



*St Michael with St Mary*

**Services this week**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

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

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Epiphany**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)  
6.00pm Epiphany carols, readings and choral music  
*Celebrating Jesus' childhood and early years*  
(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

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.

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Wisdom praises herself,  
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.  
In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,  
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:  
'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
and covered the earth like a mist.  
I dwelt in the highest heavens,  
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.  
Alone I compassed the vault of heaven  
and traversed the depths of the abyss.  
Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,  
and over every people and nation I have held sway.  
Among all these I sought a resting-place;  
in whose territory should I abide?

'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,  
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.  
He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob,  
and in Israel receive your inheritance."  
Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.  
In the holy tent I ministered before him,  
and so I was established in Zion.  
Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,  
and in Jerusalem was my domain.  
I took root in an honoured people,  
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

***Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-12***

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."' ) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*John 1: 10-18*

### 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 to be married James Gibson and Rosanna Briguglio

## Notices

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office is **closed** for general and hall booking enquiries until **9.00 a.m.** on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

St Mary's is temporarily closed to weekday visitors, (but still open for regular services - Sunday 6pm) pending a repair on the door hinge. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. A virtual tour of St Mary's is available on Google Street View.

**The Friends of St Michael's Church** have been allocated tickets by the Abbey Theatre to sell and raise funds. The play **One Man, Two Guv'nors** will be performed on the Main Stage at the Abbey Theatre on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.** For more information about how to order/purchase tickets, please visit

<http://www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk/friends-of-st-michaels-theatre-night-one-man-two-guvnors-24-feb-2022>

# Notices

Thank you to everyone who supported the FEED foodbank over the Christmas period. **At the moment, they are particularly short of laundry detergents and fabric softeners as well as toilet rolls** so if you can help, please put your donation into the box in church. In addition, they would appreciate donations of other staples such as coffee, long-life milk, tinned meat/pies, tinned fruit etc. but NO pasta, please.

Kenneth will soon be starting two **Exploring Faith** groups. These help participants consider the building blocks of Christianity. Those completing the programme may wish to proceed to **Confirmation**. The adult group will be meeting on Sundays (11.15am in the choir vestry); the teenage group after school on a Monday on Folly Lane. 6 sessions of 1 hour each looking at God, Jesus, salvation, the Church, worship and ethics. Any last minute expressions of interest? Please get in touch: [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com)

The repairs by **Affinity Water** on the water main will shift from Redbourn Road to Batchwood Drive in early 2022. Please allow extra time when travelling to and from St Michael's church if coming from this direction. Details of the two phases of work are on [affinitywater.co.uk/alerts/mains-renewal](http://affinitywater.co.uk/alerts/mains-renewal)

**For your diary: Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> February** is Candlemas - a festival of light to mark the close of the greater Christmas season - with Christingle-making taking place during the All-Age Communion at 9.30 a.m. Donations made at this service will be sent to Youth Talk (Registered Charity Number 1063572) which is a counselling and signposting service for young people in St Albans.