

## NOTICES

**Elaine Lawrence** wishes to thank all who have so kindly supported her after the death of her husband, Brian, on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

PCC on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September** will be preceded by a special Section 11 meeting to approve the parish profile and appointment procedures for our new incumbent. Please ask Val or Mark or any PCC members if you have any further questions.

**Men's Night** will take place on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September** at 8.30 p.m. at the Six Bells; all are welcome.

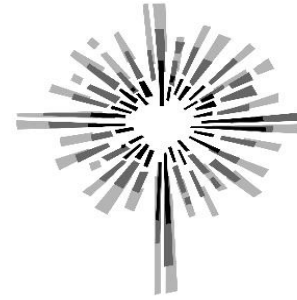
**A concert for Ukraine**, organised by Livy Naylor (a member of the congregation), will be held on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm. at St Stephen's church** so that the music will not be interrupted by the noise created by the Pub in the Park event. All proceeds raised will support both Herts Welcomes Refugees and the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. If you wish to buy tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-concert-for-ukraine-tickets-392561129907> or to know more, contact Livy on 07585 559420.

**The Pub in the Park** event will take place over **the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September** in Verulamium Park starting on Friday evening (9<sup>th</sup>) and finishing on Sunday afternoon (11<sup>th</sup>). We are assured that there will be some parking for parishioners attending church on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** and for groups using the Parish Centre. Please make yourselves known to the stewards and let Mark know on [wincheslodge@gmail.com](mailto:wincheslodge@gmail.com) of any problems.

The **Animal Service** will take place at **St Mary's on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 a.m.** The ever-popular parish Animal Service will be held outside St Mary's Childwick, AL3 6JJ. A simple half-hour service to thank God for creation and to pray for animal welfare. If you have a pet that you would like to be blessed, please bring it with you. If your pet is nervous around people, please bring a photo and we can pray with that instead. Please keep all dogs on leads.

We are looking to possibly start a daytime, shared leadership, **Bible Study Group** on Tuesday/Thursday morning, starting mid-September, with the meeting taking place every fortnight at The Dell, off Sandpit Lane, St Albans. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Alan and Ginny Allkins on (01727) 765249**.

**Lime plastering in St Michael's – Update.** We are pleased to let you know that work on the Chancel and other areas is almost complete and we anticipate the removal of most of the temporary floor covering. However, work will still be taking place in the Lady Chapel until at least October, so please bear with us.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this week

### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Twelfth 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)

### Wednesday

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

### Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. All-Age Communion (St Michael's)  
*President: Archdeacon Jane*
- 11.30 a.m. Animal Service (St Mary's)
- 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](http://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.

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**Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (OT p. 175 in the Pew Bibles)**

**New Testament Reading: Philemon 1-21 (NT p.201 in the Pew Bibles)**

#### **THE LETTER OF PAUL TO Philemon**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## **Between the Lessons**

### **Psalm 1**

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners :

and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord :

and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side :

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither :

and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them :

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement :

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous :

and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 25-33 (NT p.72 in the Pew Bibles)**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

### **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 deaths of Baby Joshua Arnold, Peter Bell, Susan Fisher and Jennifer Woolfenden