

NOTICES

Misson Action Planning Day 9th September 10-3pm St Mary's, Childwick. We hope as many as possible will be able to come next Saturday to St Mary's for this day when we think about where we are as churches now, and what our plan should be as a parish across the next 5 years. Lunch will be provided so please just bring yourself.

If you're not able to come on the MAP Day we would still love to hear your contribution. There is an online questionnaire at <https://forms.gle/oVfDx2JS6rnmTF2L9> or hard copies of the same form are available in both churches.

The **Animal Service** will take place at **St Mary's on Sunday, 17th September at 3.00 p.m.** The ever-popular parish Animal Service will be held outside St Mary's Childwick, AL3 6JJ; a simple half-hour service to thank God for creation and to pray for animal welfare. If you have a pet that you would like to be blessed, please bring it with you. If your pet is nervous around people, please bring a photo and we can pray with that instead! Please keep all dogs on leads.

The **bellringers** are opening the tower for tours on **Sunday, 17th September from 2pm until 5pm.** If you are interested in finding out more about the bells or about learning to ring, do come along! You will have the chance to see the bells and the clock mechanism, and there will be a short bell ringing demonstration. Tours will last about an hour.

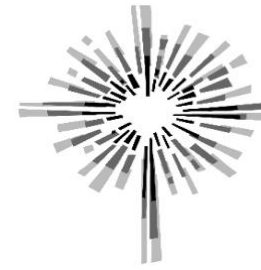
Centre 33 are looking for new people to join their teams of volunteers. To find out more, please visit www.Centre33.org/volunteering or ask them a question on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Centre33StAlbans

Rennie Grove Peace Hospice are looking for St. Albans' residents to help with supporting the Hospice's Compassionate Cafés in the local area. For more information, please visit <https://renniegrovepeace.org/about-us/news/volunteers-needed-for-st-albans-compassionate-cafes/>

The diocese is looking to recruit a **Programme Manager** to define, monitor and deliver the diocesan vision and strategy for Growing Younger and More Diverse – the role is offered as a fixed term, 3-year contract. If you are interested, a full job pack is available: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/diocesan-programme-manager/>

First Communion preparation is taking place after the 9.30 on the 1st, 8th, 15th October. Each session will run from 10.45-11.45, with first Communions on the 22nd at the 9.30. This is aimed at children aged roughly 7-11. Please email Jonny if you want to sign up.

Biblical Costumes! Children's church are looking to build a stock of costumes for acting out some of the stories of our faith during their worship. If you have any old togas, tea towels, etc etc that would fit the bill please let Pauline, Jo or Jonny know. Thanks! P.S. historical accuracy is **low** on our list of priorities.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this week

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

Sunday, 3rd September 2023: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	All-Age 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, 10th September 2023: Fourteenth 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. 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!

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15-21 (OT p.652 in the Pew Bibles)

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

New Testament Reading: Romans 12: 9-21 (NT p.149 in the Pew Bibles)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 21-28 (NT p.17 in the Pew Bibles)

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Prayer Over The Gifts

Lord God, through your sacraments you give us the power of your grace. May this eucharist help us to serve you faithfully. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Schools and all who work and learn in them,
- Everyone longing for a fresh start
- 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
- those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Rosemary Herklots and Susan Holliday.
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All those who care for those suffering with dementia*