



*St Michael with St Mary*

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Wednesday**

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

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
- 10.15 a.m. **Annual Church Meetings** (St Michael's)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

## Resources for today's 9.30am service

**Children's Church** for those in school years Reception to Year 6 meets alongside the 9.30am service during term time. Please ask a Steward for more information and directions.

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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### **A reading from the Book Revelation - 21: 1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*This is the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.***

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### **Gospel Reading: John 13: 31-35** (NT p. 101 in the Pew Bibles)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

### ***During Communion the choir will sing Jubilate (Psalm 100):***

○ be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :

serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

○ go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise :

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

*From the Canticles in Bb by C.V. Stanford*

### **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 Pam Lindeman, Bronwen Parr, Janice Western

# Notices

**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.

The parish **Electoral Roll** has closed ahead of these meetings. It is displayed for review at the back of both churches. Fresh applications (please use a form from the back of either church) will be processed after the annual meetings.

The **Feast of the Ascension**, one of the great celebrations of the Church year, will be marked with Parish Communion in St Michael's at **8pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

**From the Mission & Community Committee:** The next walk and lunch will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. Led by Kathryn Mathews, we will meet at 11am at the Six Bells for a walk round Verulamium, returning there at around 12.30 for lunch. A shorter walk will be on offer. All welcome to walk or to join for lunch - please email [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com) to register your interest.

## 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.
  - ◇ A coach has been booked for parishioners wishing to attend the installation, cost £23pp (depending on numbers). The pick-up point will be at Chime Square in St Peter's Street. Drop off is at St Ann's Gate in Salisbury (SPI 2SB) and pick up is from the same place at 19.30. On return to St Albans, will be able to drop off at the Verulamium Car Park. Please email Yolissa Palmer: [yolissa.palmer@gmail.com](mailto:yolissa.palmer@gmail.com) if you wish to book. **Booking deadline: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. 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).
  - ◇ If you decide to travel by car, please let Kenneth know because the cathedral would appreciate numbers for refreshments: [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com)