



St Michael with St Mary

Information for the week beginning
2nd December 2018
Advent Sunday



- 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)
6.30 p.m. **Advent Carol Service** (St Michael's)
*Words and music of expectation and hope.
There will be a Retiring Collection for the Choir
Fund which keeps our singers in music, robes, etc.*

Please take this sheet home

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

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:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (p. 671 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles)
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 (p. 189 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)
Luke 21: 25-36 (p. 79 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Prayers are led by Charles King and today's readers are Jamie Grimston and Jenny Tarvet

*Between the first and second readings the choir sings **Psalm 25 vv1-9***

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee :
 O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed :
 but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
Shew me thy ways, O Lord :
 and teach me thy paths.
Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me :
 for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies :
 and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth :
 but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
Gracious and righteous is the Lord :
 therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement :
 and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth :
 unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

During communion the choir sings:

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
Ave, ave, ave Maria.

French trad.

*The German Advent Chorale **Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland***

Saviour of the gentiles come!
Born for us the virgin's son
God doth grant this wondrous birth
awe and wonder fill the earth.
His high chamber leaveth he
Royal seat of purity
God and man, in substance one
Who a hero's course will run.

At the Carol Service this evening, you will have the opportunity to hear one of the great Preludes by JS Bach of this chorale.

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, 2nd December 2018

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)
	from 8.00 p.m.	Quiet Evening, ending with Compline at 9.00 p.m. (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)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)
Saturday	7.30 p.m.	Brass and Voices: An Advent Concert (St Michael's)
		<i>See back page for more details</i>

Next Sunday: 9th December 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

Baruch 5: 1-9
Philippians 1: 3-11
Luke 3: 1-6

Please remember in your prayers

those newly married

François and Sarah Tang

those who are ill

Jacqui Follett
Jo Frost
Desmond Gaskell
Debbie Greenwood
Helen Huson
Alice Reardon
Cora Marie Varshney
Barbara Woodward

Notices

Brass and Voices: An Advent Concert - Saturday 8th December - 7.30 p.m. in St Michael's A seasonal concert by St Albans City Brass Band and St Michael's choir. Music will include traditional seasonal folk tunes collected by Cecil Sharp and Ralph Vaughan Williams and music by Saint-Saëns and Eric Ball. **Tickets £10 in advance via Eventbrite** (please search for the webpage or see Kenneth's late November Mailchimp for an exact link) **or £12 on the door.**

Advent Quiet Evenings will take place **from 8.00 p.m. in St Michael's on 4th, 11th and 18th December.** Icons, candles, silence – just call in; an island of tranquillity in the run-up to Christmas. Each evening will end with **Compline at 9.00 p.m.**

Christmas Card tree: share community, save time, support charity. There will be a small Christmas tree inside St Michael's **from the beginning of December**, together with labels made from old Christmas cards on which worshippers and visitors are invited to write a message to the whole congregation. Money saved might be donated to your preferred charity, if you wish!

Well done and thank you for the big team effort in getting the Advent and Christmas publicity out across the parish. Super job. Please build on this great start by thinking and praying about whom you will invite to special services in the weeks ahead. **Kenneth**

This year, the **Christmas Retiring Collections at St Michael's Church** will be sent to the following charities:

Carol Service	Children of Peace
Crib Service	Keach Cottage Children's Hospice
Midnight /Christmas Day	Open Door and Centre 33

Christmas is a time when the FEED foodbank faces particularly heavy demand and when they want to make available some of the seasonal goods which others take for granted. They are keen to encourage specific donations at this time of year of Christmas goodies such as Christmas crackers, chocolates, chocolate coins, nuts, crisps, cheese biscuits, selection boxes, cakes, biscuits, non-alcoholic fizzy drinks as well as the staples such as coffee, long-life milk, fruit juice, squash, tinned meat/pies, rice/noodles/cooking sauces, cleaning products and toiletries. If you can help with any of these items, please put your donations into the box by St Michael's font on Sunday mornings, and in the Tower Room on Wednesdays. Many thanks for your support for this important local charity.