

## NOTICES

**TODAY: Annual Church Meetings will take place in the Parish Centre at 10.30 a.m. following the 9.30 Eucharist.** Important elections are made at these meetings – **Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod members and stewards.** If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please speak to Graham or Val.

Hard copies of the **2023 Annual Report and Accounts** are available at the back of both churches. If you would like an electronic copy, please send Georgie an email request on [admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishofstmichaels.org.uk) and she will send you a pdf copy.

**TODAY: In support of Christian Aid week,** there will be a cake sale in the Parish Centre after the 9.30 a.m. service.

**TODAY** between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as part of the National Garden Scheme and in aid of charity, John and Sarah Worth will open their gardens at Beesonend House, Beesonend Lane, nr Harpenden. All are welcome.

The next **Parish Walk** and lunch will be on **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May**, when we plan to walk in Park Street, followed by lunch at a local pub or Garden Centre – more details will follow. **For Your Diary:** Future walks/lunches are planned for **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August** (picnic at Childwickbury) and **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September.** Please watch this space for more information about these walks which will start at 11am - everyone is welcome to join in.

**'Say what you see' Art and Christian Faith** Despite a lack of popular demand, Jonny is teaching a five-week course at the Cathedral Study Centre (Wednesdays in June and July 2<sup>nd</sup> on Zoom, 7.30-9.00) on how Christian faith and art have developed together, from 3<sup>rd</sup> century sarcophagi through to 21<sup>st</sup> century kitsch. The cathedral is kindly offering anyone from this parish a 25% discount on the course which makes it £52.50. If you would like to sign up, please contact Marina at [studycentre@stalbanscathedral.org](mailto:studycentre@stalbanscathedral.org) and ask to apply the discount.



St Michael with St Mary

## Services this Week

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

### Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Pentecost

We welcome Chris Willey as our organist today

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| 8.00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist                         |
| 9.30 a.m.  | Parish Eucharist                       |
| 10.30 a.m. | Annual Church Meetings (Parish Centre) |
| 6.00 p.m.  | Evensong (St Mary's)                   |

### Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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| 9.30 a.m.  | St Michael's School Service |
| 10.00 a.m. | Morning Prayer              |
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist              |

### Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Trinity Sunday

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

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Welcome to our service this morning. Churchyard Church meets today in the Parish Centre; all are very welcome to join for worship and fun. If you are new and would like to know where this is, please ask a member of the clergy or one of the welcomers on the door.

Please feel free to use the Tower Room if you need privacy (e.g. nappy change) which has a 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**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.'

### **Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Lord, may the Spirit you promised lead us into all truth and reveal to us the full meaning of this sacrifice. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **During Communion the choir sings:**

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord the infant Church confessed its risen Lord. O Holy Spirit, in the Church today no less your power of fellowship display. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be our great desire. Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call, and readiness in each to work for all. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in our strong care the men of every race. Like wind and fire, with life among us move, till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

*Words: JR Peacey Music: "Chilswell" by Gustav Holst*

### **Please remember in your prayers:**

- The work of Christian Aid around the world
- Gabriel Gibson to be baptised next week at St Michael's
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, Alison Munro, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Patricia Stroud whose funeral was this week in St Michael's
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Café Church Groups*