

# NOTICES

**October Parish Walk:** Kathryn Mathews will be leading our next walk around Redbourn to see the autumnal colours on **Wednesday 25th October, meeting at 11am** (postcode to follow). We will return to the Portland Arms for lunch at 1pm. Lifts can be arranged - please let Sue know if you can join us on [suecvaughan@btinternet.com](mailto:suecvaughan@btinternet.com)

**Christmas Concert:** 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm. Join Kate Lindeman for an evening of Christmas classics, beautiful arias, pop-opera favourites and a glass or two of mulled wine. Tickets £16-20, all profits split between Motor Neurone Disease Association and St Michael's Church. Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-albans-christmas-concert-st-michaels-tickets-704537700227?aff=oddttdtcreator>

**Driving volunteers** needed to support people getting to church and at other times. If you are able to offer some help, however regularly, please chat to the Vicar or Sue Vaughan.

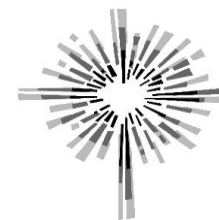
**5<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 p.m. in St Michael's - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the departed.** If you would like one or more loved ones remembered by name at this service, please send an email containing the Christian and Surname(s) to Georgie on [Admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk](mailto:Admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk) with **Commemoration Service** in the title line **by 31<sup>st</sup> October** at the very latest please.

We are hosting **Bonfire Night on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 4-6pm in the Paddock**, and this event cannot take place without our wonderful volunteers. The Mission and Community Committee NEEDS YOU, so can you spare an hour or so helping build the bonfire, setup the serving tables, and, during the evening help to serve the food and drink and stoke the bonfire? If you can spare an hour, please contact Jane Larman on [janelarman@sky.com](mailto:janelarman@sky.com) Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Junior Church** are looking for volunteers to help support our ministry to young people during the 9.30. Once every couple of months as a helper would be a great start, especially as we look to expand our provision to the youngest age groups as well. Please let the vicar or Pauline Wiley know if you might be interested in serving this way.

**'Mark'ing Advent** This Autumn's study group (November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm, in the vicarage) will be on the Gospel of St Mark. As we prepare for the start of the new church year and a new cycle of readings in our services, we will be delving into the riches of the earliest Gospel, learning about its key themes and thinking about how it might help us to walk the Advent path once again.

**Bonfire night!** Tickets will be available as usual in church or can be bought on Eventbrite at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7eh3uy> - they cannot be ordered/requested through the Parish Office.



*St Michael with St Mary*

## Services this week

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

### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	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, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Nineteenth 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. All are welcome to stay for **refreshments** after the service in the Parish Centre. If you are new, we would love to meet you!

Junior Church meets in the Parish Centre today; they go out after the first hymn and return during the peace. In church 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; please see a steward for access.

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

### Between the first and second readings we sing a responsorial Psalm (80:8-16)

*The response is sung by all, and the verses by the choir*



You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You made room around it, and when it had taken root, it filled the land. *Refrain (all)*

The hills were covered with its shadow and the cedars of God by its boughs.  
It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River. *Refrain*

Why then have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, and all the insects of the field devour it. *Refrain*

Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold;  
Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made so strong for yourself. *Refrain*

### Gospel 'alleluia'

This week the "Alleluia" is sung to the 'Plainsong' chant. The sentence, sung by the choir is "Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls." Then **ALL** repeat: "Alleluia"

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls. "When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful Lord, make holy these gifts, and let our spiritual sacrifice make us an everlasting gift to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

### Anthem during Communion

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christ's abode.

2. Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;  
And for his dwelling and his throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

*Music: H Walford Davies Words: John Keble*

### Please remember in your prayers:

- Townsend School, it's pupils, staff and governors
- the recently married, including Peter Rogers and Amy Gibbons
- those who are **ill**, including: Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, JoAnne Laws, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Edna Hames (funeral 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 p.m. in St Michael's) Barbara Wardle (funeral 17<sup>th</sup> October, Garston), and Richard Morton whose funeral took place at St Michael's on 5<sup>th</sup> October
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *children who share their faith*