



*St Michael with St Mary*

## **Services this week**

### **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)

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

9.00 a.m. 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, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022: Quinquagesima**

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

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)

11.15 a.m. Exploring Christianity group  
(Adults; 4/6; St Michael's)

6.00 p.m. **Compline** (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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After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

**Revelation Chapter 4**

## Resources for today's 9.30am service

### **Gospel Reading:**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

**Luke 8: 22-25**

### ***During Communion the choir will sing from the 'Te Deum'***

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.  
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord  
God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.  
The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.  
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

*Music: Setting in Bb by C.V. Stanford*

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

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

# Notices

Kenneth's sermon on **True Love and St Valentine** is now on the parish website

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.

**5<sup>th</sup> March: Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** This will be the **first session of the new season** - please see the list on the noticeboard on the Parish Centre for future dates. There will be plenty of clearing up to do in the churchyard after the winter break, and we welcome new members to the cleaning party to help keep the church ready for visitors. If you can spare some time to help, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please get in touch with Jim on 07770 324375(churchyard) or Jane on 07973 215955(cleaning).

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:

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