

NOTICES

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”

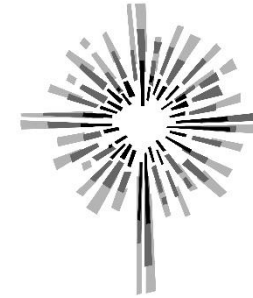
The Forum will take place on **Monday, 27th June at 8.00 p.m. at Marshalswick Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Avenue AL4 9QL**

30th June is the National Day of Prayer for all of the responders in the Emergency Services; please keep all of these very important people in your prayers on this date.

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!

Saturday 2nd July: 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).

We'd love to stay in touch: if you would like our monthly magazine and highlights email, please email admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com If you have signed up but have not received emails recently, please check that your spam filters are not blocking admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 3rd July 2022: Thomas the Apostle

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd Ruth Goatly
- 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)

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: I Kings 19: 5-16, 19-21
(OT p.304 in the Pew Bibles)

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
(NT p.176 in the Pew Bibles)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 51-62
(NT p.65 in the Pew Bibles)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

During Communion the choir will sing

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.
JS Bach 1685-1750

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 death of Leslie Howard