



St Michael and St Mary
Information for the week beginning
10th March 2019

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First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. All-Age Communion (St Michael's)
- 12.00 p.m. Burial of Ashes of the late William Scott
- 3.00 p.m. Admission to Communion Class - 3/4 (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 in church who need to take a break, the tower room contains toys and books.

Today's reading is:

Luke 4: 1-13 (p. 56 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles) and will be read by Grant Klein

Prayers will be led today by Gillian Davey

During communion, the choir sings:

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51 vv9-11

Music: Thomas Attwood 1765- 1838

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, 10th March 2019

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	5.00 p.m.	Teenagers' Confirmation Group-Session 4
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	9.45 a.m.	Tiny Tots (Parish Centre)
	8.00 p.m.	Lent Study Group (Parish Centre)
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	School Service (St Michael's)
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (St Michael's)
	10.45 a.m.	Lent Study Group (Parish Centre)
	8.00 p.m.	Bell-ringing practice (St Michael's)
	8.00 p.m.	Exploring Christianity (Adults)-Session 3
	8.00 p.m.	PCC Meeting (St Mary's)
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	from 8.30 p.m.	Men's Night (Lower Red Lion)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (St Michael's)
	7.45 p.m.	Choir practice (St Michael's)

Next Sunday: 17th March 2019 - Second 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 readings will be

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17 to 4: 1
Luke 13: 31-35

Please remember in your prayers

*those preparing for baptism/confirmation
at Easter*

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
William Scott

Notices

Following the theft from St Michael's donations tower last spring and from the collection plate during a service the year before, a **CCTV camera** has now been installed at the back of the nave. This will run constantly but the footage will only ever be accessed in the event of a problem. The parish survey which fed into our Mission Action Plan indicated that having an open church was among the most positively-received things that we do, so it is important to take the necessary minimum measures to keep safe both the building and its users.

Ladies' Night: All ladies are welcome at the Portland Arms from 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 21st March.

Traidcraft: Val Chiesa will be ordering Traidcraft goods this month on or around **28th March** so please contact her on Chiesa@btinternet.com, 07917 184021 or speak to her after a service if you would like anything, especially if you would like to purchase Meaningful Chocolate Easter Eggs and other Divine chocolate items in time for Easter. All goods that are available can be seen on traidcraft.co.uk

Every six years, each parish in the Church of England must start their Electoral Roll from scratch meaning that 2019 sees a **Full Revision** of our Electoral Roll. You are encouraged to join the Roll because this gives you voting rights at parish meetings and it helps keep our pastoral contacts up to date. **All members of St Michael's and St Mary's must apply for the new Roll to retain their voting rights!** If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, please take an Electoral Roll Application Form from the back of either church, fill it in, and return to the Parish Office.

Talking Turkey: Monday 25th March 7.30pm in the Chapter Room in the Deanery (Cathedral). Kenneth will be giving a revision of the PowerPoint presentation and discussion of his sabbatical visit to the Seven Churches of Revelation in western Turkey which he gave in the Parish Centre in October. The evening will include a survey of how the sites were rediscovered and the present extent of their excavation. There will also be an exploration of text and context – how the letters written to churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 reflect specific issues of history, topography, and culture in the seven cities. This is part of the Cathedral Study Centre programme so please book in advance: www.stalbanscathedral.org/learning/study-centre/

The Great British Spring Clean: can you lend an hour on Friday March 22nd to help spruce the local environment?

- Dione Verulam will lead a team working on St Michael's Street from 9am
- Juliet Voisey will coordinate a group in the paddock from 3.30pm

Meet at/near St Michael's top school for both; bags and litter pickers provided but please bring gloves - and boots for the paddock! Do visit www.keepbritaintidy.org for how this fits into a national campaign.

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: 12th March.** Good luck!