

# NOTICES

We are delighted to welcome Jonny this Sunday as our new Vicar of St Michael with St Mary, and are delighted that the Lloyd family has settled into the Vicarage. We look forward to supporting Jonny in his new ministry and new beginnings in both churches.

The whole vacancy process has taken just under a year. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to maintaining all our parish activities and worship over this year for all their hard work. The Institution and Induction Service for Jonny on 11th May was an excellent example of how everyone pulled out all the stops for both the service and the reception afterwards. Thank you to you all.

Mission & Community are continuing their good work after the 9.30 service by offering some convivial additions to coffee on this special day of welcome. Please do join us in the Parish Centre. **Val & Mark.**

This week is Christian Aid week and donation envelopes can be found in both churches. As there are no door-to-door collections, this charity really needs our support. Please place your envelope with your donation into the donations tower near the church door in St Michael's, or hand your envelope to Paul at St Mary's. Thank you.

The Mission and Community team would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work litter picking on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Big Help Out for the Coronation celebrations. The weather held off and we had a good turnout. We collected a lot of rubbish, particularly a lot of plastic bottles! Thank you to the Committee for providing tea and cake!

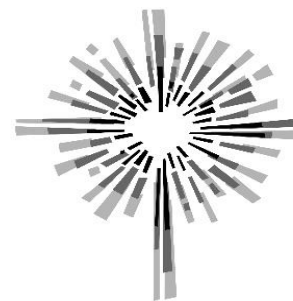
The funeral service for the late Peter Limebear will be held in St Michael's at **2.00 p.m.** on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**. All are welcome to attend.

**The next Parish Walk**, led by Kathryn Mathews, will meet on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 11am** - more details to follow. At 12.30 we will have lunch in the 'pods' at the Portland Arms, joined by others from our former Lunch Club. Please let Sue know if you can come - [suecvvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvvaughan@btinternet.com) - we will be ordering in advance from the Portland's new lunch menu.

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

Entry is **£10 per person** (payable in **cash** on the night). If, however, you can 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](mailto:guymarshall31@yahoo.co.uk) and not the Parish Office.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this week

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

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
9.30 a.m.	All-Age Communion
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday: Feast of the Ascension

8.00 p.m.	Parish Communion
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### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May: Sunday after Ascension

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion
10.15 a.m.	<b>Annual Church Meetings</b>
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 17: 22-31 (NT p.127 in the Pew Bibles)**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-22 (NT p.217 in the Pew Bibles)**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the

building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-21 (NT p.101 in the Pew Bibles)**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

### **During Communion the choir sings:**

Lord that descendedst, Holy Child,  
Dwelling amongst us, Word of God, Thee we adore.  
Jesus our Gospel, Way and Truth,  
Master and Lover, Light and Life, Thee we adore.  
Saviour uplifted, Man for men,  
Shamed and slaughtered Lamb of God, Thee we adore.  
Christ the immortal Risen Lord,  
Christ that ascended King of kings, Thee we adore.  
Throned in the highest, Very Man,  
Alpha, Omega, God of gods, Thee we adore.  
Lord ever blessed, God most high,  
Lord ever blessed, Thee we adore. Thee we adore.

*Music: Eric Gritton Words: Eric Milner-White*

### **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 death of Sandra Dove, Peter Limebear and Sue Thompson