



**St Michael and St Mary**  
**Information for the week beginning**  
**19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Second Sunday of 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/](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

Children's groups are running in the school. The children's corner in the North Aisle contains themed-worksheets, books and toys. Parents, please remain responsible for your children in this space. If your child needs time-out or privacy (e.g. nappy change) the Tower Room is available and has sound relay of the service.

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

Isaiah 9: 1-4 (p. 581 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles)

I Corinthians 1: 1-9 (p. 153 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

Matthew 4: 12-23 (p. 3 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles)

..... and will be read by *Graham Willey and Jenny Roberts.*

### **Between the first and second readings we sing Responsorial Psalm 27 vv1-6**

#### **Response:**



#### **Choir:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid? **Response**

One thing have I desired of the Lord and that alone I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord,  
and to visit his temple. **Response**

*Prayers will be led by Di Edworthy*

#### **During communion the choir sings:**

A sound of angels from afar filled all the quiet air,  
and ah! How full of gladness are the tidings that they bore.  
The shepherds ran to Bethlehem to see a wondrous sight:  
The Lord of lords to earth come down; Glory to God on high.

Music: Christopher Tye c.1500-72 Words: W. Atkins

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, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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.	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)

### Next Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Third Sunday of 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)

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

I Kings 17: 8-16  
I Corinthians 1: 18-31  
John 2: 1-11

## Please remember in your prayers

### *those who are ill*

Jacqui Follett  
Jo Frost  
Debbie Greenwood  
Helen Huson  
Rachael Hymas  
Beryl Milnes  
Alice Reardon  
Cora Marie Varshney  
Paul Wiggett  
Barbara Woodward

### *those who mourn the death of*

Jos Drummond  
Lucy Pegg

# Notices

**Christmas Good News.** 2019 finished on a high: attendance was up at *all* our special services in December compared to last year: Advent Carols, Christmas Carols (both churches), Crib, Midnight, Christmas Day (both churches). December 25<sup>th</sup> saw the best attended Christmas morning parish communion in St Michael's for 25 years. This seasonal growth comes on the back of a third successive year in which usual Sunday attendance has strengthened too. This is *vital* stuff – not for the flourishing of our churches but (much more importantly) for the joy it brings as we grow in God together. Well done on encouraging friends, neighbours, colleagues to attend worship and events, and to send their email contacts to the Parish Office to join our mailing list, and for welcoming the unfamiliar. Keep up the good work as we head into a new decade! **Kenneth**

Thank you for your generosity towards this year's **Christmas Charities** through retiring collections. This year we supported: **St Michael's Choir Fund (£145.50); Children of Peace (£279.60); Keech Cottage Children's Hospice (277.60); The Living Room (£824.50); Centre 33 (£824.50).** In addition, cash donations during the **Christingle Service** (9.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> February) will be sent to **The Children's Society**, a charity combating child poverty in England.

I am grateful for the numerous expressions of appreciation for the music at St Michael's and St Mary's over this past Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season. This would not have been achieved without the support of the choir, our scholars, our ex-scholars and other musicians to whom I extend these appreciations, together with thanks from the Vicar and myself. **Colin Hamling – Director of Music**

Following a very short illness, **Jos Drummond** died peacefully on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> January in Verulam House Nursing Home. A celebration service of thanksgiving will be held at Christ Church, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DJ at **2pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, and everyone is welcome to attend - it is not necessary to wear black.

**Friends' of St Michael's AGM: Parish Centre 7.00 p.m. Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January** Open to all; membership may be renewed, or started, before the beginning of the meeting.

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Candlemas** - a festival of light to close the greater Christmas season with All Age Communion and **Christingle-making at St Michael's at 9.30 a. m.**

Long-standing members of St Michael's and St Mary's may be interested in a recent article about 'What 24 hours in A&E revealed about the NHS' in the *Church Times* by **Hugh Dickinson**, former Vicar. Please Google 'Church Times Dickinson' or visit: [www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2020/3-january/comment/opinion/what-24-hours-in-ae-revealed-about-the-nhs](http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2020/3-january/comment/opinion/what-24-hours-in-ae-revealed-about-the-nhs)

**Traidcraft:** Val will be ordering Traidcraft goods on **3<sup>rd</sup> February**. If you would like to place an order, please contact her on [Chiesa@btinternet.com](mailto:Chiesa@btinternet.com), 07917 184021 or speak to her after a service. All goods available can be seen on [traidcraft.co.uk](http://traidcraft.co.uk)

It appears that not all **readers and intercessors** received the rota for this term. This was distributed by email on 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you have been expecting but have yet to receive this, please drop a line to [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com)