

NOTICES

St Michael's Folk Night – Wednesday 3rd July: Come and join us for a fun evening. Our Bellingers open the event at 7:15pm, with the Swanvesta Social Club joining us in the churchyard with food and drink provided by the Lower Red Lion, Papa Paella, The 3 Brewers and Inn on the Park. Your M&C team will be hosting a bar for soft drinks, snacks and wine. If you are planning to attend and can spare half an hour to help setup, service, and/or clear away we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jane Larman (janelarman@sky.com) for more details.

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.

Creaky Tower Team: Jonny is pulling together anyone interested in thinking about ways to raise funds for our tower works. This is not a committee and there will not be legions of meetings! More about gathering ideas and examples of things that have worked elsewhere and could be good for us and working out how to put them together semi-strategically. Let him know if you're keen. Thanks!

Saturday 6th July: St Michael's Churchyard Working Party and Church Cleaning – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. If you can spare some time to help either in the churchyard or in the church, it would be very much appreciated. For more information, please get in touch with Jim on 07770 324375 (churchyard) or Jane on janelarman@sky.com (cleaning).

The next **Parish Walk** and lunch will be on, **Thursday, 8th August** (picnic at Childwickbury) and **Thursday, 26th September**. Please watch this space for more information about these walks which will start at 11am - everyone is welcome to join in.

Men's night will be taking place on **Thursday, 11th July**; please join us from 8:30pm at the Six Bells.

The Bishop of St Albans is opening his garden at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS on **Sundays** from **9th June** until **11th August between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. Please note that there are no toilet facilities available. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.



St Michael with St Mary

Services this Week

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

Sunday, 30th June 2024: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Ava De Bellis and Alexander Delderfield
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (St Mary's)

Wednesday, 3rd July

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

Sunday, 7th July 2024: Sixth 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)

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Welcome to our service this morning. Junior 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

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Then the Lord said, 'I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 5: 21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Today's Anthems are:

"Pie Jesu" from Requiem by Andrew Lloyd Webber

"Sing a song of joy" by Philip Tomblings

Prayer Over the Gifts

Lord, our God, may the bread and wine you give us for our nourishment on earth become the sacrament of our eternal life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

- All who offer a ministry of visiting in the parish
- Everyone working to make Folk Night 2024 a success
- Ava de Bellis and Alexander Delderfield who are baptized today at St Michael's, and their parents and godparents as they support them in their journey of Christian faith
- 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 Lynne Crade, Alison Munro, Chris Rolfe and Leonie Thompson and those who mourn them
- this week the diocese asks us to pray for: *Those approaching retirement*