



St Michael and St Mary

Information for the week beginning

11th February 2018

Sixth Sunday after 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)

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

Today's readings are:

2 Kings 2: 1-12 (p. 310 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles)

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 (p. 167 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Mark 9: 2-9 (p. 41 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Today's prayers are led by Paul Rawlinson and the readers are Charles Naylor and Livvy Naylor

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

*Between the first and second readings the choir sings **Psalm 50 vv1-6***

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :

and called the world from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty.

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence:

there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above : and the earth that he may judge his people.

Gather my saints together unto me : those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness : for God is Judge himself.

During communion the choir sings:

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright

Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: HR Bramley 1833-1917 Music: Charles Wood 1866

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 11th February 2018

| | | |
|-----------|------------|---|
| Monday | 9.00 a.m. | NO Morning Prayer (St Michael's) |
| Tuesday | 9.00 a.m. | NO Morning Prayer (St Michael's) |
| Wednesday | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion with Ashing (St Michael's) |
| | 8.00 p.m. | Sung Communion with Ashing (St Michael's) |
| Thursday | 9.00 a.m. | NO Morning Prayer (St Michael's) |
| Friday | 9.00 a.m. | NO Morning Prayer (St Michael's) |
| | 12.30 p.m. | Memorial Service for the late Margaret Baynton (St Michael's) |
| | 7.45 p.m. | Choir practice (St Michael's) |

Next Sunday 18th February 2018 - First Sunday of Lent

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 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 reading will be

Genesis 9: 8-17
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15

Please remember in your prayers

those newly married

James and Samantha Semmens

those who are ill

Tricia de Csillery
Jacqui Follett
Jo Frost
Desmond Gaskell
Debbie Greenwood
Barbara Woodward

those who mourn the death of

Margaret Baynton
Brian Cluett
Margaret Young

Notices

Kenneth will be on **sabbatical** between April and June. He has written a short paper about what this means for the parish. It is important that parishioners read this document, either on the 28th January Mailchimp email or from the yellow sheets at the back of both churches.

We would like to thank Maureen Voyce and Liz Rose and their band of helpers for the work that they put into the preparation of the Christingle kits last week. **The retiring collection raised £336.22, including Gift Aid, for The Children's Society;** thank you for your generosity.

Like many churches, St Michael's and St Mary's keep the season of Lent as a time of reflection and penitence. This year, Bishop Alan's book, **Saints and Pilgrims in the Diocese of St Albans** will be used by the Lent Groups. We have been able to acquire copies of this high quality book at a heavily discounted rate of £10 per copy. They will be **available to purchase after the 9.30 a.m. service today, or from Bronwen Parr on bronwenparr@hotmail.com or (01727) 864645.** Some may want to use these books for private study while others may want to come and discuss the excerpts in one of our two Lent Groups - a daytime group in the vicarage after the Wednesday 10 a.m. service, or an evening group in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays 8–9.30 p.m.

Do you live in the parish or regularly worship at St Michael's or St Mary's and are over 16? If so, do join the **Electoral Roll**. The Church Electoral Roll gives you voting rights at parish meetings. Please pick up a form from the back of either church.

Gradually, over many years, most of St Michael's communications have shifted from paper to electronic format. This has rendered the **pigeon holes** at the back of the Lady Chapel largely redundant for church purposes. Therefore, following John Hayton's First Law of Spirituality – "Less is More" - **the pigeon holes are due for retirement after the February half term.** If you may have any stray items left in your pigeon hole, please check and remove. **Stewards and Church Guides,** please note that the box of badges will move into the choir vestry in a few weeks' time.

It has come to our attention that part of **St Michael's churchyard wall** facing Bluehouse Hill is in a dangerous condition. Please be careful if walking in the vicinity. St Michael's churchyard is closed to new burials. This means that responsibility for arranging repairs to this wall and associated permissions rests with St Albans District Council. The PCC is waiting to hear how SADC proposes to address this issue.