

## NOTICES

### **A note from Kenneth, Anna & Alex**

“Thank you to the whole parish from the bottom of our hearts for the thoughtfulness and warmth of our send-off on May 29th. It was super to get together with so many people who have meant so much to us over the last decade. Thank you to those involved in the many aspects of an uplifting service and who organised tasty refreshments afterwards. It is most touching to have your collated written wishes and signatures on the picture of St Michael plus greetings cards. We will treasure these always. In addition, thank you for the parish gifts. The picture book contains an amazing selection of shots, including front and back covers of Kenneth’s very favourite images of the two churches: the child running in front of a crowd pouring out of St Michael’s and the walking party outside St Mary’s c.2014. Anna’s toucan scarf and Alex’s mirror are both spot on; Alex looks forward to admiring himself just as soon as it is on his wall in our new house. And we will all enjoy relaxing in our new garden when the bench with the parish emblem arrives in July. We look forward to seeing those who are coming down on June 12th. Well done to Yolissa for the considerable time she has taken to organise the bus. Whether or not you are coming on this jolly, do look us up if you find yourselves passing through Wiltshire and in need of a tour of the cathedral or a cup of tea. Although Kenneth’s email currently has a rather ferocious out-of-office responder he will remain on [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com). With many prayers and best wishes, Kenneth Anna and Alex”

### **Vicar Vacancy**

- **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. Yolissa has contacted all those booked on the coach with further details about the day and instructions for payment. There are still places available; to book your seat/s or for more information, please contact [Yolissa.palmer@gmail.com](mailto:Yolissa.palmer@gmail.com). For any wishing to attend virtually, Salisbury Cathedral livestreams services from [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/services/livestreams/](http://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.

**The St Albans Half Marathon and Fun Run** will take place this year on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. As usual this will make parking and access around St Michael’s a little more challenging, however, spaces will be reserved in the Museum car park for those attending 9:30 service, please inform a steward that you are attending a church service and you will be let through. If you experience any problems with access, please inform a church warden or steward. Please keep the Vicarage car-park free for officials on the day. Good luck to everyone taking part!



*St Michael with St Mary*

### **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

### **Wednesday**

- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael’s)

### **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022: Trinity Sunday**

- 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)

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays**  
*Our Parish Administrator is currently on holiday until 13<sup>th</sup> June, only urgent enquiries will be dealt with in her absence.*

### **Contacts**

Key information is available on [www.stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk](http://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.

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### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 (OT p. 8 in the Pew Bibles)**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

### **Between the Readings the choir sings from Psalm 104**

O Lord, how manifold are thy works :  
    in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.  
So is the great and wide sea also :  
    wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.  
The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever :  
    the Lord shall rejoice in his works.  
The earth shall tremble at the look of him :  
    if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.  
I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live :  
    I will praise my God while I have my being.  
And so shall my words please him :  
    my joy shall be in the Lord.  
As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end :  
    praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (NT p.109 in the Pew Bibles)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

"Come down, O Love divine" – William Harris 1883-1973

The words by Bianco da Siena will be found as hymn 175

Music: David Ogden      Words attributed to Saint Teresa of Avila

### **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