

## NOTICES

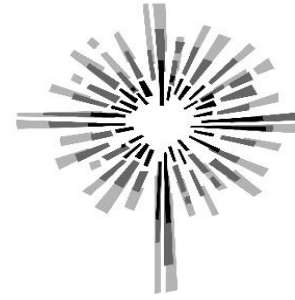
**A Book of Condolence for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II has been set up in the North Aisle in St Michael's and a similar Book of Condolence has been set up in St Mary's; please add your thoughts and prayers to either book, if you wish.**

**From the Mission & Community Committee:** The next walk and lunch will be on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, details to follow next week.

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**.

**Centre 33** provides an evening take-away meal service for homeless people and others, which operates from the Salvation Army Citadel. They urgently need more volunteers for all evenings Sundays to Thursdays from 6.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Peter Graham at [volunteers@centre33.org](mailto:volunteers@centre33.org)

**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, 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)

#### Wednesday

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

### Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)  
*President: 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](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)

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.

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**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32: 7-14 (OT p. 73 in the Pew Bibles)**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**New Testament Reading: I Timothy 1: 12-17 (NT p. 193 in the Pew Bibles)**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying

is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-10 (NT p.72 in the Pew Bibles)**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

**Please remember in your prayers:**

***Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II who sadly passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> September, our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.***

- 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, Susan Fisher and Jennifer Woolfenden