

NOTICES

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

Saturday 6th August: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party – 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.

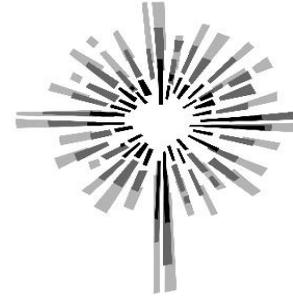
From the Mission & Community Committee: The next walking group will be on **Wednesday 24th August**, with lunch to follow in the Six Bells marquee. Please save the date - details to follow nearer the time

The Diocesan Office is looking for a **Disclosure and Barring Service Administrator** - this is a part time position of 21 hours per week. They are looking for someone to join their safeguarding team who has a keen eye for detail and the ability to process complex paperwork swiftly and efficiently, whilst respecting the confidential nature of the process. For further information, please visit <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/>

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

The ministry and heritage of St Michael's and St Mary's cost over £2000 a week. If you are not a member of the Parish Giving Scheme, **please support us** generously as you leave the building by cash (or - St Michael's only – contactless card reader). To become a **regular giver**, please collect a Parish Giving Scheme pack from the back of either church. Thank you for your support.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 31st July 2022: Seventh Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd Canon Iain Lane
- 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)

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: 20-32 (OT p13 in the Pew Bibles)

New Testament Reading: Colossians 2: 6-15 (NT p.186 in the Pew Bibles)

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Gospel Reading: Luke 11: 1-13 (NT p.67 in the Pew Bibles)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Please remember in your prayers

- those to be baptized: Oliver William Chapman
- those who are **ill**, including: 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 Peter Bell