



St Michael and St Mary
Information for the week beginning
13th January 2019

Please take home this sheet

The Baptism of Christ

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. All-Age Communion with Holy Baptism
(St Michael's)
- 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

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

Today's reading is:

Luke 3: 21-22(p. 56 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Prayers will be led today by Colin Roberts

During communion the choir sings Psalm 98 in a metrical version paraphrased by Eric Routley. The music is found in the Genevan Psalter of 1562.

New songs of celebration render
to him who has great wonders done.
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendour:
come and adore the Mighty One.
He has made known his great salvation
which all his friends with joy confess:
he has revealed to every nation
his everlasting righteousness.

Joyfully, heartily resounding,
let every instrument and voice
peal out the praise of grace abounding,
calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
such sounds as make the heavens ring;
all things that live in earth and ocean,
make music for your mighty King.

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
honour the Lord with wild acclaim;
mountains and stones look up adoring
and find a voice to praise his name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
praises be his that never cease:
just is our God, whose truth victorious
establishes the world in peace.

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, 13th January 2019

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)
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)
	<i>from</i> 8.00 p.m.	Ladies' Night (Portland Arms)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)

Next Sunday: 20th January 2019 - Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11

Please remember in your prayers

those to be baptized

Hannah King

those who are ill

Jacqui Follett
Jo Frost
Desmond Gaskell
Debbie Greenwood
Helen Huson
Alice Reardon

Cora Marie Varshney
Barbara Woodward

those who mourn the death of

Marjorie Valgren

Notices

The annual **Admission to Communion** class for children aged 7 and above will be taking place between 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. on the following Sundays : 24th February, 3rd, 10th and 17th March. As the course explores our regular Sunday service, the meetings will be held in St Michael's church. If you want to find out more, please contact Kenneth via e-mail on kennethpadley@gmail.com

We are also in the process of drawing together two **Exploring Faith / Confirmation** groups, one for adults and one for teenagers. (Confirmation is an opportunity for adults / young adults to reflect on what they believe and why; it is not the same as Admission to Communion which is about the ritual inclusion of our junior-aged members.) Six one-hour sessions; venue and timings to suit participants. Once again, please get in touch as soon as possible if interested: kennethpadley@gmail.com

Many churches keep '**Education Sunday**' in late January / early February. We look forward to welcoming **Caroline Godden** as speaker during the 9.30am service on **27th January**. Caroline is Adult Learning Officer at St Albans Cathedral, and will be telling us about opportunities to deepen our faith through the Cathedral Study Centre: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/learning/study-centre/> and the benefits which the Cathedral extension (due to open mid-2019) will bring to the whole city.

We will be making Christingles within the All-Age service at 9.30 a.m. on **3rd February**, and this will be the last of the Christmas charities. Any cash donations will be sent to The Children's Society, a charity combating child poverty in England.

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 - £246.78**
- **Keech Cottage Children's Hospice - £349.19**
- **Open Door and Centre 33 - £718.06 split 50/50**

In November twenty ladies from St Michael's enjoyed a convivial evening at the Portland Arms. Our next gathering for drinks will be on **Thursday, 17th January from 8.00 p.m.** On this occasion we will not be arranging food in advance, but of course meals may be ordered independently. All ladies welcome - **Bronwen Parr**

The Friends of St Michael's will be holding their **AGM** in the Parish Centre at 6.30 p.m. on **Tuesday, 29th January**. All are welcome.

Are any of our younger (or older!?) customers missing their **Minecraft 2018 Annual**? Please check in the maroon Lost Property Box under the stewards' pew next to the main door.

We'd love to stay in touch: if you would like our monthly magazine and highlights email, please email admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com If you have signed up but have not received emails recently, please check that your spam filters are not blocking admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com