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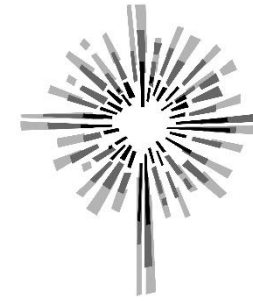
We understand that some of you may have experienced problems getting to/from church last week (Fun Run Day). If you did, can you please send an email to either Mark (wincheslodge@gmail.com) or Val (chiesa@btinternet.com), describing the problem you encountered so that we can feed-back the issue(s) to the Fun Run organisers. Thank you.

Vacancy Dates: The next opportunity for all parishioners to discuss the Parish Profile and essential attributes for our future Vicar, will be a Day of Prayer and Discernment, walking to St Mary's on **Saturday, 23rd July 2022** – please bring a packed lunch with you. Full details will follow.

Churches Together in St Albans write “We are running an Information Exchange concerning refugees and asylum seekers. This forum comes at a time when a number of people are hosting refugees or asylum seekers and there are hundreds of asylum seekers in The Noke and other hotels in the area. Our hope is to help by providing a forum where hosts, refugees, asylum seekers and others who would like to help in some way can share information, experiences and expertise. We hope to have a more open forum and hear briefly from many people. We hope that people will network and that together we can find the best ways to help at this time”
The Forum will take place on **Monday, 27th June at 8.00 p.m. at Marshalswick Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Avenue AL4 9QL**

St Michael's Folk Night is back again this year, Wednesday 6th July. St Michael's bellringers will kick-off the event at 7:15pm, with food available in the churchyard shortly after. We warmly welcome back the Swanvestas, who will be performing in the churchyard once again. We are **urgently** looking for helpers, if you are able to offer an hour or so during the evening, between 7:00pm and 10:30pm to help with stewarding, serving on the bar, setup or clear up, please email Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Walk: The next walk, led by Kathryn Mathews, will be on Wednesday 22nd June, meeting at the Six Bells at 11am for a mystery tour and returning there for lunch at around 12.30. Please register your interest by sending an email to Sue on suecvaughan@btinternet.com - all welcome to join us for the walk, and/or for lunch.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 19th June 2022: First Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd Milo Brandon (Chaplain, Haberdashers' Boys' School)
- 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, 26th June 2022: Second Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd John Bannister
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (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)

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 1-9 (OT p.631 in the Pew Bibles)

Between the Readings we sing the Responsorial Psalm 22

The Response is sung by the choir and then by ALL



Choir:

I tell of your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

All: RESPONSE

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All: RESPONSE

New Testament Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29 (NT p.175 in the Pew Bibles)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no

longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 26-39 (NT p.63 in the Pew Bibles)

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Peter Bell, Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Michael Hogben, Leslie Howard, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett