



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 27th March 2022: Mothering Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. All-Age Communion (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)

Tuesday

8–9.30 p.m. Evening Lent Group

(by Zoom - code via Mark Pedroz on 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, 3rd April 2022: Passion Sunday

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

New Testament Reading:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel Reading:

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19: 25b - 27

During communion the choir sings:

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!*

Words: 14th c. hymn sometimes attributed to Pope Innocent VI

Music: W.A. Mozart 1756-1791

Resources for today's 9.30am service

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 Hyman, 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; Jean Timson

Notices

Saturday 2nd April: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 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 janelarman@sky.com (cleaning).

Kenneth's sermon about Pilgrimage (13th March) is now available on the parish website.

Like many churches, St Michael's and St Mary's is keeping 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 are exploring these passages in **Lent Groups**:

- 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 starts 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 – especially if you would like to stay for lunch.

Each group is using the same material so participants are welcome and encouraged to work between the two groups if this suits their busy schedules.

Notices

With parishioners returning to more 3D activities, **Zoom Morning Prayer** will terminate at the end of March. When onsite, Kenneth will say Morning Prayer in St Michael's church at 9am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until his departure at the end of May.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Before for the Annual Meetings on May 22nd, the parish Electoral Roll needs to be revised, and **will be open for revision from 8th April.**

- If you are already a member of the Roll, you do not need to complete a form. However, if you are unsure that you are on the Roll, and wish to check, please get in touch with Georgie in the office (01727 835037).
- If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, and not yet on the Roll, please take an Electoral Roll Application Form from the back of either church, fill it in, and return to the Parish Office at the Vicarage. Membership of the Electoral Roll gives you voting rights at parish meetings and helps keep our pastoral contacts up to date.

The Mission & Community Committee write: 'Weather permitting, we will resume the monthly Wednesday walking groups led by Kathryn Mathews on **Wednesday 20th April.** Ann Dean has kindly agreed to give us a guided tour of the Roman Theatre at Gorhambury (entry fee £2per person). Please be aware that at intervals we will be standing for some time and there are a few steps to negotiate. 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, at which we will be entertained by jazz duo John Mole and Dave Comley. Please confirm your interest to Sue Vaughan on 01727 811443, email suecvaughan@btinternet.com, or catch her at church'.

St Michael's Folk Evening is back again this year. Your Mission & Community team are in full planning mode to host our contribution to the event, as usual in the churchyard, details to follow soon! **Please save the date: Wednesday July 6th @ 7pm.** Alison Evans and her team of bellringers will be opening the event with a peal at 7:00pm. If you are planning to attend and can help setup, serve and clear away in any shape or form, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kate Berry (katefrancesberry1@outlook.com)

Christian Aid are running a 'Thinking Lunch' on 5th May between 12.30 – 1.30 pm at Marlborough Road Baptist Church. The talk by Dr Justin Thacker on 'How the West steals from Africa' lasts for half an hour and is followed by a discussion. Please bring your own lunch and drinks. Further information from Anita on 07906655641

We'd love to stay in touch: if you would like our highlights email, please email admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com If you have signed up but have not received emails recently, please check that your spam filters are not blocking admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com