

NOTICES

Paddock Praise: Due to popular demand, on the **7th July** we will celebrate the 9.30 Parish Eucharist in the open air (weather depending!) Bring a chair or something else to sit on and do please let Colin or Jonny know if you can play a musical instrument or something to accompany our singing.

22nd June: 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. at the Roman Theatre, Verulamium – From Stage and Screen with Kate Lindeman. Join local soprano Kate Lindeman and guest performers for an enchanting evening of musical theatre magic, featuring songs from Broadway and the West End's biggest hits, and musical favourites from films such as The Greatest Showman and The Sound of Music. For more information and to book tickets, which cost from £15.50 to £24.50, please visit the OVO website on <https://ovo.org.uk/shows/from-stage-and-screen/>

There will be a **Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alison Munro** in St Michael's on **Monday, 24th June at 1.00 p.m.** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder that the annual St Michael's Folk Evening is nearly upon us - Wednesday 3rd July - with our Bell Ringers starting the event at 7:00 p.m. Planning is in full swing by your M&C committee, and we will once again welcome the SwanVesta Social Club to the churchyard. Food and beer will be provided by The Lower Red Lion, Papa Paella, The 3 Brewers, Inn on the Park and of course there will be a bar for soft drinks, snacks and wine. If you are planning to attend and can help setup, serve, and/or clear away, the team would love to hear from you. Please contact Jane Larman on janelarman@sky.com for more details.

FOR YOUR DIARY: Future *parish walks/lunches* are planned for **Friday, 5th July, Thursday, 8th August** (parish picnic) and **Thursday, 26th September**. Please watch this space for more information.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 16th June 2024: Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday, 19th June

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

Sunday, 23rd June 2024: Fourth 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 service this morning. Junior Church meets today in the Churchyard; 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

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Between the readings the choir sings from Psalm 52

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest;
To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning:
and of thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute:
upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree:
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.
Such as are planted in the house of the Lord:
shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.
They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age:
and shall be fat and well-liking;
That they may show how true the Lord my strength is:
and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, receive our gifts. Let our offerings make us holy and bring us salvation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- All in the parish working in agriculture or land management
- All players participating in the Euros, that they might do so safely and without threat or fear
- those who are ill, including: Ben Collins, Anne Fletcher, Jacqui Follett, Debbie Greenwood, Helen Huson, Rachael Hymas, Ingrid Kluckova, Joanne Laws, Sam Mahoney, John Polhill, Alice Reardon, Cora Marie Varshney
- the recently departed, including Alison Munro and Leonie Thompson and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *All Carers support groups*