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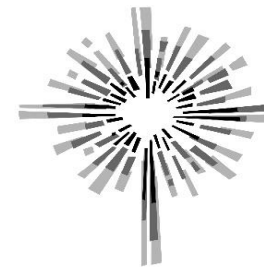
DATE FOR DIARIES: Misson Action Planning Day 9th September 10-3pm
St Mary's, Childwick.

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 mrsdodd@btinternet.com

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, 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)

Wednesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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Sunday, 20th August 2023: Eleventh 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 or 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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: I Kings 19: 9-18 (OT p.304 in the Pew Bibles)

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

New Testament Reading: Romans 10: 5-15 (NT p.148 in the Pew Bibles)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ

down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33 (NT p.15 in the Pew Bibles)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Prayer Over The Gifts

Lord, look with love on our service. Accept the gifts we bring and help us grow in Christian love. 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 Wiggett
- those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Susan Holliday.
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those who work with Relate.*