



Holy Week

Sunday, 10th April: Palm Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m. Donkey Procession *from* Prae Wood School *for*
10.00 a.m. All-Age Service (St Michael's)
6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

- 8.00 p.m. Compline (by Zoom) -code via kennethpadley@gmail.com

13th April Wednesday

- 10.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross (St Michael's) - *Jesus' Passion in art*
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

14th April Maundy Thursday

- 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion and Vigil (time of stillness)

15th April Good Friday

- 12.00 - 1.00 p.m. The Liturgy - *readings, prayers and music* (St Michael's)
1.00 - 2.00 p.m. Reflections & stillness – *led by John Bannister* (St Michael's)
NB - contrary to earlier publicity, we are not this year offering children's activities alongside this service
2.00 - 2.30 p.m. Children's service (St Michael's)
we build the Easter Garden together, followed by hot cross buns
8.00 p.m. Reflection and Compline (St Mary's)

16th April Holy Saturday

- 11.00 a.m. Decorating St Michael's church for Easter
please bring a vase or jug of yellow and white flowers
8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Cathedral)
parish candidates being confirmed during this service

Sunday, 17th April: Easter Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion – *a simple said service* (St Michael's)
9.30 a.m. Festival Communion and Baptism (St Michael's)
all age celebrations - followed by chocolate egg hunt
11.30 a.m. Festival Communion (St Mary's)

Resources for Holy Week 2022

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.

***Text for all of the services during Holy Week
are included in the specific seasonal booklet***

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 Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Wendy May; Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Janice Western, Paul Wiggett
- for **healing and wholeness**: Peter Loyd

NOTICES

The online and in-person **Lent groups** were well attended and generated a thoughtful exchange of views. Particular thanks to Sue V and Zoe for tasty convivial lunches on Wednesdays!

Sections of the walls inside St Michael's church were stripped in 2020 as the first phase of a scheme to correct historic damp damage. The walls are now dry enough to receive fresh plaster. **Replastering will begin in Easter Week** and will be ongoing most weekdays until July. A traditional technique involving multiple layers of plaster will be applied by expert heritage plasterers Rob and John. Regular services and normal opening will continue around the replastering but please bear in mind that parts the church will be temporarily unavailable throughout this period.

The Mission & Community Committee write: "Weather permitting, we will resume the monthly **Wednesday walking groups** led by Kathryn Mathews on Wednesday 20 April. Ann Dean has kindly agreed to give us a guided tour of the Roman Theatre at Gorhambury (entry fee £2 per 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 12.30pm for lunch. All welcome on the tour or for lunch, at which we will be entertained by jazz duo John Mole and Dave Comley. Please confirm interest to suecvaughan@btinternet.com / 01727 811443."

Notices

Dione Verulam is heading a local group of the **Keep Britain Tidy spring clean campaign** and will be little picking in St Michael's village in the next few days. Please contact her on dioneverulam@grimstontrust.co.uk if you would be interested in helping.

Along with many churches in the UK, St Michael's and St Mary's are preparing for a **return of the chalice** for those who wish to receive Communion in both kinds. (Some, including St Albans Cathedral, have been offering the chalice for a number of weeks.) From Sunday 24 April, we will revert to the pre-corona practice of distributing Communion at the altar rails, rather than from a standing station, with a chalice administrator following down the line from the priest who is distributing the bread. If you wish to receive in only one kind, simply leave the altar rail after the bread has been distributed. As before corona, if you wish to receive in both kinds please do not intinct (dunk) your wafer: while the silver metal of the chalice is understood to have a natural disinfecting quality, direct finger-to-wine contact is known to transmit germs.

During the first few services in which the chalice is offered, the presiding priest will talk through what is going to happen and why. The Church of England has always offered Communion in both kinds because that is what Jesus did at the Last Supper. We are equally clear that Jesus meets us fully in Communion whether we receive in one kind or both. It remains your choice whether you wish to receive in one kind or both, just as it remains our shared duty to support one another in the individual choices we make as we continue to emerge from the restrictions and emotions of the last two years. Kenneth and John would welcome the opportunity to discuss this theology or practice further with any who wish. Parents please talk this through with your families if you have children who receive Communion.

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 Lindeman on 07906 655641

Sunday 22 May The **Annual Parish Meetings** will be held at 10.15am in St Michael's church (straight after the 9.30am service) Important elections are made at these meetings – Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod members and Stewards. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please speak with Kenneth, Val or Mark. Ahead of these meetings, our **Electoral Roll** is open for revision. If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, and are not already on the church's Electoral Roll but would like to join, please complete an Electoral Roll Application Form (available at the back of both churches), and **return to the Parish Office at the Vicarage before 4 May**. Membership of the Electoral Roll gives you voting rights at parish meetings and helps keep our pastoral contacts up to date.

Notices

Vicar Vacancy: key dates

- *Sunday 29th May* – The Padleys will be saying **farewell** during the 9.30am service in St Michael's.
- *Tuesday 7th 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 12th 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: kennethpadley@gmail.com

St Michael's Folk Evening is back 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. The bellringers will be opening the event from 7pm. 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 on KateFrancesBerryI@outlook.com Those wishing to attend the IOF Platinum Jubilee Concert in the Cathedral on the same evening (starting 7.30pm) will still have time to make it down the hill after the concert to St Michael's before proceedings wind up at 10pm!

Help required. We need willing and able **volunteers to train as first aiders** in order to provide sufficient health and safety provision at church events such as Folk Night. Participants would need to undertake a training course and gain certification in first aid, complete a DBS check, and be willing to support events such as Folk Night in July and Bonfire Night in November. **We must have first aid provision if these events are going to run; it is an insurance requirement.** All training costs and expenses will be covered, plus free entry to the events. If you are able to help please contact Val Chiesa on chiesa@btinternet.com

The ministry and heritage of St Michael's and St Mary's cost over £2000 a week. If you are not a member of the Parish Giving Scheme, **please support us** generously as you leave the building by cash (or - St Michael's only – contactless card reader). To become a **regular giver**, please collect a Parish Giving Scheme pack from the back of either church. Thank you for your support.

We'd love to stay in touch: if you would like our monthly magazine and 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

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)