



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

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**Second Sunday before Lent**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion with Holy Baptism  
(St Michael's)
- 3.00 p.m. Admission to Communion Class - 1/4 (St Michael's)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong St Mary's)
- 6.30 p.m. Taizé Worship (St Michael'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

### **Today's readings are:**

Revelation 4 (p. 229 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Luke 8: 22-25 (p. 62 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Today's reader is Kerry Abel

Prayers will be led today by Anthony Taylor

### **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 1866-1926*

Please stay for refreshments after the service in the Parish Centre.

Toilets are available in the Parish Centre at the east end of the churchyard.

## Week beginning Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	12.00 p.m.	Funeral of the late John Turner (St Michael's)
	5.00 p.m.	Teenagers' Confirmation Group-Session 2
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)
	8.00 p.m.	Exploring Christianity (Adults)-Session 2
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	8.30 a.m.	Churchyard Working Party (St Michael's) - <b>please note the change of time</b>
	11.00 a.m.	Marriage of Terence Lowry and Elizabeth Warren (St Michael's)

### Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 - Sunday Next before Lent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (St Michael's) - Guest speaker: Heather Ryan from FEED
3.00 p.m.	Admission to Communion Class - 2/4 (St Michael's)
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (St Mary's) - Guest speaker: Heather Ryan from FEED

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

Exodus 34: 29-35  
1 Corinthians 3: 12 to 4: 2  
Luke 9: 28b-36

## Please remember in your prayers

### *those to be baptized*

Cecilia Elizabeth Bailey Abel  
Lawrence Alfred Bailey Abel

### *those to be married*

Terence Lowry and Elizabeth Warren

### *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*

William Thayne  
John Turner

# Notices

**Please Note:** There will be NO church cleaning on **2<sup>nd</sup> March**, but we would welcome help with church cleaning on **9<sup>th</sup> March** from **9.30 a.m.** Thank you.

Like many churches, St Michael's and St Mary's keep the season of Lent as a time of reflection and penitence. This year we are encouraging you to dig deeper into the things of God through art. We are offering two opportunities for this. **Lent Groups** in 2019 will be using *Inspired to Follow*, a course developed in partnership between the National Gallery and St Martin-in-the-Fields. During each session, the group will focus on a painting, consider its biblical context, and have a chance to explore its meaning for them. As usual, there will be:

- an evening group running in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays 8–9.30p.m. (**starting 12<sup>th</sup> March**)
- a daytime group running in the Parish Centre after the Wednesday 10 a.m. service (**starting 13<sup>th</sup> March**)

Each group will use the same material so participants are welcome and encouraged to work between the two groups if this suits their busy schedules.

Complementing the course, but separate from it, we also have a **Lent book** for sale, Sister Wendy Beckett's **Art of Lent: A Painting A Day From Ash Wednesday To Easter**. It will be available for sale at £10 a copy (whether you wish to attend a Lent Group or not) after the 9.30am service from February 17<sup>th</sup> or via email to [bronwenparr@hotmail.com](mailto:bronwenparr@hotmail.com)

It is three years since we started to support the work of FEED Foodbank. We look forward to welcoming **Heather Ryan from FEED** during the 9.30am and 6pm services on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March** to tell us about how our donations have been supporting their work and the ways in which we can get involved. Visit their website [www.thevineyardchurch.co.uk/feed/](http://www.thevineyardchurch.co.uk/feed/) for more information. Copies of the latest 'shopping list' is available at the back of both churches.

The solemn season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** (6<sup>th</sup> March). As usual, opportunities to receive the traditional mark of an ash cross on the forehead will be offered at St Michael's during : 9am St Michael's school service, 10am Holy Communion, and 8pm Parish Communion.

**Easter Egg decorating competition.** The *Parish News* magazine is running a design competition! The first prize will be your Easter Egg published as the *Parish News* front cover as well as either a special Easter Egg or a set of artist felt pens - your choice. 2 Runners Up prizes too. Please see the February edition of the *Parish News* or the special competition leaflet at the back of St Michael's. **Deadline for entries: 12<sup>th</sup> March.** Good luck!