

NOTICES

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION SERVICE

Our new vicar, Rev'd Jonathan (aka Jonny) Lloyd will be licensed on **Thursday, 11th May at 7.30pm in St Michael's**. Formal invitations will go out to Jonny's guests, including clergy from the diocese and Abbey, in the next couple of weeks. At the same time, sheets will be placed in both of our churches for members of the congregation to sign if they wish to attend. This will allow us to compile a complete list of attendees for our stewards to use on the night, and ensure everyone can be accommodated safely.

A reception in the churchyard after the service is being planned by Mission & Community. Further details of how you can help or support them before, or on the night will be in the pew sheet in the next few weeks. We want to get the church and churchyard in the best order we can, so look out for more details on how you can help if you have some time available in the lead up to the day.

As Jonny is only moving 'down the hill', this is very much a St Albans event and an opportunity to show off our beautiful church and welcoming congregation at their very best.

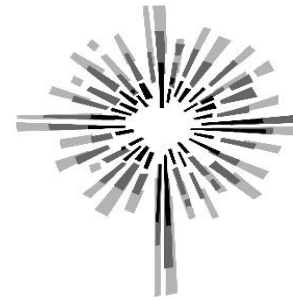
Val & Mark

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Please remember that, if you wish to be included on the **Tuesday** Zoom list, send an email to Mark at wincheslodge@gmail.com but if you prefer to attend on **Wednesdays** at 11.00 (in the Parish Centre after the Communion Service), please tell Patsy Cann or Sue Vaughan, so that we know how many to cater for.

The first Spring walk of St Michael's Walking Group will be on Wednesday, 26th April, meeting at 11am at St Michael's Parish Centre. Ann Dean has kindly agreed to give us one of her fascinating guided tours, going up Fishpool Street to the Cathedral, which will be followed by a pub lunch - more details to follow. Please contact Sue on suecvaughan@btinternet.com if you would like to join the walk.

Saturday 1st April: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 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 (churchyard) or Jane on janelarman@sky.com (cleaning).



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

Sunday, 19th March 2023:

Mothering Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Michael's)
President: Rev'd John Bannister
- 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, 26th March 2023:

Passion Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St Michael's)
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (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.

Gospel Reading: John 19: 25b-27 (NT p.106 in the Pew Bibles)

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

During communion the choir sings:

Ave verum corpus, natum	<i>Hail, true Body, born</i>
de Maria Virgine,	<i>of the Virgin Mary,</i>
vere passum, immolatum	<i>having truly suffered, sacrificed</i>
in cruce pro homine	<i>on the cross for mankind,</i>
cuius latus perforatum	<i>from whose pierced side</i>
unda fluxit sanguine:	<i>water and blood flowed:</i>
esto nobis praegustatum	<i>Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]</i>
in mortis examine.	<i>in the trial of death!</i>

Words: 14thc. hymn sometimes attributed to Pope Innocent VI

Music: W.A. Mozart 1756-1791

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are **ill**, including: Nicola Cann, Sandra Dove, Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, Rev'd Ruth Goatly, Debbie Greenwood, Edna Hames, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, JoAnne Laws, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney, Paul Wiggett
- those who mourn the death of Brenda George

ADVANCE INFORMATION

ELECTORAL ROLL: Before for the **Annual Meetings on 21st May**, the parish Electoral Roll needs to be revised, and **will be open for revision from 31st March**.

- If you are already a member of the Roll, you do not need to complete a form.
- If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, and not yet on the Roll, please take an Electoral Roll Application Form from the back of either church, fill it in, and return to the Parish Office at the Vicarage. Membership of the Electoral Roll gives you voting rights at parish meetings and helps keep our pastoral contacts up to date.

ELECTIONS for **Lay Members of Deanery Synod** are due to take place at the **Annual Meetings on 21st May**, and below is a brief overview of the role of Deanery Synod for your information.

What is Deanery Synod?

The role of Deanery Synod provides a forum for people and churches to discuss ideas, address challenges and share resources. It is comprised of both

Clergy and Lay members. One of the most important things about lay Deanery Synod members is that they are the people who elect the laity to the General Synod. They therefore have a surprisingly large amount of power in shaping the future life of the Church of England.

How Does Deanery Synod Work?

Deanery Synod meets 3 times a year – Spring, Summer, and Autumn. Meetings last about 2 hours and are held at different churches within the Deanery.

If you would like to know more, please speak to either Val, Mark or Graham Willey who is one of our current Deanery Synod representatives.