

NOTICES

DATE FOR DIARIES: Misson Action Planning Day 9th September 10-3pm St Mary's, Childwick.

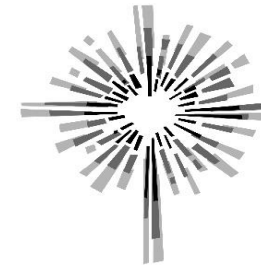
FOSSE HOUSE: Maggie Dodd, Methodist chaplain to older people in St Albans, is running another '**Messy Vintage**' service at Fosse House at 2.30 p.m. on 16th August. It's an informal service with crafts, tea, and chat, and is much appreciated by the Fosse House community. Maggie prepares everything, but if you might be able to help with the crafting and chatting on the day she would love to hear from you! Her contact number is 07462586773 or email mrsmaggieddodd@gmail.com

TODAY is the last day that **Bishop Alan** will be opening his garden at **Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD** to the public from **2.00pm – 4.00pm** Entrance: **£4 per person (accompanied children free)** in aid of Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust.

Parish Picnic: Many thanks to Kathryn Mathews for leading our sunny walk through the former golf course in Verulamium, down to the river and then up to the Portland Arms, where they continue to welcome us with very good lunches. On **Wednesday, 30th August**, a 'bring and share' picnic in the garden at St Mary's, Childwickbury, has been planned. Please meet at midday at St Mary's and bring a fold-up chair with you if you can. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please let Sue know on suecvaughan@btinternet.com if you would like to go to the picnic so that car sharing can be organised.

Bag Blessing! Our next all-age service on **3rd September** will include a **bag blessing** for everyone starting the new academic year (or starting anything new at all!) Bring your school bags, work bags, rucksacks or handbags to be blessed and made ready for their work of carrying our stuff in all that is to come in the year ahead!

Centre 33 are looking for new people to join their teams of volunteers who provide hot meals to those in need, homeless or socially deprived in the St Albans area. To find out more, please visit www.Centre33.org/volunteering or ask them a question on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Centre33StAlbans



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 6th August 2023: The Transfiguration

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

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 13th August 2023: Tenth 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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Welcome to our worship this morning; it is good to be together. Although our children's groups are on break until the beginning of September, 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. Please feel free to use it as much as a little as you like.

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!

Collect

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 (OT p.76 in the Pew Bibles)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:13-21 (NT p.219 in the Pew Bibles)

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36 (NT p.64 in the Pew Bibles)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Lord, as we gather to offer our gifts confident in your love, make us holy by sharing your life with us and by this eucharist forgive our sins. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Maggie Dodd and the Anna Chaplaincy of St Albans
- 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 Wigggett
- the recently departed, including: Jenifer Blackden, Jo Frost, and those who mourn.
- for Jo Frost whose ashes will be interred today, and her family.
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *For all who encourage us in our faith.*