

NOTICES

We have just been informed by the family that Allan Plumpton, a prior, long-standing member of the congregation, passed away on Friday, 19th May. Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

Many thanks to Ann Dean for her very interesting and illuminating tour of St Michael's and Fishpool Street in April. She wowed us all with her phenomenal memory and encyclopaedic knowledge of our area - very much enjoyed and appreciated by all! The next walk, led by Kathryn Mathews, will meet on **Wednesday 31st May at 11am** at Toulmin Drive Recreation Ground, AL3 6DZ, for a two-mile walk around Batchwood. 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 to either or both (suecvaughan@btinternet.com) so we can organise car shares, and you can receive a lunch menu to order in advance to help Caz and her staff at the Portland.

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 - **please note** that there is **No Parking** available **at Kingsbury Barn** - and drinks and canapés will be provided. 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.

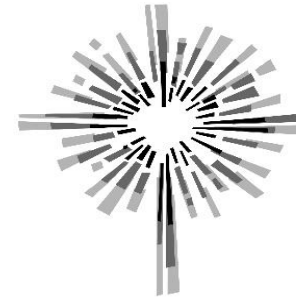
Entry is **£10 per person** (payable in **cash** on the night). If, however, you can sign up in advance to pay the annual membership fee by Standing Order, or become a Life Member, entry to the **Summer Event** would be **FREE** - a Friends of St Michael's Church leaflet is available from the church.

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.

Saturday 3rd June: 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).

There will be a concert of Brass music from the Salvation Army London Central Fellowship Band on **Saturday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in St Alban & St Stephen's Church**. Tickets £10 on the door, can be booked in advance by calling 07887768522, or from stalbands@salvationarmy.org.uk

Bishop Alan will be opening his garden at **Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD** to the public from **2.00pm – 4.00pm** every Sunday afternoon between **18th June** and **6th August**. **Entrance: £4 per person (accompanied children free)** in aid of Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust. **Please be aware** that there is only limited disabled access as the garden is on several levels, and that there is **no parking** in the grounds or in Abbey Mill Lane.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 28th May 2023: Pentecost

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

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, 4th June 2023: Trinity Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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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.

In place of the Old Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 (NT p.109 in the Pew Bibles)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 12: 3b-13 (NT p.161 in the Pew Bibles)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-23 (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.'

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
- Peter Hamblett, Peter Limebear, Allan Plumpton and those who mourn