



St Michael with St Mary



Services this week

Sunday, 28th November 2021 - Advent Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
5.00 p.m. Advent Carol Service (St Michael's)
There will be a Retiring Collection in support of the exceptional effort put in by singers over Advent and Christmastide. The Choir Fund covers essential items such as music and robes.
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, 5th December 2021

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (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

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.

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.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah 33:14-16

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

I Thessalonians 3: 9-13

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Luke 21: 25-36

Resources for today's 9.30am service

During communion the choir sings The German Advent Chorale **Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland**

Saviour of the gentiles come!

Born for us the virgin's son
God doth grant this wondrous birth
awe and wonder fill the earth.

His high chamber leaveth he
Royal seat of purity
God and man, in substance one
Who a hero's course will run.

At the Carol Service this evening, you will have the opportunity to hear one of the great Preludes by JS Bach of this chorale.

Please remember in your prayers

- 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 Reginald (Bill) Shakespeare

Notices

Well done and thank you for the big team effort in getting the Advent and Christmas publicity out across the parish. Super job. Please build on this great start by thinking and praying about whom you will invite to special services in the weeks ahead. **Kenneth**

Kenneth's PowerPoint presentation as part of our **Introduction to St Luke** evening on 25th November is now available via a Post on the homepage of the parish website.

The funeral of the late Reginald (**Bill**) **Shakespeare** will take place in St Michael's at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st December

Thursday, 9th December: 8.00 until 9.00 p.m.

TOWARDS THE LIGHT: An Evening Advent Service of Light, Silence, Music and Words. An oasis of quiet prayerful reflection during the busyness of the season.

