



**St Michael and St Mary**  
**Information for the week beginning**  
**27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

*Please take home this sheet*

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)

We welcome **Caroline Godden**, Adult Learning Officer at St Albans Cathedral, as speaker during this service.

Children's groups are running in the Parish Centre and school.

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.

6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

**Contacts**

Key information is available on [www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk/](http://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 in church who need to take a break, the tower room contains toys and books.

## Today's readings are:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (p. 407 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles)

I Corinthians 12: 12-31a (p. 161 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Luke 4: 14-21 (p. 57 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Prayers will be led today by Charles King and the readers are Andrew and Victoria de Csillery

Between the first and second readings we sing from **Responsorial Psalm 19**

## Response:



## Choir:

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eye. **Response**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. **Response**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **Response**

## During communion the choir will sing:

King Jesus hath a garden, full of diverse flowers,  
Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.  
*There naught is heard but Paradise bird,  
Harp, dulcimer, lute,  
With cymbal, trumpet, tymbal,  
And the tender, soothing flute.*

The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity:  
The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.  
*There naught is heard ...*

The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience:  
The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience.  
*There naught is heard ...*

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,  
'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace.  
*There naught is heard ...*

Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim  
The Star of Bethlem-Jesus-blessed be his Name!  
*There naught is heard ...*

Words: G.R. Woodward Music tr. Dutch, harmonized by Charles Wood

## Week beginning Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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)
	6.30 p.m.	Friends of St Michael's AGM (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)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Church Cleaning (St Michael's)

### Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 - Candlemas

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m.	All-Age Communion with Christingle making (St Michael's)
11.15 a.m.	Matins (St Michael's)
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

Luke 2: 22-40

## Please remember in your prayers

*those who are ill*

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

# Notices

**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.

Next Sunday, **3<sup>rd</sup> February**, we will be making Christingles within the All-Age service at 9.30 a.m. This will be the last of the Christmas charities and any cash donations will be sent to The Children's Society, a charity combating child poverty in England.

**Traidcraft:** Val will be ordering Traidcraft goods **at the end of January** so please contact her on [Chiesa@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://traidcraft.co.uk)

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 : 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com)

**Thank you** for all of your support for **FEED** over the Christmas period, and during 2018 as a whole. If you are able to continue to help support FEED the organisers would be grateful for donations of fruit juice and squash; UHT milk (semi skimmed please); shampoo, conditioner and shower gel; cleaning products (all varieties, e.g. washing up liquid, multipurpose cleaners); washing powder and conditioner; tinned meat (tinned casseroles, curries, mince); nappies size 3, 4+, 5+, 6 and 6+ only please; toilet and kitchen rolls. Your donations can be put in the box by St Michael's font on Sunday mornings, and in the Tower Room on Wednesdays.

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