



*St Michael with St Mary*

## **Services this week**

### **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022: Septuagesima**

- 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)

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

*Kenneth is away for half-term;*

*Morning Prayer will resume on Zoom on 21st February*

#### **Wednesday**

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (St Michael's)

### **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022: Sexagesima**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
- We look forward to welcoming Jenny Morrison from the Samaritans to talk about their valuable work. Support for the Samaritans will be invited through a retiring collection (cash or card).*
- 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

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 see a steward for access.

Please stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre.

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**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10** (OT p.654 in the Pew Bibles)

**The choir will sing Psalm 1**

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners :

and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord :

and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side :

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither :

and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them :

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement :

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous :

and the way of the ungodly shall perish

**New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 15: 12-20**

(NT p.163 in the Pew Bibles)

**Gospel Reading:**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

## Resources for today's 9.30am service

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**Luke 6: 17-26**

***During Communion the choir will sing:***

Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

*Words: John Keble 1792-1866*

*Music: H. Walford Davies*

### **Please remember in your prayers**

- those who are **ill**, including: Peter Bell, Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Michaels Hogben, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett, Barbara Woodward
- for **healing and wholeness**: Peter Loyd

# Notices

The solemn season of **LENT** begins on **Ash Wednesday** (2<sup>nd</sup> March). Opportunities to receive the traditional ash cross will be offered at St Michael's during :

- 9am St Michael's school service (to be confirmed)
- 10.30am Holy Communion
- 8pm Parish Communion

Like many churches, St Michael's and St Mary's will keep the **season of Lent** as a time of reflection and repentance. This year we are encouraging you to dig deeper into the things of God through **The Little Book of Lent** (ed. Arthur Howells), a compilation of readings for each day of the season written by famous twentieth- and twenty-first-century Christians. We will be exploring these passages in **Lent**

**Groups**. There will be:

- an **evening group running on Zoom**, five Tuesdays from March 8<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8–9.30pm. Zoom code to be circulated nearer the time. If you would like to go on the notification list for this code, please contact [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com) Separate and in addition to this, if anyone has a full Zoom package Kenneth would be grateful if you could let him know.
- a **daytime group running in the Parish Centre**, five Wednesdays from March 9<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>. The group will start at 11.15am but you may wish to begin this morning at the 10.30am Holy Communion in church, and/or conclude with a simple soup and roll lunch at 12.15am. Expressions of interest in the daytime group please to [bronwenparr@hotmail.com](mailto:bronwenparr@hotmail.com) – especially if you would like to stay for lunch afterwards.

Each group will use the same material so participants are welcome and encouraged to work between the two groups if this suits their busy schedules. We are asking that participants buy their own copy of *The Little Book of Lent*, mindful that some parishioners may already have copies from when we last used this resource in 2016.

The Mission & Community Committee write: 'We are planning to resume the **monthly Wednesday walking groups** after Easter. Led by Kathryn Mathews, the first walk will be on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**. Ann Dean has kindly agreed to give us a guided tour of the Roman Theatre at Gorhambury. Walkers to meet at 11am at the Six Bells, returning there at around 12.30 for lunch. As always, all are welcome to come on the tour or to join us for lunch. We particularly hope that members of the former Lunch Club will join us. More information nearer the time.

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave so generously to the retiring collections in aid of the various Christmas charities that we supported last year. We have sent the following sums to the charities concerned:

Children of Peace	£240.79
Keech Cottage Hospice	£173.64
The Living Room	£303.41
Centre 33	£303.40