

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
- those who mourn the deaths of Pam Lindeman, Peter Loyd.

NOTICES

Farewell to the Padleys

At the 9.30 service today we say a final farewell to the Padley family after ten years at St Michael's. These have been years of major change and growth in the parish, driven by Kenneth's amazing energy, drive and ability to enthuse and involve others in the spiritual life and activities of St Michael's and St Mary's from the very moment he arrived. When Covid struck in 2020, the congregations in both churches had been growing steadily and the work he did to keep those in and beyond the parish engaged online throughout that period mean we have emerged in better heart than many other parishes. We are very sorry to lose such a wonderful Vicar but are not surprised he was snapped up by Salisbury Cathedral.

Kenneth has always been quietly supported by Anna, an active and talented member of our excellent choir, which Alex also joined when he was old enough to participate in the singing, as well as playing in accompaniment. We will greatly miss the whole family but wish them well in their new lives in Salisbury.

Thank you for the ten years of faithful and active service you have all given us.

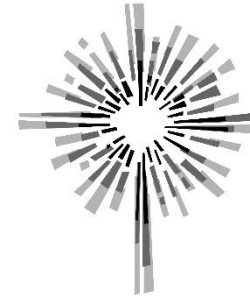
Today, between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as part of the National Garden Scheme and in aid of charity, John and Sarah Worth will open their gardens at Beesonend House, Beesonend Lane, nr Harpenden. All are welcome.

Vicar Vacancy: key dates

- **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. For any wishing to attend virtually, Salisbury Cathedral livestreams services from www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/services/livestreams/ **Please Note:** the service will **only** be available in real-time; it will not be recorded to view at a later time.

Saturday 4th June: 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 (cleaning).



St Michael with St Mary

Sunday, 29th May 2022: Sunday after Ascension

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and farewell to Kenneth, Anna and Alex (St Michael's)
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)

Sunday, 5th June 2022: Pentecost

- 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)

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays

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)

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: Acts 16: 16-34 (NT p.126 in the Pew Bibles)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The choir will sing Psalm 97 vv1-6

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
There shall go a fire before him :
and burn up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings gave shine unto the world :
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens have declared his righteousness :
and all the people have seen his glory.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 22:12-17;20-21 (NT p.242 in the Pew Bibles)

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.
'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'
The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

New Testament Reading: John 17: 20-26 (NT p.104 in the Pew Bibles)

[Jesus prayed], 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

The choir will sing

If ye love me keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Words from John 14 Music: Tallis 16thc.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God
through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
See that ye love one another.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Words from I Peter

Music: S.S. Wesley 1810-1876