

NOTICES

IMPORTANT: As part of our preparation to rationalize the parish email addresses in readiness for inclusion on our new website, which is currently under construction, two key email addresses have been updated, namely Jonny's and Georgie's – these are vicar@parishofstmichaels.org.uk and admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk respectively. Arrangements have been made to forward the old email addresses (rev.jonathan.lloyd@gmail.com and admin.stmichaels@btconnect.com) to the new, so no emails should be lost during the transition. Can you please add the new addresses to your contacts list and remove the old email addresses. Many thanks.

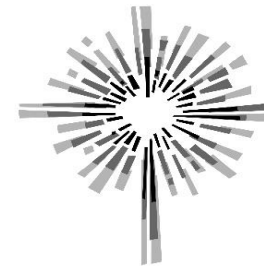
Men's night will take place on **Thursday 13th July** at the **Six Bells** in St Michael's Street **from 8:30pm**. All are welcome to come along.

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.

Parish Walk: Many thanks to Kathryn Mathews for leading our walk in Wheathampstead, which was very much enjoyed by all. There were 19 for lunch in the Portland pods, who were joined by the super jazz musicians John, Dave and Alan. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26th July**, and more details will follow.

Folk Night: Jonny writes: 'Pop folk night in your diary' I was told when I started, 'It's good fun but a bit mad'. Having never been before I didn't know quite what to expect, but I think I can say with some confidence that Folk Night was the best parish event I have ever been to. Anywhere. Thank you everyone who has helped this year, in any capacity, to make it such a great success. Thank you everyone who came and gave wonderful support. Thank you God for the gifts of music, friendship, food and drink. Whisper it softly but I reckon we should do it again next year...

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.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 9th July 2023: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday

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

Sunday, 16th July 2023: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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On the second Sunday of the month like today we have an 'every age' service in which we all worship together. On other weeks of the month 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: Zechariah 9: 9-12 (OT p.807 in the Pew Bibles)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

New Testament Reading: Romans 7: 15-25a (NT p.145 in the Pew Bibles)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (NT p.11 in the Pew Bibles)

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Please remember in your prayers:

- The recently **baptized**
- those newly **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.