

NOTICES

Ending today, 11th June: **Threads through Creation** is an exhibition, consisting of 12 huge silk panels retelling the story of creation from the bible, at St Albans Cathedral.

The funeral of the late **Peter Hamblett** will take place in St Michael's at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13th June.

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/>

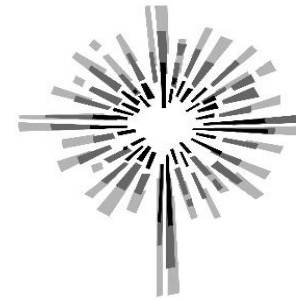
Bishop Alan will be opening his garden at **Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD** to the public from **2.00pm – 4.00pm** every Sunday afternoon between **18th June** and **6th August**. **Entrance: £4 per person (accompanied children free)** in aid of Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust. **Please 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.

Many thanks to Kathryn Mathews for guiding our May walk in Batch Wood so expertly - we might otherwise have got very lost! This time people brought their dogs, which were welcomed by the walkers. Lunch in the Portland Arms pods went well too so we will return there. We will meet next on **Wednesday 28th June**, more details to follow. Please let Sue Vaughan know if you would like to come on the walk or join us for lunch (suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

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. Please get in touch with Kate on KateFrancesBerry1@outlook.com to find out more about how you can help.

OPEN GARDEN in aid of The Friends of St. Michael's Church, St. Albans: John and Dione Verulam are opening their garden and wildflower meadow at Maynes Farmhouse, Gorhambury Estate, AL3 6AF on Saturday 1st July, from 2.30 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Entry is £10 per person, payable at the gate. Dogs on leads are welcome. Free car parking is available at Maynes Farm. Please Note: All cars should enter and leave Gorhambury Estate via the entrance at AL3 6AE, by The Roman Theatre of Verulamium.

There are two part time vacancies available at the Diocesan office - Digital Giving Assistant and Diocesan Governance Clerk. If you are interested in either role, further details can be found at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

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)

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 18th June 2023: Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
9.30 a.m.	Parish 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.

New Testament Reading: Acts 11: 19-30 (NT p.120 in the Pew Bibles)

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel Reading: John 15: 12-17 (NT p.102 in the Pew Bibles)

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from

my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Please remember in your prayers:

- those to be **baptized**, including: Olivia Sheriff
- those to **married**, including: David Marsh and Nicola Whiter, Michael Langton and Sydney McGregor
- 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, Gloria Smith and those who mourn