



St Michael with St Mary

Sunday, 8th 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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 15th May: Fifth 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. Evensong (St Mary's)

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.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17 (NT p. xxx in the Pew Bibles)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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Gospel Reading: John 10: 22-30 (NT p. xxxx in the Pew Bibles)

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

During Communion the choir will sing Brother James Air (Psalm 23):

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Melody: James Leith Macbeth Bain

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

Notices

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, 14th May at 9.30 a.m.**
- The funeral of **Bronwen Parr** will take place in St Michael's on **Friday, 20th May at 11.00 a.m.**

Electoral Roll – The Roll **closed on 4th May** and the new roll is displayed at the back of both churches. New names cannot be added until **after** the Annual Church Meetings on **22nd May**. Please take a moment to check if your name is shown and if not, fill in an Application Form (at the back of both churches) and send it to the Parish Office. Once the Roll has been re-opened, your details will be added.

Sunday 22nd 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.

From the Mission & Community Committee: We were blessed with glorious sunshine for Ann Dean's excellent guided tour of the Roman Theatre. We were 26 for lunch at the Six Bells, where we were entertained with some wonderful music from John Mole and Dave Comley. The next walk and lunch will be on **Wednesday 25th May** - please save the date, details to follow.

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.
 - ◇ A coach has been booked for parishioners wishing to attend the installation, cost £23pp (depending on numbers). As the Fun Run is taking place that day, the pick-up point will be at Chime Square in St Peter's Street as local car parks in St Michael's will be blocked at 11.30, our departure time. Drop off is at St Anne's Gate in Salisbury (SPI 2SB) and pick up is from the same place at 19.30. We will be able to drop off at the Verulamium Car Park in the evening. If you wish to book, please email Yolissa Palmer; yolissa.palmer@gmail.com. It will be necessary to walk from the drop off point in Salisbury to the cathedral so if you have mobility problems, please discuss these with Yolissa or Val Chiesa (07917 184021). You will be given details on how to pay and all arrangements for the day when your booking is confirmed.
 - ◇ If you decide to travel by car, please let Kenneth know because the cathedral would appreciate numbers for refreshments: kennethpadley@gmail.com