



St Michael and St Mary
Information for the week beginning

24th June 2018

Birth of John the Baptist

- 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)
- 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:

Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p. 607 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Acts 13: 14b-26 (p. 122 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Luke 1: 57-66, 80 (p. 53 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Prayers will be led by Peter Lindeman and today's reader is Jenny Tarvet

*Between the first and second readings the choir sings **The Benedictus**:*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;
As he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
 whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The "*Benedictus*" is one of the three canticles in the opening chapters of St. Luke's Gospel, the other two being the "*Magnificat*" and the "*Nunc dimittis*". The "*Benedictus*" was the song of thanksgiving uttered by Zechariah on the occasion of the circumcision of his son, John the Baptist.

*During communion the choir sings "**Rejoice in the Lord always**" by John Redford*

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto

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 24th June 2018

Tuesday	9.45 a.m.	Tiny Tots (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
Friday	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)

Next Sunday: 1st July 2018 - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Lamentations 3:23-33
2 Corinthians 8: 7-24
Mark 5: 21-43

Please remember in your prayers

those to be baptized

Poppy Jane Carey Scanlan

those who are ill

Jacqui Follett
Jo Frost
Desmond Gaskell
Debbie Greenwood
Helen Huson
Dan McCarthy
Cora Marie Varshney

Barbara Woodward

those to be ordained as priest

Tom Mclean

those who mourn the death of

Islay Jeffries
Norma Kent
Geoffrey Rowe

Notices

We look forward to welcoming **Charles King** as Assistant Curate and his wife **Anke**. Charles will be ordained deacon in the **Cathedral at 11.15am on Sunday, 1st July**. Do come along to the welcome party in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am service on 8th July. If you can help with this welcome party, please contact Steph on stephanie.rainbow@venture.co.uk / 07788 580519. Thanks very much.

St Michael's Church is proud to be part of the village folk evening yet again this year, on **Wednesday 4th July**. Our bellringers start off the festivities at 7.15pm followed by live music from Swanvesta Social Club. We are hugely grateful for the part that they play in making this such an enjoyable and successful community event. Food will be provided by Carmen's Caribbean Kitchen (jerk chicken, vegetarian and gluten free options) and The Lower Red Lion who will be serving a hog roast. Also, The Inn on the Park will be selling ice cream, the 3 Brewers will be serving their craft beers and the church will be running a bar. Please do support this fun event.

We are sorry to report that **Islay Jeffries** sadly passed away on **Thursday, 21st June**. Roger has told us that her funeral will take place on **Friday, 13th July at 10.30 a.m. in the Cathedral**, and following the service, the reception will be held in St Michael's Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

St Albans International Organ Festival has a job opportunity for a part-time administrator. For more information see organfestival.com If you are interested, the closing date for applications is **6th July**.



LEST WE FORGET

St Michael's Community Weekend
7th - 9th September



Tickets for the evening event, 'The Great War Remembered in Words and Music', taking place on **Friday, 7th September in church**, are now **ON SALE**. The tickets cost **£20** each. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or electronic transfer to St Michael's bank account



Maggy Bedwell has offered to host a sewing morning on **Friday, 6th July** between **10-12 p.m. at 14 Gonnerston** with the aim of the group being to create 50 fabric poppies for use in the church during the Flower Festival. Maggy has plenty of red fabric, buttons and needles so just turn up for a coffee and a chat!



We will be looking for volunteers to help out over the weekend and sign-up sheets will be put in both churches next week. In the meantime, if you would like to offer to help, please let Georgie know. We really do need your help to make this weekend a success, and any time you can spare, will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.