

NOTICES

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

The Cathedral and Abbey Church is open from 8am to 8pm with daily with Compline at 7.30pm every evening; floral tributes may be left outside in the South Churchyard There is a **County Service of Commemoration at 6pm on Sunday, 18th September** for which seating is unreserved and which will be streamed live: <https://youtu.be/S9TieRmBEkM>. This will be followed by Compline at 7.30pm and the National Moment of Reflection at 8pm. The bells of the Cathedral will be rung half muffled between **10 and 11am on Monday, 19th September**.

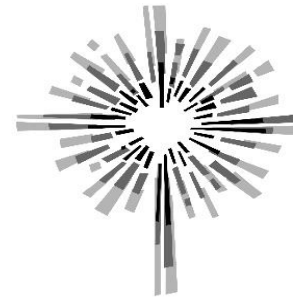
The Prayer Walk for Churches Together at St Albans will take place on **Sunday, 18th September** starting from SS Alban & Stephen at 2pm. They will come to St Michael's at 4.15pm before heading for the Cathedral and the Shrine of St Alban. For more details see <https://ctstalbans.org.uk/event/prayer-walk> Thank you to those providing tea in the Parish Centre for walkers.

From the Mission & Community Committee: 'The next walk and lunch will be on **Wednesday, 28th September**. Led by Kathryn Mathews, we will meet **outside the Parish Centre at 11 a.m.** Please bring a bag and secateurs with you as we will be foraging for flowers and greenery to create displays for Harvest Festival in the church. Lunch will be at the **Lower Red Lion at 12.30 p.m.** - all welcome to join us. Please email suecvaughan@btinternet.com to let us know if you're joining us.'

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**.

PLEASE NOTE: Georgie is taking some well-earned holiday between **16th September and 30th September inclusive** so cover in the Parish Office will be **extremely limited** during this period. If you have any urgent enquiries during this time, please get in touch with either Mark or Val (wincheslodge@gmail.com or chiesa@btinternet.com) or leave a message on the office answerphone (835037), and your call will be returned as soon as practicably possible. The office will be open as usual during this period for any **enquiries about hall bookings** and Danielle can be contacted on 07899 697966 or by email to hallbooking17@gmail.com **THANK YOU**

Lime plastering in St Michael's – Update. Most of the temporary floor covering has been removed and work is now concentrated in the Lady Chapel.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 18th 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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 25th September 2022: Fifteenth 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: Amos 8: 4-7 (OT p. 782 in the Pew Bibles)

New Testament Reading: I Timothy 2: 1-7 (NT p.193 in the Pew Bibles)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Between the Readings the choir sings Psalm 113

Praise the Lord, ye servants :
O praise the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord :
from this time forth for evermore.
The Lord's Name is praised :
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
The Lord is high above all heathen :
and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the Lord our God that hath his dwelling so high :
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
He taketh up the simple out of the dust :
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
That he may set him with the princes :
even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house :
and to be a joyful mother of children.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 1-13 (NT p.73 in the Pew Bibles)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

During Communion the choir will sing

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:
for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

Music: F.A. Gore Ouseley Words: Malachi 1 v11 and Psalm 113

Please remember in your prayers

Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, 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 death of Susan Fisher