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.

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, 5**th **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 KateFrancesBerryl@outlook.com to find out more about how you can help.

DENS, a local homeless and food poverty charity working mainly in the Dacorum district, has arranged a fundraising event, *The Jurassic Coast Trek* - the journey is from Lulworth to Studland and covers 25 miles - will take place from 20-22nd October 2023. If you would like to take part in this fundraising challenge, please visit their website www.dens.org.uk/trek for more information, or call 01442 800268.



Services this week

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

Sunday, 2nd July 2023: St Thomas

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

6.00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (St Mary's)

Wednesday

9.00 a.m. St Michael's School Service

10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 9th July 2023: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist6.00 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 themedworksheets, 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: Jeremiah 28: 5-9 (OT p.664in the Pew Bibles)

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

New Testament Reading: Romans 6: 12-23 (NT p.144 in the Pew Bibles)

Gospel Reading: John 20: 24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Please remember in your prayers:

- The recently **baptized**, including: Olivia Sheriff
- those to be married, including: David Marsh and Nicola Whiter, Michael Langton and Sydney McGregor
- those to be ordained this Embertide
- those who are ill, including: Nicola Cann, Jacqui Follett, 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: Jenifer Blackden, Jo Frost, Shirley Rogerson, Ann Roxburgh, and those who mourn