



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 27th February 2022: Quinquagesima

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Baptism (St Michael's)
- 11.15 a.m. Exploring Christianity group
(Adults; 4/6; St Michael's)
- 6.00 p.m. **Compline** (St Mary's)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom - code via kennethpadley@gmail.com)

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

Opportunities to receive the traditional ash cross will be offered at:

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

Sunday, 6th March 2022: First Sunday of Lent

- 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; 5/6; 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 meet in the Parish Centre alongside the 9.30am service during term time.

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.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 3: 12 to 4: 2

Gospel Reading:

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Luke 9: 28b-36

Resources for today's 9.30am service

During Communion the choir will sing

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) Music: Douglas Rose

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

Well done and congratulations to the committee of *The Friends of St Michael's* for a convivial theatre night on Thursday, 24th February; considerable funds were raised for the support of our ancient parish church.

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 8th to April 5th, 8–9.30pm. Zoom code circulated on the latest parish email circular and is available from Mark Pedroz (wincheslodge@gmail.com).
- a **daytime group running in the Parish Centre**, five Wednesdays from March 9th to April 6th. 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 – 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.

We look forward to supporting parishioners as they affirm their faith during a service of **Confirmation** during the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion at St Michael's on Sunday, 20th March. To be led by Bishop Stephen Venner.

Saturday 5th March: St Michael's 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 outside the Parish Centre for future dates. There will be plenty of clearing to do in the churchyard after the winter break, and cleaning in the church as part of our welcome for worshippers and 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).

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the **Samaritans** following the talk by Jenny Morrison during the 9.30am service on 20th February - the amazing sum of £247 was donated.

Hertfordshire Highways will be closing the A5183 **Redbourn Road** between 1st March and 20th March to carry out repairs to the carriageway. Please allow extra time when travelling to and from St Michael's church. Details of the work can be found on the Hertfordshire County Council website.