

NOTICES

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.

Our next Parish Walk will be in Wheathamstead on **Wednesday 28th June** at **11.30am** - please note the change from our usual time to accommodate people coming from St Michael's 10.30 a.m. service. We will meet at the Marford Memorial Hall car park, AL4 8AY (turn left off Marford Road into Brocket View, car park on right) for a two-mile walk led by Kathryn Mathews down to the River Lea – dogs and their owners welcome! Then back for lunch at 1.00 p.m. in the Portland Arms pods. Please let Sue V know if you would like to walk or join us for lunch - lifts can be arranged, and we will need to order lunch in advance (suecvaghan@btinternet.com)

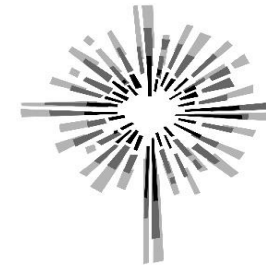
St Michael's Folk Evening: The Mission & Community team are planning to host our contribution to the event, as usual in the churchyard, and details will follow soon, but in the meantime, please save the date - **Wednesday, 5th July**. The bellringers will be opening the event from 7.00 p.m. If you are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

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St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 18th June 2023: Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday

9.00 a.m. St Michael's School Service
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, 25th June 2023: Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion with Holy Baptism of Olivia Sheriff
6.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

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. If you need 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.

All are welcome to stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19: 2-8a (OT p.61 in the Pew Bibles)

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

New Testament Reading: Romans 5: 1-8 (NT p.143 in the Pew Bibles)

Gradual Psalm 100 (sung this week by the choir)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :

serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise :

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9: 35 to 10:23 (NT p.9 in the Pew Bibles)

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve

their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Communion motet:

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Words: 'The Call' by G Herbert
Music: R Vaughan Williams

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
- The recently departed, including: Peter Hamblett, Allan Plumpton, Gloria Smith and those who mourn