



*St Michael with St Mary*

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May: Third Sunday of Easter**

- 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)

**Wednesday**

- 9.00 a.m. School Service (St Michael's)
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 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)

## 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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**First Reading: Acts 9: 1-20** (NT p. 117 in the Pew Bibles)

**The choir will sing Psalm 30:**

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up :  
and not made my foes to triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.  
Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell :  
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.  
Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his :  
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life :  
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.  
And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed :  
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.  
Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.  
Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.  
What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit?  
Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.  
Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy :  
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.  
Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing :  
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

**Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14** (NT p. 230 in the Pew Bibles)

**Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-19** (NT p. 108 in the Pew Bibles)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and

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got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

### ***During Communion the choir will sing:***

Lord that descendedst, Holy Child,  
Dwelling amongst us, Word of God, *Thee we adore.*

Jesus our Gospel, Way and Truth,  
Master and Lover, Light and Life, *Thee we adore.*

Saviour uplifted, Man for men,  
Shamed and slaughtered Lamb of God, *Thee we adore.*

Christ the immortal Risen Lord,  
Christ that ascended King of kings, *Thee we adore.*

Throned in the highest, Very Man,  
Alpha, Omega, God of gods, *Thee we adore.*

Lord ever blessed, God most high,  
Lord ever blessed, *Thee we adore. Thee we adore.*

*Music: Eric Gritton Words: Eric Milner-White*

# Notices

## 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, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- for **healing and wholeness**: Peter Loyd
- those who mourn the deaths of Bronwen Parr, Janice Western

Two long-standing and much-loved members of our community have recently died.

- The funeral of **Janice Western** will take place at West Herts Crematorium, Garston on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 a.m.**
- The funeral of **Bronwen Parr** will take place in St Michael's on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m.**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 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](mailto:janelarman@sky.com) (cleaning).

**Electoral Roll:** The Roll is still open for revision. If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, and are not already on the parish'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<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** The **Annual Parish Meetings** will be held at 10.15am in St Michael's church (after the 9.30am service) Important elections are made at these meetings – Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod members and Stewards. To find out more about these roles, please speak with Kenneth, Val or Mark.

## 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: [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com)