

NOTICES

Earlier this year, **Bishop Alan** opened his garden in Abbey Mill Lane to allow people to view the snowdrops and over £2,000 was raised for the Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust. Bishop Alan is keen for people to see the garden as the seasons change, and if you wish to see it in all its spring glory, it will be open again on **Easter Monday, 10th April**, after the Easter Pilgrimage, **between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** Entry is **£4 per adult** in aid of Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust. **Please be aware that there is no parking in the grounds or in Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans (AL3 4HD)**

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.

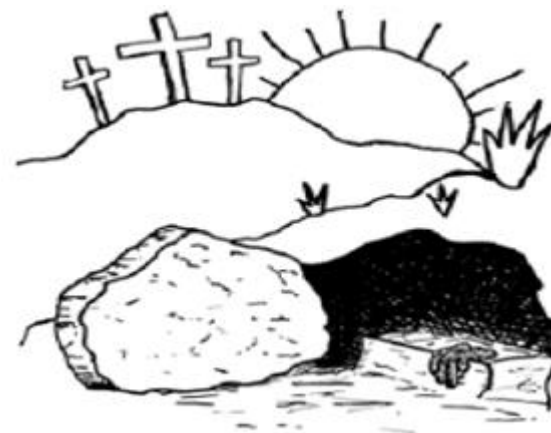
The **Institution and Induction service** of our new vicar, Rev'd Jonathan (aka Jonny) Lloyd will take place on **Thursday, 11th May at 7.30pm in St Michael's** and will be followed by a reception in the churchyard. If you wish to attend the service, please add your name(s) to the **sign-up sheets that have now been placed in both churches**. Please make sure that you have added your name(s) to the list **before 17th April** so that we can compile a complete list of attendees for our stewards to use on the night, and ensure that everyone can be accommodated safely.

Additionally, the Mission & Community committee would like help to set-up/clear-up on the night as well as help with catering for the event. If you can help in any way on the night or provide food for the reception, please add your name and contact details and how you can help to the yellow sign-up sheet that can be found in St Michael's. We also 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.

The **Friends of St Michael's Church, St Albans** are holding a **Summer Event**, hosted by Adam Singer, on Tuesday, **30th May from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at Kingsbury Manor Barn**, Branch Road, St Albans, AL3 4SE, and drinks and canapés will be provided. **Please note that there is No Parking available at Kingsbury Barn.**

During the evening, three short films will be shown in which **Rev'd Canon Dr Kenneth Padley** describes significant objects in St Michael's Church, and he will be present to take questions afterwards.

Entry is **£10 per person** (payable in **cash** on the night). If, however, you are able to sign up in advance to pay the annual membership fee by Standing Order, or become a Life Member, entry to the **Summer Event** would be **FREE**. (Please pick up a Friends of St Michael's Church leaflet from either church to apply to pay by standing Order and register for Gift Aid). To find out more or to reserve a place at the event please send an email to Guy Marshall on guymarshall31@yahoo.co.uk and not the Parish Office.



PLEASE NOTE: All services take place at St Michael's unless otherwise stated

Sunday, 9th April: Easter Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - *a simple said service*
9.30 a.m. Festival Communion - *All-Age celebrations - followed by chocolate egg hunt*
President: Rev'd John Bannister
11.30 a.m. Festival Communion (St Mary's)
President: Rev'd Canon Terry Beaumont

Wednesday

- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, 16th April: Second Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
President: Rev'd Patrick Moriarty
6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

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.

New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 (NT p.120 in the Pew Bibles)

Peter spoke to the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household, saying, 'Now I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18 (NT p.107 in the Pew Bibles)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing

there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

During communion the choir sings:

The whole bright world rejoices now,
Hilariter, hilariter!
To him who rose that we might rise,
Alleluia, alleluia!

And all you living things make praise,
Hilariter, hilariter!
He guideth you on all your ways,
Alleluia, alleluia!

He Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Hilariter, hilariter!
Our God most high, our joy and boast.
Alleluia, alleluia!

German Carol, from Cologne Kirchengesäng of 1623

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

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Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes during **Holy Week** - those involved in leading worship at both churches, those who invited friends, family, neighbours or colleagues to services, those who delivered flyers, church cleaners and decorators, even those who hid Easter eggs!