



## Services this week

### 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)

**No Epiphany Carol Service:** *although we had planned to move the Epiphany Carol Service from St Mary's to St Michael's to create more space, we are not able to offer this service under the current circumstances. Therefore we revert to the normal pattern of :*

6pm Evensong - at St Mary's Childwick, AL3 6JJ

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022: Baptism of Christ

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

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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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

***Isaiah 60: 1-6***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

***Matthew 2: 1-12***

# Resources for today's 9.30am service

## From Psalm 72:

Give the King thy judgements, O God :

and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other :

and from the flood unto the world's end.

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents :

the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him :

all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth :

the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favourable to the simple and needy :

and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong :

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia :

prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

*During Communion the choir will sing:*

1. Rejoice and be merry  
in songs and in mirth!  
O praise our Redeemer;  
all mortals on earth!  
Proclaiming the birthday of  
Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation,  
His praises we'll sing!

2. Likewise a bright star  
In the sky did appear,  
Which led the wise men  
From the East to draw near;  
They found the Messiah,  
Sweet Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation,  
His praises we'll sing!

3. And when they were come,  
they their treasures unfold,  
And unto him offered  
Myrrh, incense and gold.  
So blessed for ever  
Be Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation,  
His praises we'll sing!

*English trad. Gallery Carol*

## Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingird Kluckova, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett, Barbara Woodward
- for **healing and wholeness**: Peter Loyd
- those **mourning** the deaths of Elizabeth Hewitt and Shoba Ponnappa

## Notices

**Exploring Faith** groups will soon be running to 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 Mondays. Do drop Kenneth an email if you would like to find out more: [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com)

**Good news** - the hinges on St Mary's door have been repaired so it is now again open for visitors, seven days a week, 9am - 5pm.

The Friends of St Michael's Church have been allocated a **charity night at the Abbey Theatre** on Thursday 24th February. The play, a comedy by Richard Bean **One Man, Two Guv'nors** promises to be an amusing and convivial evening as well as supporting a good cause. Why not gather a party of friends and neighbours? For further information, including about ticket sales, please visit the homepage of the parish website or speak with Guy Marshall: [guymarshall31@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:guymarshall31@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you to everyone who has supported **FEED foodbank** over the festive period. At the moment, FEED is particularly short of laundry detergents and fabric softeners as well as toilet rolls; donations gratefully received as always in the boxes at the back of both churches.

**Candlemas** will be celebrated on Sunday, 6th February with Christingle-making during the All-Age Communion in St Michael's at 9.30am. Donations at this service will be invited for Youth Talk, a counselling and signposting service for young people in St Albans.