email request on admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com and she will send you a pdf copy.

Traidcraft: Val will be ordering Traidcraft goods this month on **24th April** so please contact her on Chiesa@btinternet.com, 07917 184021 or speak to her after a service if you would like anything. All goods available can be seen on traidcraft.co.uk

PTA Summer Ball – major fundraiser for St Michael's Primary School Expansion

St Michael's Parent Teacher Association is running a Summer Ball/Black Tie Dinner in the Paddock (AL3 4SL) on Saturday, May 19th. This is their major contribution towards the school's expansion project - a very worthy cause as well as an excellent night out. There will be music from Swanvesta Social Club and great food.

This event for the whole community and not just parents at the school. It would be great if members of the congregation and wider community could get involved and, through the Ball, support the biggest investment in the parish's primary school in two generations.

Tickets are now available on <https://stmichaelspta.org.uk/summer-ball-2018/>