



*St Michael with St Mary*

## **Services this week**

### **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022: Second 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; 6/6; St Michael's)
- 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))

### **Tuesday**

8–9.30 p.m. Evening Lent Group

(by Zoom - code via Mark Pedroz on [wincheslodge@gmail.com](mailto:wincheslodge@gmail.com))

### **Wednesday**

- 9.00 a.m. School Service (St Michael's)
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 11.15 a.m. Daytime Lent Group (Parish Centre)

### **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022: Third Sunday of Lent**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion with a service of Baptism and Confirmation led by Bishop Stephen Venner (St Michael's)
- 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

**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.

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**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18** (OT p.11 in the Pew Bibles)

*Between the first and second readings we sing Responsorial Psalm 27 vv1-6*

**Response:**



**Choir:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid? **Response**

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **Response**

One thing have I desired of the Lord and that alone I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord,  
and to visit his temple. **Response**

For in the time of trouble  
he shall hide me in his tabernacle;

In the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,  
and set me high upon a rock. **Response**

**New Testament Reading: Philippians 3: 17 to 4:1** (NT p.184 in the Pew Bibles)

**Gospel Reading:**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my

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work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." ' "

**Luke 13: 31-35**

***During Communion the choir will sing from Miserere mei, Deus (Psalm 51)***

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, oblationes, et holocausta.

*Have mercy upon me, O God: after Thy great goodness.*

*According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.*

*Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.*

*But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.*

*Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations.*

Music by Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

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

- those who are **ill**, including: Peter Bell, Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Michael Hogben, Helen Huson, Rachael Hy-mas, Ingrid Kluckova, Wendy May; Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett
- for **healing and wholeness**: Peter Loyd
- those who mourn the deaths of David Bowers; Barbara Woodward

# Notices

**Thank you so much** for the warm congratulations and best wishes received over the last few days on the news of our move to Salisbury. We have made many friends in St Albans and will miss you all deeply. Do get in touch if you are passing through Wiltshire!

**Kenneth and Anna and Alex**

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 circulated on the latest parish email circular and is available from Mark Pedroz ([wincheslodge@gmail.com](mailto:wincheslodge@gmail.com))
- 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 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.

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

**UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone who supported The Friends of St Michael's Church charity night at the Abbey Theatre on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February - net proceeds from the event are approaching £6000.

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.