



## **St Michael and St Mary**

**Information for the week beginning**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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

9.30 a.m. All-Age Communion (St Michael's)

6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer (St Mary's)

### **Contacts**

Key information is available on <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 reading is:*

John 6: 35, 41 - 51 (p. 91 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

..... and will be read by Blessing Otuka

Today in the Church Calendar we recognise the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; during communion the choir sings:

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O clemens, O pie,  
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,*

*Words: 14<sup>th</sup> c. hymn sometimes attributed to Pope Innocent VI*

*Music: Edward Elgar*

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.

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At the end of last term, four Choral Scholars and our Organ Scholar completed their service here at St Michaels. Following their 'A' levels, we wish them well as they continue their studies:

**Tomas Johnson** – Languages at Durham University

**Louisa Kataria** – Music (Saxophone) at the Royal College of Music (London)

**Vanessa Parker** – Music (Flute) at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

**Emma Smillie** – Music at Birmingham University

**George Throup** – Music (Organ) at the Royal College of Music (London)

## Week beginning Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 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) |
|           | 10.30 a.m.     | Holy Communion (St Michael's) |
|           | 8.00 p.m.      | PCC Meeting (Parish Centre)   |
| 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

|            |                                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion (St Michael's)        |
| 9.30 a.m.  | Parish Communion (St Michael's)      |
| 11.30 a.m. | Animal Service (St Mary's)           |
| 4.15 p.m.  | CTSA Prayer Walk visits St Michael's |
| 6.00 p.m.  | Evensong (St Mary's)                 |

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

Exodus 32: 7-14  
I Timothy 1: 12-17  
Luke 15: 1-10

## Please remember in your prayers

*those who are ill*

Jenni Blaxland  
Jacqui Follett  
Jo Frost  
Debbie Greenwood  
Helen Huson  
Rachael Hymas  
Beryl Milnes  
Margaret Picton  
Alice Reardon  
Cora Marie Varshney  
Barbara Woodward

*those who mourn the death of*

Claire Jerram  
Peter Norman  
Guy Roxburghe

# Notices

**Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**, the museum car park (and perhaps St Michael's Street) will be marshal-controlled due to large events in Verulamium Park. **Permission and space to park for church (on the road and in the car park) is unaffected** - please advise the marshal that you are coming to church and they will let you through. Entry and exit routes are also unaffected. In summary, business as usual: it is important that we continue our routine worship unperturbed by one-off events.

The annual **Animal Service** at **St Mary's (AL3 6JJ)** will be held at **11.30 a.m.** on **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**. This short act of worship (30 minutes) has been especially shaped to thank God for creation and to pray for animal welfare. It will be held outside the church unless the weather is bad. If you have a pet which you would like blessed, please bring it with you. If your pet is of a nervous disposition bring a photo and we can pray with that instead!

**Medieval Daze, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September**, a festival of fun at Kingsbury Barn, organised by the **Friends of St Michael's**. This will be preceded by **An Evening with Harry Christophers** discussing the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his world famous ensemble, The Sixteen, in St Michael's church on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The Friends need assistance from as many people as possible to make these events for the benefit of St Michael's building and community happen: **please sign up on the sheet at the back of St Michael's with offers of help.**

**Tickets** for all Medieval Daze events are now available to purchase. Type 'Medieval Daze' into a search engine for a link to Eventbrite.

**St Mary's update.** We are pleased to have received a discharge of the Planning condition regarding the external materials which we propose to use on the toilet extension. A second hurdle remains in relation to a minor variation in the design of the windows. We look forward to this being cleared and work starting as soon as possible. We will keep you posted...

Well done and thank you to **Colin Hamling and Roy Brooks** for completing the overhaul of the choir area at the west end of St Michael's. Roy and Colin have spent many hours in the last few weeks sanding and varnishing to make permanent the changes which were implemented last year to enhance the acoustics of the choir stalls and improve the visual appearance of the west end. **Kenneth**

Many congratulations to **Jenny and Colin Roberts, and to Liz and Tom Kassel** on their Golden Anniversaries!

Cutting the lavender in St Michael's churchyard will start on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September** and continue during the following week. If you would like to help, or take away some of the cuttings to make pot pourri etc. please get in touch with Jim Mann (07770 324375) to let him know. Thank you.