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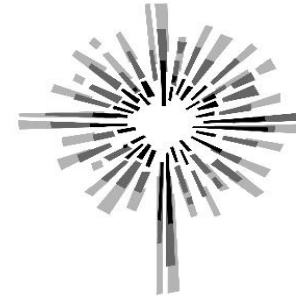
The funeral of the late Allan Plumpton will take place on Wednesday, 14th June at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Sea Lane, Ilex Way, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UZ. If you wish to attend, please get in touch with Allan's daughter Joanna by email on joanna@plumpton.name Flowers only from immediate family, but if you would like to send an in-memoriam gift in lieu, please donate via the link <https://allanplumpton.muchloved.com/>

The St Albans Half Marathon and Fun Run will take place this year on **Sunday 11th June**. As usual this will make parking and access around St Michael's a little more challenging, however, spaces will be reserved in the Museum car park for those attending the 9.30 a.m. service, please inform a steward that you are attending a church service and you will be let through. If you experience any problems with access, please inform a church warden or steward. Please keep the Vicarage car-park free for church staff who are helping out at the services on the day. Good luck to everyone taking part!

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's Folk Evening: The Mission & Community team are planning to host our contribution to the event, as usual in the churchyard, and details will follow soon, but in the meantime, please save the date - **Wednesday, 5th July**. The bellringers will be opening the event from 7.00 p.m.

If you are planning to attend and can help setup, serve, and clear away in any shape or form, the team would love to hear from you. To find out more about how you can help, please get in touch with Kate on KateFrancesBerry1@outlook.com



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 11th June 2023: Barnabas the Apostle

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

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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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31 (NT p.608 in the Pew Bibles)

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand

and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 (NT p.173 in the Pew Bibles)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20 (NT p.32 in the Pew Bibles)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Please remember in your prayers

- those who are ill, including: Nicola Cann, Jacqui Follett, Jo Frost, 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