

NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who joined us at St Mary's last Saturday to take part in our Day of Discernment. We shared a picnic in the garden as well as thoughts and ideas on what we expect our new Vicar to do and the skills and qualities needed, and, more importantly, what we can offer them to achieve our shared goals. The findings will be included in the parish profile we are now drafting and will be sent out with the job application. If there is anything you want to contribute on those areas and **especially if you would like to give us a single line on what you like about St Michael's** - please speak to Mark or Val or drop us an email on wincheslodge@gmail.com or chiesa@btinternet.com respectively.

We are also looking for photos of parish and community activities to go into the profile, so if you have any you would like to share, please send them to Mark or Val on either of the above email addresses.

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.

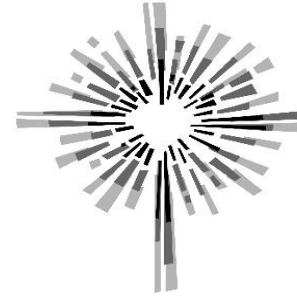
From the Mission & Community Committee: The next walking group will be on **Wednesday 24th August**, with lunch to follow in the Six Bells marquee. Please save the date - details to follow nearer the time.

Date for your diary: The **Animal Service** will take place at **St Mary's on Sunday, 11th September at 11.30 a.m.**

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, 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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 7th August 2022: Eighth Sunday of Trinity

- 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)

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: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23 (OT p.562 in the Pew Bibles)

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11 (NT p.187 in the Pew Bibles)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the

wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21 (NT p.69 in the Pew Bibles)

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Please remember in your prayers

- 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