



St Michael and St Mary

Services this week

14th November 2021 - Remembrance Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. All-Age Communion (St Michael's)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9am Morning Prayer (by Zoom - code via kennethpadley@gmail.com)

Wednesday

- 9.00 a.m. School Service (St Michael's)
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

Sunday, 21st November 2021

- 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 or via the Parish Office:
01727 835037 (9.00 a.m.–12.00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Today's Readings

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12: 1-3

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Mark 13: 1-8

Today's Music

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.

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!

Words: 14thc. hymn sometimes attributed to Pope Innocent VI
Music: W.A. Mozart

Please remember in your prayers

- those being admitted to Communion: Clara Levitt, Molly Costin, Ben Sunderland, Yiu Wai Ching (Skylar)
- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Allan Plumpton, Shoba Ponnappa, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett, Barbara Woodward
- for healing and wholeness: Peter Loyd
- those who mourn the death of Pat Plumpton

Notices

A big **THANK YOU** goes to **everyone** who was involved with making a great success of the Bonfire Party last weekend. It proved to be a wonderful opportunity to get together with old friends and make new friends, especially after the impact of COVID on all social activities over the past 18 months. We are still collating the receipts and expenses and as soon as all of the information has been received, we will be able to let you know how much money was raised - watch this space.

Notices

Tuesday, 16th November at 6.45 p.m. the licensing of **Charles King** as **Priest-in-Charge of Knebworth** will take place in a service at St Martin's Knebworth SG3 6ER.

An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke: 8pm Thursday 25th November in the Parish Centre. The new Church year which begins at Advent will source most of the Sunday gospel readings from St Luke. This evening session, led by Kenneth Padley, is an opportunity to get ahead of the lectionary by offering an overview of the third evangelist, his context and priorities. The Christmas shepherds, Mary's song the Magnificat, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus up his tree, and the Easter Day journey to Emmaus – these and more are stories unique to Luke. Come to this evening and find out why Luke wanted to share them with us and what they might mean for today.

The numbers attending St Michael's **Lunch Club** have been in decline for many years, and with coronavirus also having an impact on the group, it is now unviable to run. Therefore, it is with great regret that the Lunch Club will be holding its last meeting over a Christmas lunch at the Portland Arms on 9th December.

Lunch Club owes a great debt of gratitude to all the parish volunteers who helped to support and run the group over past years, and, more recently, to Jo McCullen and Caz and her staff at the Portland Arms - we send all of them our thanks and best wishes.

Larger Angels Sought. We are looking for a few grown-ups who could support St Michael's Little Angels, a relaunched parents and toddlers group in the Parish Centre on a Tuesday morning. Those involved could assist with craft, food, conversation with parents, and/or a simple act of worship at the end. The commitment need not be weekly and it goes without saying that appropriate safeguarding training and checking will be provided. Please contact Anne and John Bannister if you might be able to lend some time to this valuable ministry to deepen our connections with parents and pre-schoolers: johnlbannister@gmail.com