

## NOTICES

**Holy Pumpkin Trail!** On the **31<sup>st</sup> October** (the evening before the feast of All Hallows, or All Saints as we now say...) join the Holy Pumpkin Trail between St Michael's and The Cathedral, with planned stops along the way to 'trick or treat'. Begin with a hot chocolate in The Parish Centre between 4.30-5.15 to arrive in the Cathedral Lady Chapel where there will be crafts from 5.15. Everything will finish up with a short service in the Lady Chapel at 6pm. This looks like it might be busy, so if anyone is free to help serve hot chocolate from 4.30 please speak to Jonny!

**Bonfire Night on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 4-6pm in the Paddock.** 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? Is so please contact Jane Larman on [janelarman@sky.com](mailto:janelarman@sky.com) **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.

**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.

**'Mark'ing Advent** This Autumn's study group (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.

**Christmas Wreath Making Workshops** during which you will be shown how to create a traditional, moss-based wreath ready to be decorated using seasonal greenery gathered from the grounds of Gorhambury, and a selection of dried fruits, seed-heads and ribbons. No experience is necessary, but it is recommended that you bring gardening gloves with you. The workshops take place in the Garden Hall at Gorhambury House between 10am and 12.00pm on both Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are £50 per person which includes all materials, tuition and refreshments, and can be booked by contacting Olivia Berry on [office@grimstontrust.co.uk](mailto:office@grimstontrust.co.uk)

**Coffee break!** After each Wednesday 10.30 Eucharist we are now having tea, coffee, biscuits and lots of chat. If you don't already, do come and join us!

Ginny will be in the Parish Centre with the jars of Quince Jelly that were reserved last week. All proceeds from the sale will be sent to WaterHarvest (formerly Wells for India), the Rajasthan charity St Michael's has supported over the years.



St Michael with St Mary

## Services this week

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

### Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023:

#### Twenty-first after Trinity, Bible Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist with First Communions  
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, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

#### All Saints' Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
6.00 p.m. Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving (St Michaels)  
6.00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (for All Saints, at 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!

This week, there is no Junior Church in the Parish Centre, although 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

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Between the first and second readings Psalm 119 vv 9-16 is sung

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way :  
even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee :

    O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart :

    that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord :

    O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling :

    of all the judgements of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies :

    as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments :

    and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes :

    and I will not forget thy word.

### Gospel acclamation

This week the **Alleluia** is sung to the 'Plainsong' chant. **Cantor:** "Welcome with meekness the implanted word; that has the power to save your souls"

Then **ALL** repeat **Alleluia**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God, the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ made us your people. In your love, grant peace and unity to your Church. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Anthem during Communion

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

*Music: Thomas Attwood Psalm 119 v33*

### Please remember in your prayers:

- All on half-term, especially those struggling with the costs of increased childcare
- All who work in bible translation, and those who teach the bible at schools and universities around the world
- those who are **ill**, including: Jo Barnes, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Alison Munro, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Pat Stroud, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Beryl Askham (funeral 8<sup>th</sup> November, New Southgate Crematorium), and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *courage to speak of our faith*