

NOTICES

On **Monday, 17th April**, contractors will be working at St Michaels **from 8.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.** to survey and then clear out blocked drains, where parts are fractured. The same contractors hope to return on Tuesday 18th to repair the fracture. The church will remain open but visitors and parishioners should take care around the building.

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 lunch at the Lower Red Lion. If you would like to join the walk, please contact **Sue** on suecvaughan@btinternet.com as we need to order lunch in advance, so on this occasion the meal will be solely for walkers. **However**, in May, we are hoping we can be joined by other persons, who have not taken part in the walk but wish to enjoy lunch with the group, at the Portland Arms, where they are launching a new lunch menu and we can eat outside.

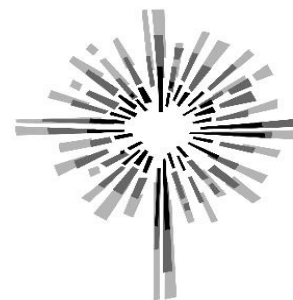
The **Institution and Induction service** of our new vicar, Rev'd Jonathan (aka Jonny) Lloyd will take place on **Thursday, 11th May at 7.30pm in St Michael's** and will be followed by a reception in the churchyard. If you wish to attend the service, please add your name(s) to the **sign-up sheets that 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.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 16th April: Second Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday

9.00 a.m.	School Service
10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Sunday, 23rd April: Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion <i>President: Rev'd Canon Iain Lane</i>
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

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.

For the Old Testament Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (NT p.120 in the Pew Bibles)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (NT p.120 in the Pew Bibles)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the

dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31 (NT p.107 in the Pew Bibles)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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