

NOTICES

A 'Thank You' message from Alex Padley: Thank you very much for the mirror. It looks amazing in my new room.

Vacancy: The heads of committees are continuing to collate different elements of the parish profile which will be presented on the Day of Prayer and Discernment on **Saturday 23rd July** – please bring a packed lunch. We will leave St Michael's at 11.00 a.m. and walk to St Mary's where John Bannister will lead us in prayer, to be followed by discussion, including the person specification for our new Vicar. We will finish at 3.00pm, returning to St Michael's or home. Please join us from St Michael's, or at St Mary's.

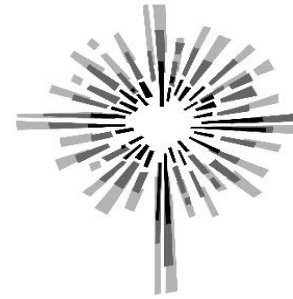
St Michael's Folk Night is back again this year, **Wednesday 6th July**. St Michael's bellringers will kick-off the event at 7:15pm, with food available in the churchyard shortly after. We warmly welcome back the Swanvestas, who will be performing in the churchyard once again. We are **urgently** looking 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!

Cancer Research UK Race for Life will take place in Verulamium Park on Sunday, 17th July, starting at 10.00 a.m. We have been informed that no-one in the race is allowed to use the adjacent car park. If you are stopped by a steward, please tell them that you are attending church and not part of the race and they will let you park. If you have any issues, please let us know.

St Luke's Church, St Albans, AL1 5QJ is holding an event on **12th July at 7.00pm** called **A Christian Response to the Climate Crisis**. This event will explore the current climate science and consider how can we bring about the scale of social and economic change that is needed to be made. Anyone interested in this event can find more information and book by visiting <https://bit.ly/3bnueLO>

Lime plastering in St Michael's – Update. The expert plasterers are hard at work in the church during the week and this will continue to cause disruption and restrict access to some parts of the church throughout the summer. It is a natural process and has no fixed timescale, so please be patient while the works proceed and take care around the building; we are determined to keep the church open.

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, 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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 10th July 2022: Fourth Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Patrick Moriarty
- 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: Habakkuk 2: 1-4 (OT p.796 in the Pew Bibles)

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NT p.178 in the Pew Bibles)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Between the Lessons

Psalm 31 vvi-6

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :

let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me :

make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence :

that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle :

be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me :

for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit :

for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 24-29 (NT p.107 in the Pew Bibles)

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach

out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

During Communion the choir will sing

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,

The faithful women went their way

To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night th'apostles met in fear;

Amidst them came their Lord most dear,

And said, My peace be on all here.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,

How they had seen the risen Lord,

He doubted the disciples' word.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;

My hands, My feet, I show to thee;

Not faithless but believing be.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;

He saw the feet, the hands, the side;

"Thou art my Lord and God", he cried.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blessed are they who have not seen,

And yet whose faith has constant been;

For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: J. Tisserand tr. J.M Neale

Music: French 17th c.

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