

# NOTICES

**The first Spring walk** of St Michael's Walking Group will be on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

We have now closed the attendance sign-up sheets for the **Institution and Induction service** for our new vicar on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. If you did not sign up but would still like to come, please talk to or email one of the wardens, Val Chiesa ([chiesa@btinternet.com](mailto:chiesa@btinternet.com)) or Mark Pedroz ([wincheslodge@gmail.com](mailto:wincheslodge@gmail.com)) to find out if there is still space available.

The Mission & Community committee would still welcome people to sign up on the yellow sheet to offer help in setting or clearing up, or providing food for the reception.

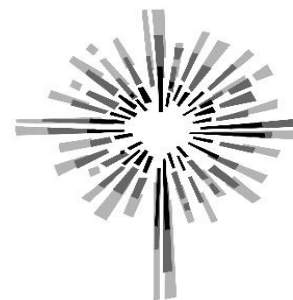
We expect that Jonny, Emily and the family will be moving into the Vicarage sometime in the next week. If you see them about, please say 'hello', but do be mindful that Jonny is not yet our vicar and will be using this time to settle into his new home. He will not start dealing with parish business until after 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please also note parking in front of the Vicarage should be restricted to those on church business **only**, as it was prior to the vacancy.

**Electoral Roll:** The Roll is still open for revision. If you are a regular worshipper aged 16 and above, and are not already on the parish's Electoral Roll but would like to join, please complete an Electoral Roll Application Form (available at the back of both churches), and **return to the Parish Office at the Vicarage before 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April: St Michael's Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (please note the change of date)** If you can spare some time to help, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please get in touch with Jane on [janelarman@sky.com](mailto:janelarman@sky.com)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party – 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.

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May:** The **Annual Parish Meetings** will be held at 10.15am in St Michael's church immediately after the 9.30am service. Important elections are made at these meetings – Churchwardens, PCC members, and Deanery Synod members. Nomination forms for these posts can be found in both churches.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this week

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

### Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### Wednesday

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

### Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### 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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**For the Old Testament Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 (NT p.110 in the Pew Bibles)**

***Between the first and second readings the choir sings Psalm 116 vv1-9***

I am well pleased :

that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me :

therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about :

and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord :

O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous :

yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple :

I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul :

for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death :

mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord :

in the land of the living.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (NT p.215 in the Pew Bibles)**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 (NT p.83 in the Pew Bibles)**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Please remember in your prayers**

- those who are **ill**, including: Nicola Cann, 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 deaths of Sandra Dove, Peter Limebear and Sue Thompson