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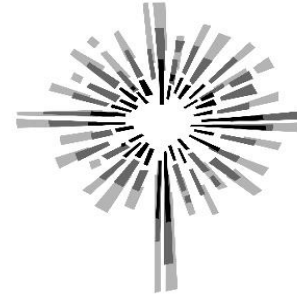
Vacancy: The heads of committees are continuing to collate different elements of the parish profile which will be presented on the Day of Prayer and Discernment on **Saturday 23rd July** – please bring a packed lunch. We will leave St Michael's at 11.00 a.m. and walk to St Mary's where John Bannister 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.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Folk Evening on 6th July such a success. Once we have the final amount raised, we'll let you know – watch this space!

Can you help, please? As we have a wedding on 30th July, the regular monthly church clean has been brought forward so that the church will be clean and tidy for the wedding later that day. If you can provide an extra pair of hands to help with church cleaning, please get in touch with Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com

Lime plastering in St Michael's – Update. The expert plasterers are still hard at work in the church and with work on the North Aisle nearing completion, attention will now be on the Sanctuary, Lady Chapel and some other smaller areas. 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, 17th July 2022: Fifth Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: The Ven Jonathan Smith
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 24th July 2022: Sixth Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion with Holy Baptism (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: Genesis 18: 1-10a (OT p13 in the Pew Bibles)

Between the Readings the choir sings from Psalm 15

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle :

or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life :

and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour :

and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes :

and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not :

though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury :

nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things :

shall never fall.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1: 15-28 (NT p.185 in the Pew Bibles)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 38-42 (NT p.66 in the Pew Bibles)

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

During Communion the choir will sing

1. Sing a song of joy,

Praise our God with mirth.

His flock who can destroy?

Is he not Lord of heav'n and earth?

3. First who taught the day

From the East to rise;

Whom doth the sun obey

When in the seas his glory dies.

5. All that dread his name,

And his hests observe,

His arm will shield from shame,

Their steps from truth shall never swerve.

2. Sing we then secure,

Tuning well our strings,

With voice as echo pure

Let us renown the King of Kings,

4. He the stars directs,

That in order stand.

Who heaven and earth protects

But he that framed them with his hand?

6. Let us then rejoice,

Sounding loud his praise,

So will he hear our voice,

And bless on earth our peaceful days.

7. Sing a song of joy,

Praise our God with mirth.

Music: Philip Tomblings

Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

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