



*St Michael with St Mary*

## **Services this week**

### **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

#### **Tuesday**

8–9.30 p.m. Final evening Lent Group  
(by Zoom - code via Mark Pedroz on [wincheslodge@gmail.com](mailto:wincheslodge@gmail.com))

#### **Wednesday**

- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 11.15 a.m. Final daytime Lent Group (Parish Centre)

### **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Palm Sunday**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Donkey Procession **from** Prae Wood School to St Michael's Church **for**
- 10.00 a.m. All-Age Service
- 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:**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Isaiah 43: 16-21*

### **New Testament Reading:**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3: 4b-14*

## Resources for today's 9.30am service

### **Gospel Reading:**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**John 12: 1-8**

### **During communion the choir sings:**

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
sing the last the dread affray;  
o'er the cross, the victor's trophy,  
sound the high triumphal lay;  
how, the pains of death enduring,  
earth's Redeemer won the day.

2. When at length th'appointed fullness  
of the sacred time was come,  
he was sent, the World's creator,  
from the Father's heav'nly home,  
and was found in human fashion,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.

3. Now the thirty years are ended  
which on earth he willed to see,  
willingly he meets his Passion,  
born to set his people free;  
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,  
there the sacrifice to be.

*Pange lingua – Plainsong Mode iii*

*Translated from the Latin words of Bishop Venantius Fortunatus*

### **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 death of Jean Timson

# Notices

Next week is **Palm Sunday** and if you wish to join the procession, please meet at **9.30 a.m. at Prae Wood School** from where we will walk to St Michael's behind **Dandy the Donkey** to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. Please bring some greenery to wave! **If you do not wish to walk**, please go to St Michael's as usual where the estimated time of donkey arrival is 10.00 a.m.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Decorating St Michael's for Easter:** We will be decorating the church on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April** from 11.00 a.m. If anyone would like to bring a vase or jug filled with yellow and white flowers, or make an arrangement in the same colours, please bring them to church on the day.

## Vicar Vacancy: key dates

- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May** – The Padleys will be saying **farewell** during the 9.30am service in St Michael's
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Informal Vacancy Meeting**, 7.30pm, St Michael's church. This is your chance to meet with Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Jane and together to discern aspirations for the next Vicar. **Please prioritise this meeting**. It is especially important that the full breadth of both churches and the wider community is involved in this conversation.
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Kenneth installed as Canon Treasurer** at Salisbury, 4.30pm. There is a possible parish bus being organised - info to follow. If you decide to travel by car, please let Kenneth know because the cathedral would appreciate rough numbers for refreshments.

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 6<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

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